The Kingdom of Heaven
Is Here Now,
Enter It Today

Second edition

As received by Joel K. Poth
“It is only with the Heart that one can see rightly;

What is essential is invisible to the eye.

The Little Prince

By Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
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I would like to publicly thank my Creator, my guardian angel, and my spiritual guide for helping me understand the information contained in this book.
INTRODUCTION

April 8, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in CHRIST,

This introduction is an explanation of the messages that God has revealed to me.

With this second edition, I have tried to make it easier to read and understand the most important information presented in these writings. Some of the Texts that were included in the first edition have been eliminated, and some of the more recent messages added. Also, instead of having a section of Texts and a section for messages, listed in the order that I received the information, all messages will be written as chapters. These chapter numbers will not correspond to the Text numbers in the first edition because they have been rearranged so that the messages with similar content will be close together. The book has been divided into two parts.

Part One, Jesus CHRIST has Indeed Returned Before the End of the Disciple’s Generation as He Promised, shows a different interpretation of the Book of Daniel and other prophetic works than that which the Orthodox Christian Church is preaching today. It is a much simpler and more complete interpretation than the evangelists are trying to get everyone to believe. With just a basic knowledge of ancient history, this interpretation makes sense and is not forgotten the next day as with the many preaching’s of today’s pastors. It is also supported by ancient historical writers who were not Christian but used much of the phraseology as presented in the original prophecies.

Part Two, Living the Spiritual Life, is about spiritually and how we should be living today. Once it was revealed to me that Jesus CHRIST had indeed returned by the end of that age, which was by the end of the disciple’s generation as He promised, I asked God, Where do we stand today? The answer was that we should be trying to develop our souls spiritually and not worrying so much about the physical things.

In 2003, after I had my hip replaced and was in recovery mode, I tried to find out as much as I could about God and began by reading the books of the Apocrypha and other lost books of the Bible that I could find on-line. Toward the end of reading these, the pastor at the Englewood Foursquare Church, to which Melena (my wife) belonged, at the time, decided that the church should read through the Bible. It took me about three months time to complete this task. When reading these books and the Bible, certain passages seemed to stick out more than the others and I wrote them down. After completing the Bible, I was able to group these scriptures under 12 general headings with the exception of about half a dozen scriptures. The next book that I tackled was a paperback version of the Qur’an. Then Pastor Sue recommended that I read the works of Josephus, which I was glad to do.
Josephus was a first century historian who was a Jewish Priest [Josephus, B3, C8, V3 (352)] and a General in the Jewish fight for freedom from the Romans. Many times he could have been killed, but God saved him to write about these events and show mankind that what had been prophesied by the prophets in the Old Testament and the things that Jesus prophesied had indeed come true. God has also made sure that his writings survive today when many other ancient works have been destroyed. This might seem strange that I would do all this reading because I do not consider myself a recreational reader, which is reading just for the fun of it. But God had a plan for me; I just did not know about it at the time. He created the time for me to do all this reading and gave me the desire; then He gave me the understanding of what I read.

After all this reading, I decided to write these texts explaining the scriptures that stood out above the rest, but after God got me started in the writing mode He lead me into the messages of the rest of the texts. As I was finishing each text, God gave me the general message for the next text. The main message is the same one that Jesus preached while on earth in a physical form, that is, God is Spirit and the kingdom of heaven is on earth with us and in us. In other words the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Since the time that I first wrote the texts, God has given me additional scriptures and understanding and I have gone back and added these scriptures to the texts. Therefore the first texts I gave out do not contain all the information that is in these most recent texts.

As I was reading each of these books, many phrases sounded similar to ones in the other books but I did not immediately get the meaning and connection. Then one night I was watching a program about the Roman Caesars on the History Channel and God opened my mind to the understanding of these things. The Caesars that ruled the Roman Empire are the twelve wings of the eagle as seen in the vision of Ezra and ten of these Emperors are the ten horns seen in the visions of Daniel and John of Patmos. Chapter 2, Last Days – End of Age, includes two different visions and a prophecy that are about the same thing; the Last Days and the end of that age which occurred between the crucifixion of Jesus and the end of the Caesars’ reigns. The vision of Ezra is presented first, because it only tells about the time of the Caesars, even though Ezra received this vision after Daniel received his. Daniel’s visions are about the time from the Israelite’s captivity in Babylon until the end of that age which was by the end of Caesar Domitian’s reign. Jesus’ prophecy was also about the last days and the end of that age. All of these visions and prophecy include the return of Jesus CHRIST as part of the last days. The timeline for fulfillment of Daniel’s Vision is a good outline and guide to help you through these prophecies. Chapter 3 explains the Revelation of Jesus CHRIST; not in detail like the visions in Chapter 2, but enough to show that it is about the same things. Most people get into trouble with Revelation because they accept that it was written during the reign of Domitian instead of during the reign of Nero, and say that John was banished to the island of Patmos by Domitian to “dig through the isthmus” by working in the mines. This is very unlikely for at least two reasons. Reason 1: There are caves but no mines on the Isle of Patmos and the expression “dig through the Isthmus” comes from the writings of Josephus, The Jewish War, and is referring to General Vespasian sending some of the captured Jews to Greece to
help Caesar Nero dig the canal at Corinth Greece [Josephus, B3, C10, V10 (540)] [Suetonius, The Lives of the Caesars, The Life of Nero, C46,V2]. Caesar Nero used these as well as many other Jewish and Christian prisoners of war, which were captured during the Jewish revolt and before the Temple at Jerusalem was destroyed, to dig the canal. John of Patmos was probably one of those prisoners of war, and not the disciple John. John was a very common name of that time period. There is no proof as to when Revelation was written, but if you accept that it was written during the reign of Nero, then everything in the Bible falls into place and all the scriptures support each other. Reason 2: Caesar Domitian was not sending any prisoners to the Aegean Islands since His brother, Titus, had just completed construction of the Colosseum at Rome and the prisoners of war and other criminals were being slaughtered by the gladiators and wild animals as entertainment for the masses. These gladiators did not just walk up to the prisoners and kill them out-right but toyed with them cutting them here and there to get the blood flowing and to have the effect of a more spectacular show.

**Short History lesson:**

64AD, fire destroyed a large part of Rome, and Caesar Nero confiscated much of the vacant land that resulted from the fire to build a lavish mansion. Because of this, many people believed either he purposely set the fire or had it set for his own personal gain. To take the suspicion from himself, he blamed the Christians for setting the fire.

*Sacredtexts.com/tacitus.annalsXV* [44] Such indeed were the precautions of human wisdom. The next thing was to seek means of propitiating the gods, and recourse was had to the Sibylline books, by the direction of which prayers were offered to Vulcanus, Ceres, and Proserpina. Juno, too, was entreated by the matrons, first, in the Capitol, then on the nearest part of the coast, whence water was procured to sprinkle the fane and image of the goddess. And there were sacred banquets and nightly vigils celebrated by married women. But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor, and the propitiations of the gods, did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was the result of an order. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information [brother turning against brother], an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired. Nero offered his gardens for the spectacle, and was exhibiting a show in the circus, while he mingled with the people in the dress of a
charioteer or stood aloft on a car. Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man's cruelty, that they were being destroyed. This was the beginning of the tribulation period which Jesus had warned about.

In 66AD, the Jewish revolt began. Caesar Nero sent Vespasian to Judea to put down this revolt. As Vespasian, along with his son (Titus) captured each city, they either killed or sold into slavery or sent the survivors to the Aegean islands, including Patmos, as prisoners of war. By putting the prisoners on the islands it did not require a lot of soldiers to guard them, and freed up many soldiers to continue fighting the war.

67AD, Nero started digging the canal through the isthmus at Corinth Greece. The prisoners were moved from the islands to do the digging. Vespasian also sent 6,000 captured prisoners from the city of Taricheae to help with the digging [Josephus B3, C10, V10 (540)].

68AD, Galba, who became Caesar after Nero committed suicide, stopped the canal digging because of the huge expense. The prisoners were sent back to the Aegean Islands, and the Jewish war went on. Within a 12 month period from the time that Galba became Caesar, two more Caesars were in and out of office (Otho & Vitellius). These three Caesars were the three horns that were plucked out by the roots as seen in Daniel’s vision [Daniel 7:8].

69AD, after Vitellius was removed from office, Vespasian became Caesar leaving his son, (Titus the prince) to complete the war which included the capture of Jerusalem in 70AD. Once Jerusalem was captured, during the last month of 70AD, Titus gave orders that the soldiers should tear down the Temple. They left not one stone standing on another. This was probably completed in 71AD, and is the ‘abomination of desolation’ standing in the holy place that Jesus told the people that they would see [Matthew 24:15].

73AD the battle for Masada, the last major battle of the Jewish war. This was the battle of Armageddon [Revelation 16:16]. The Jewish people were defending the hilltop while the Roman army, which contained soldiers from every other country of the world, surrounded them on the plains below. Whenever the Romans conquered a nation, they would incorporate the soldiers of that country into their army.

Sometime between 73-75AD, Caesar Vespasian began construction on the Colosseum at Rome. At that time, he moved the prisoners from the Aegean islands to Italy to quarry the stones and transport them to the construction site. Vespasian had the lavish mansion of Nero tore down and had the Colosseum built on that land. Vespasian died in 79AD before the Colosseum was completed. But his son Titus was able to complete it before his death in 81AD at the young age of 42. After the Colosseum was completed many of the prisoners and other criminals were slaughtered by gladiators and wild animals to amuse the masses.
81AD, Domitian becomes Caesar, adds sun shades to the Colosseum, and continues the slaughter of the war prisoners. He was not sending any prisoners back to the Aegean Islands because they were needed for the shows in the Colosseum.

96AD, Domitian was killed. That was the end of an era and the End of the Age. All references in the Old and New Testaments to the End of the Age are referring to this time period. We are now living in the age to come as Jesus referred to it [Matthew 12:32].

The troubles that the Romans brought upon the Jewish people were only half of their problems, the rest were brought on by fighting among themselves. Read The Jewish Wars by Josephus to see all the tribulations that this people suffered.

The visions of Enoch, Chapter 1, are included because the symbolism is easy to follow and it is a great example of how visions are to be interpreted. It also shows how one symbol in a dream or vision can represent more than one single person or event as is the case in the visions of Daniel. In Daniel, the king of the North is not the same person throughout this vision, but refers to the king in power at the time of the fulfillment of that part of the prophecy; it is the same with the king of the South. Also there are two different little horns, the one mentioned in Daniel 8:9 is not the same as the one mentioned in Daniel 7:8. And the abomination of desolation mentioned in Daniel 8:11 and 11:31 is not the same as the abomination of desolation mentioned in Daniel 12:11, Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24:15.

Most of the prophecies in the Old Testament are about the time from the Israelite Captivity in Babylon until the End of the Age, which occurred by the end of Caesar Domitian’s Reign. Since many of the events, which happened before the Romans ruled over the Israelites were very similar to those that happened during the Caesars’ reigns, the prophecies could refer to either of these events or both at the same time.

Jesus CHRIST has returned as He said He would and now sits on His throne beside our Father (a parable). The first judgment is complete and God is in control of everything. Many so-called Christians today are still trying to bring God down to earth in a physical form and deny that Jesus CHRIST has returned. They refuse to accept that God dwells in the Spirit and will always be the same. That is were many teachings like the Left Behind series mislead men. They imply that Jesus will return in a physical form and it is still a future event. The people that are promoting this future physical return of Jesus CHRIST say that first the Temple will have to literally be rebuilt in Jerusalem and then destroyed again. Jesus’ reply to the Samarian woman when she asked Him which was the correct place to worship God, on the mountain or in Jerusalem, was that a physical place was not required. In John 4:21 Jesus said to Her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth [This is not referring to speaking in tongues, but a true worship from our hearts].” Does this sound like a future event and that a
physical temple is required for the return of Jesus CHRIST? Anyone that is preaching the future physical return of Jesus CHRIST does not understand God, and they are locking the doors to the kingdom of heaven for those who believe this lie.

The rapture, as it is taught today, is based on some early church leaders’ interpretations of the scriptures and has been added to through the years to make it appropriate for each new generation. The meanings of the scriptures have been distorted to such a point as there is very little truth left in what is being taught today. Church leaders that are preaching the rapture today claim that it is in the Bible, you just have to know how to look for it. To come up with the current interpretation of how the church believes the rapture will happen, the “preachers and teachers” have to pick and choose different scriptures from different places in the Bible to create their version of this rapture. When you pick and choose scriptures to create a story it is a hidden message and God did not hide messages like this in the Bible. The only hidden messages in the Bible are the parables and they can only be considered hidden if you do not understand their spiritual meanings. These “teachers” have no proof that what they say is true except to ask you to believe their word because everyone else is saying the same thing. In this case, ‘might does not make things right.’ It is good to show how one scripture explains and reinforces another scripture but not to assemble scriptures from all over the Bible to create a story that was not intended by God. A good case can be presented for just about any story by using this ‘pick and choose’ method. The good news is that the Bible is filled with prophecies that have been fulfilled, and is not a collection of empty promises and threats that may or may not happen in your lifetime. God foretold these events to the prophets, and then He caused them to happen, as recorded in the Bible and by other historians. Therefore, we can love God because we know Him and His Nature, and not because we fear what He could do to us. Anyone (including preachers) who wants to keep you under the bondage of fear is locking the door to the kingdom of heaven. The key to unlocking this door is to understand this preaching of fear as a false teaching and rely on God’s guidance not that of mankind. The second coming of Jesus CHRIST did not happen as the Christian Church today is saying that it will, but in more of a spiritual way - GOD’s WAY.

What each of the different churches are passing off as “the Gospel Truth” today is nothing more than their interpretation of what the Bible says, and there are at least as many different interpretations as there are different denominations. Which interpretation is correct? That is for each soul to decide for itself with God’s help. As our souls progress, they require many different surroundings. Just as a human body that gives up a bad habit must join a new circle of friends which does not involve the old habit, so too must a soul continually change its environment in order to grow.

The intent of these texts and messages is not to proselytize anyone into the Christian religion, but to help others have a better understanding of God. A Christian who understands God in an intimate way [not as a friend or person, but to know His nature and His Love] will become a better Christian. A Jew who understands God in an intimate way will become a better Jew. A Moslem who understands God in an intimate way will
become a better Moslem, and the same with all other religions. We are all on the path back to the God, which created us. These messages were written from a Christian point of view because that is the religion that I was raised in, but these truths are in all religions. To say any one of these religions is right and all the others are wrong is looking at the physical aspect of religion only and ignoring the spiritual.

If you have any questions about the truths presented in these texts and messages, ask God to give you understanding. Just remember this, “All things written in the Bible, and all other Sacred Books, are but physical manifestations of spiritual things and events.” God is Spirit, so look for the spiritual interpretations of all things. Also, no matter what I (or anyone else) say, all understanding comes from God.

These Texts are not intended to be a quick easy way to know everything about God, but are just a signpost to let you know that you are on the right path. To derive the most benefit from these revelations read all the scriptures and other references mentioned.

May our Father continue to richly bless you on your journey back to Him.

Love in Christ.

JKPoth
Prelude to texts

The reason I was led to write this series of texts was, because I believed the following myths about God. Some of these beliefs were due to teaching I received at church, and some were due to my own thought process. These texts may help others have a better understanding of God and His relationship with us.

All scripture in this book comes from the New King James Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted.

All references to Josephus, The Jewish War, translated by William Whiston are given in the following format: Josephus, B# (Book), C# (Chapter), V# (###) (Verse).

Untrue myths about God

1. God is some Being that sits on a throne way out in space and looks down on mankind. In other words, God has some physical attributes.
2. All good comes from God and all bad (what we perceive as bad) comes from the devil.
3. We can only enter the kingdom of heaven after we die (when we leave this mortal body).
4. The last days (the end of the ages) and the destruction of this earth are the same event.
5. The second coming of Christ will be at the destruction of this world, and will be a physical experience.

Truths about God

1. God is Soul and has no form; His Spirit fills all of heaven and earth. To say He sits on a throne is a parable to show that He rules over everything.
2. Everything in the physical, including tests and chastisements, comes from God, along with Truth and Understanding. Deceit (which includes lies) and doubting (which includes fear) are the Devil.
3. We can enter the kingdom of heaven while in this physical realm, and we have life everlasting. Our physical bodies are not changed when we enter the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom is more of a condition of our souls than an actual place, because there are many levels of heaven.
4. The last days (the end of the ages) were when the heavenly thrones were set up (figuratively) and the first judgment occurred, after which, mankind was no longer required to sleep when they died, but went on to eternal life. This occurred between the time that Jesus was raised from the dead and the end of the Caesars’ reign over the Roman Empire. The physical destruction of this world is yet to come.
5. Christ (Truth and Understanding) is inside each one of us, and His Second coming, for us, will be when each of us individually “sees Him as He is”. He is already here and will never leave us nor forsake us.

The insights in this book were given to me by God; not the complete understanding and full meaning of these visions and prophecies, but enough to know that they are about the same events.

People will read these truths from God; many will not understand them, still others will refuse to believe. As in the days of Jesus and the last days, Isaiah’s prophecy is coming true again. Isaiah 6:9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ 10 Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.” John 1:27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.” Anyone who wants to understand these truths should ask God for wisdom and guidance, never doubting that it will come to them.

The best way to read this book is with a pen and paper. When you come across something that you do not believe is true or something that you do not understand, then write it down and go on with the reading. Then ask God to give you understanding. Do not run to a clergy or other person to tell you what it means. Many of your questions will be answered at other places throughout the Texts and Messages; just ask God to reveal them to you. Sometimes God will use another person to confirm what He says, but it will be through normal conversation and not because the other person comes up to you and says that God told them to tell you to do such and such. God wants to talk to everyone personally, not through another person. This book is not intended for group study or discussion. With a group discussion, you are listening to other people not God. Once God has given you understanding of all the insights presented in this book, you will be standing face to face with Christ (a parable; He has no face). Not Jesus the Man, but Christ the Son of God (Word of God) that is a spirit, and one aspect of God.

Reading this book is like reading the Bible. You can get truths by skipping around and just reading random selections, but to get the complete story, they must be read from start to finish.

This book is not a substitute for reading the Bible, but will be helpful in understanding the messages contained in the Bible. They also point out some of the false teachings of the church today.

These messages are not a new religion, but are to be help for people of all religions to better understand God.

Bold print, color-coding of words and underling words have been added to the scriptures to point out important ideas and messages, and are not in the originals.
No footnotes are used in this book. Instead, all references are placed within the text by their associated material. That way, those who are reading these messages with a New King James Version of the Bible, The Works of Josephus, or a computer to look up these references will not have to keep flipping pages and sorting through a long list of footnotes to find the correct references.

Direct quotes are printed in italics instead of the traditional form of indenting to save paper for those wishing to print out this book.

Preparation for understanding these texts include:

1. Good communication with God (Understanding comes from God).
2. Reading the complete Bible including the Apocrypha and the Books of Enoch.
3. Reading The Jewish War by Josephus as well as The Life of Flavius Josephus.
4. Reading the History of the Roman Empire, at least through the twelve Caesars.

COLOR CODED WORDS IN THESE TEXTS

- Interpretations and web sites
- Key words and phrases
- Scripture and other cross references inserted within a scripture for comparison and clarification (Key words and phrases within these scriptures)
Part I

Jesus CHRIST has Indeed Returned Before the End of the Disciple’s Generation as He Promised.
Chapter 1

Visions of Enoch

Enoch was the sixth generation after Adam, who was the first created human, and the great-grandfather of Noah. He is the first person mentioned in the Bible to be taken into heaven without first dying. After Enoch, the son's of God, who were supposed to be watching over mankind and were called Watchers by Enoch, came down to earth and made themselves human then took the daughters of men for their wives. From these unions, giants and other part human creatures were born.

These visions are included in these texts because the symbols are easy to follow, and they show how one symbol can represent more than one person. They also show the end of the ages occurring around the time of the second, final, destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 71AD.

In chapter 89 verses 68-77, which is the Maccabbeen period through the life of Jesus, there is a lot of duplication in the text. Some, but not all of this, is do to the fact that the actual events in the Maccabbeen period were similar to events around the time of Jesus.

The following visions of Enoch are from the Book of Enoch which was found at www.heaven.net.nz/writings then select The book of Enoch. The first vision is about the destruction of the world by the flood, and the second is about events in the world from the beginning until the end of the ages.

Section IV.
Chapters LXXXIII-XC. The Dream-Visions.
LXXXIII-LXXXIV. First Dream-Vision on the Deluge.

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1 And now, my son Methuselah, I will show thee all my visions which I have seen, recounting
2 them before thee. Two visions I saw before I took a wife, and the one was quite unlike the other: the first when I was learning to write: the second before I took thy mother, (when) I saw a terrible
3 vision. And regarding them I prayed to the Lord. I had laid me down in the house of my grandfather Mahalalel, (when) I saw in a vision how the heaven collapsed and was borne off and fell to
4 the earth. And when it fell to the earth I saw how the earth was swallowed up in a great abyss, and mountains were suspended on mountains, and hills sank down on hills, and high trees were rent
5 from their stems, and hurled down and sunk in the abyss. And thereupon a word fell into my mouth,
and I lifted up (my voice) to cry aloud, and said: 'The earth is destroyed.' And my grandfather Mahalalel waked me as I lay near him, and said unto me: 'Why dost thou cry so, my son, and why dost thou make such lamentation?' And I recounted to him the whole vision which I had seen, and he said unto me: 'A terrible thing hast thou seen, my son, and of grave moment is thy dream-vision as to the secrets of all the sin of the earth: it must sink into the abyss and be destroyed with a great destruction. And now, my son, arise and make petition to the Lord of glory, since thou art a believer, that a remnant may remain on the earth, and that He may not destroy the whole earth. My son, from heaven all this will come upon the earth, and upon the earth there will be great destruction. After that I arose and prayed and implored and besought, and wrote down my prayer for the generations of the world, and I will show everything to thee, my son Methuselah. And when I had gone forth below and seen the heaven, and the sun rising in the east, and the moon setting in the west, and a few stars, and the whole earth, and everything as He had known it in the beginning, then I blessed the Lord of judgement and extolled Him because He had made the sun to go forth from the windows of the east, and he ascended and rose on the face of the heaven, and set out and kept traversing the path shown unto him.

And I lifted up my hands in righteousness and blessed the Holy and Great One, and spake with the breath of my mouth, and with the tongue of flesh, which God has made for the children of the flesh of men, that they should speak therewith, and He gave them breath and a tongue and a mouth that they should speak therewith:

'Blessed be Thou, O Lord, King,
Great and mighty in Thy greatness,
Lord of the whole creation of the heaven,
King of kings and God of the whole world.
And Thy power and kingship and greatness abide for ever and ever,
And throughout all generations Thy dominion;
And all the heavens are Thy throne for ever,
And the whole earth Thy footstool for ever and ever.

For Thou hast made and Thou rulest all things,
And nothing is too hard for Thee,
Wisdom departs not from the place of Thy throne,
Nor turns away from Thy presence.
And Thou knowest and seest and hearest everything,
And there is nothing hidden from Thee [for Thou seest everything].
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And now the angels of Thy heavens are guilty of trespass,
And upon the flesh of men abideth Thy wrath until the great day of judgement.
5
And now, O God and Lord and Great King,
I implore and beseech Thee to fulfil my prayer,
To leave me a posterity on earth,
And not destroy all the flesh of man,
And make the earth without inhabitant,
So that there should be an eternal destruction.
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And now, my Lord, destroy from the earth the flesh which has aroused Thy wrath,
But the flesh of righteousness and uprightness establish as a plant of the eternal seed,
And hide not Thy face from the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord.’

LXXXV-XC. Second Dream-Vision of Enoch: the History of the World to the
Founding of the Messianic Kingdom.

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And after this I saw another dream, and I will show the whole dream to thee, my son. And
Enoch lifted up (his voice) and spake to his son Methuselah: ‘To thee, my son, will I speak:
hear my
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words -incline thine ear to the dream-vision of thy father. Before I took thy mother Edna, I
saw in a vision on my bed, and behold a bull [Adam] came forth from the earth, and that
bull was white [righteous man]; and after it came forth a heifer [Eve], and along with this
(latter) came forth two bulls, one of them black [Cain] and
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the other red [Abel]. And that black bull gored the red one and pursued him over the
earth, and thereupon
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I could no longer see that red bull. But that black bull grew and that heifer [no
explanation where this woman came from] went with him, and
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I saw that many oxen [mankind] proceeded from him which resembled and followed him.
And that cow [Eve], that first one, went from the presence of that first bull in order to seek
that red one, but found him
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not, and lamented with a great lamentation over him and sought him. And I looked till that
first
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bull came to her and quieted her, and from that time onward she cried no more. And after
that she bore another white bull [Seth], and after him she bore many bulls and black cows.
And I saw in my sleep that white bull likewise grow and become a great white bull, and from Him proceeded many white bulls, and they resembled him. And they began to beget many white bulls, which resembled them, one following the other, (even) many.

LXXXVI. The Fall of the Angels and the Demoralization of Mankind.

And again I saw with mine eyes as I slept, and I saw the heaven above, and behold a star [Semjaza – leader of the children of heaven who came to earth and defiled themselves] fell from heaven, and it arose and eat and pastured amongst those oxen [mankind]. And after that I saw the large and the black oxen, and behold they all changed their stalls and pastures and their cattle, and began to live with each other [fornication]. And again I saw in the vision, and looked towards the heaven, and behold I saw many stars [followers of Samjaza] descend and cast themselves down from heaven to that first star, and they became bulls [human] amongst those cattle and pastured with them [amongst them]. And I looked at them and saw, and behold they all let out their privy members, like horses, and began to cover the cows of the oxen [daughters of man], and they all became pregnant and bare elephants [giants], camels, and asses [other part human odd creatures]. And all the oxen feared them and were affrighted at them, and began to bite with their teeth and to devour, and to gore with their horns. And they began, moreover, to devour those oxen; and behold all the children of the earth began to tremble and quake before them and to flee from them.

LXXXVII. The Advent of the Seven Archangels.

And again I saw how they began to gore each other and to devour each other, and the earth began to cry aloud. And I raised mine eyes again to heaven, and I saw in the vision, and behold there came forth from heaven beings [Angels] who were like white men: and four went forth from that place and three with them. And those three that had last come forth grasped me by my hand and took me up, away from the generations of the earth, and raised me up to a lofty place, and showed me a tower raised high above the earth, and all the hills were lower. And one said unto me: 'Remain here till thou seest everything that befalls those elephants, camels, and asses, and the stars and the oxen, and all of them.'
LXXXVIII. The Punishment of the Fallen Angels by the Archangels.

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1 And I saw one of those four who had come forth first, and he seized that first star which had fallen from the heaven, and bound it hand and foot and cast it into an abyss: now that abyss was narrow and deep, and horrible and dark. And one of them drew a sword [spirit of destruction], and gave it to those elephants and camels and asses: then they began to smite each other, and the whole earth quaked because of them. And as I was beholding in the vision, lo, one of those four who had come forth stoned (them) from heaven [meteor shower], and gathered and took all the great stars whose privy members were like those of horses, and bound them all hand and foot, and cast them in an abyss of the earth.

LXXXIX.1-9. The Deluge and the Deliverance of Noah.

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1 And one of those four went to that white bull [Noah] and instructed him in a secret, without his being terrified: he was born a bull and became a man [perfect man], and built for himself a great vessel and dwelt thereon; and three bulls [Noah’s three sons; Shem, Ham and Japheth, who were born before the flood] dwelt with him in that vessel and they were covered in. And again I raised mine eyes towards heaven and saw a lofty roof, with seven water torrents thereon, and those torrents flowed with much water into an enclosure. And I saw again, and behold fountains were opened on the surface of that great enclosure, and that water began to swell and rise upon the surface, and I saw that enclosure till all its surface was covered with water. And the water, the darkness, and mist increased upon it; and as I looked at the height of that water, that water had risen above the height of that enclosure, and was streaming over that enclosure, and it stood upon the earth. And all the cattle of that enclosure were gathered together until I saw how they sank and were swallowed up and perished in that water. But that vessel floated on the water, while all the oxen and elephants and camels and asses sank to the bottom with all the animals, so that I could no longer
see them, and they were not able to escape, (but) perished and sank into the depths. And again I saw in the vision till those water torrents were removed from that high roof, and the chasms of the earth were leveled up and other abysses were opened. Then the water began to run down into these, till the earth became visible; but that vessel settled on the earth, and the darkness retired and light appeared. But that white bull which had become a man came out of that vessel, and the three bulls with him, and one [Shem] of those three was white like that bull, and one [Japheth] of them was red as blood, and one [Ham] black: and that white bull departed from them [Noah’s death].

LXXXIX.10-27. From the Death of Noah to the Exodus.

And they began to bring forth beasts of the field and birds, so that there arose different genera: lions, tigers, wolves, dogs, hyenas, wild boars, foxes, squirrels, swine, falcons, vultures, kites, eagles, and ravens [all the different nations of the world]; and among them was born a white bull [Abram]. And they began to bite one another; but that white bull which was born amongst them begat a wild ass [Ishmael] and a white bull [Isaac] with it, and the wild asses [Ishmaelites] multiplied. But that bull which was born from him begat a black wild boar [Esau] and a white sheep [Jacob]; and the former begat many boars, but that sheep begat twelve sheep. And when those twelve sheep had grown, they gave up one of them [Joseph] to the asses [Ishmaelites], and those asses again gave up that sheep to the wolves [Egyptians], and that sheep grew up among the wolves. And the Lord brought the eleven sheep to live with it and to pasture with it among the wolves: and they multiplied and became many flocks of sheep. And the wolves began to fear them, and they oppressed them until they destroyed their little ones, and they cast their young into a river of much water [Nile]: but those sheep began to cry aloud on account of their little ones, and to complain unto their Lord. And a sheep [Moses] which had been saved from the wolves fled and escaped to the wild ass; and I saw the sheep how they lamented and cried, and besought their Lord with all their might, till that Lord of the sheep descended at the voice of the sheep from a lofty abode, and came to them and pastured them. And He called that sheep which had escaped the wolves, and spake with it concerning the wolves that it should
admonish them not to touch the sheep. And the sheep went to the wolves according to the word of the Lord, and another sheep [Aaron] met it and went with it, and the two went and entered together into the assembly of those wolves, and spake with them and admonished them not to touch the sheep from henceforth. And thereupon I saw the wolves, and how they oppressed the sheep exceedingly with all their power; and the sheep cried aloud. And the Lord came to the sheep and they began to smite those wolves: and the wolves began to make lamentation; but the sheep became quiet and forthwith ceased to cry out. And I saw the sheep till they departed from amongst the wolves; but the eyes of the wolves were blinded, and those wolves departed in pursuit of the sheep with all their power. And the Lord of the sheep went with them, as their leader, and all His sheep followed Him: and his face was dazzling and glorious and terrible to behold. But the wolves began to pursue those sheep till they reached a sea of water [Red Sea]. And that sea was divided, and the water stood on this side and on that before their face, and their Lord led them and placed Himself between them and the wolves. And as those wolves did not yet see the sheep, they proceeded into the midst of that sea, and the wolves followed the sheep, and [those wolves] ran after them into that sea.

And when they saw the Lord of the sheep, they turned to flee before His face, but that sea gathered itself together, and became as it had been created, and the water swelled and rose till it covered those wolves. And I saw till all the wolves who pursued those sheep perished and were drowned.

LXXXIX.28-40. Israel in the Desert, the Giving of the Law, the Entrance into Palestine.

But the sheep escaped from that water and went forth into a wilderness, where there was no water and no grass; and they began to open their eyes and to see; and I saw the Lord of the sheep pasturing them and giving them water and grass, and that sheep going and leading them. And that
sheep ascended to the summit of that lofty rock [Mt Sinai], and the Lord of the sheep sent it [Ten Commandments] to them. And after that I saw the Lord of the sheep who stood before them, and His appearance was great and terrible and majestic, and all those sheep saw Him and were afraid before His face. And they all feared and trembled because of Him, and they cried to that sheep with them [Moses] [which was amongst them]: 'We are not able to stand before our Lord or to behold Him.' And that sheep which led them again ascended to the summit of that rock, but the sheep began to be blinded and to wander from the way which he had showed them, but that sheep wot not thereof. And the Lord of the sheep was wrathful exceedingly against them, and that sheep discovered it, and went down from the summit of the rock, and came to the sheep, and found the greatest part of them blinded and fallen away. And when they saw it they feared and trembled at its presence, and desired to return to their folds. And that sheep took other sheep with it, and came to those sheep which had fallen away, and began to slay them; and the sheep feared its presence, and thus that sheep brought back those sheep that had fallen away, and they returned to their folds. And I saw in this vision till that sheep became a man [perfect man] and built a house [Tabernacle] for the Lord of the sheep, and placed all the sheep in that house.

And I saw till this sheep [Aaron] which had met that sheep which led them fell asleep: and I saw till all the great sheep [none of the people that came out of Egypt could enter the promised land] perished and little ones arose in their place, and they came to a pasture, and approached a stream of water [Jordan River]. Then that sheep [Moses], their leader which had become a man, withdrew from them and fell asleep [Moses’ death], and all the sheep sought it and cried over it with a great crying. And I saw till they left off crying for that sheep and crossed that stream of water, and there arose the two sheep [Eleazar, Aaron’s son and Joshua] as leaders in the place of those which had led them and fallen asleep (lit. 'had fallen asleep and led them'). And I saw till the sheep came to a goodly place, and a pleasant and glorious land [promised land], and I saw till those sheep were satisfied; and that house stood amongst them in the pleasant land.

LXXXIX.41-50. From the Time of the Judges to the Building of the Temple.
And sometimes their eyes were opened, and sometimes blinded, till another sheep [Samuel] arose and led them and brought them all back, and their eyes were opened.

And the dogs and the foxes and the wild boars [neighboring nations] began to devour those sheep till the Lord of the sheep raised up [another sheep] a ram [King Saul] from their midst, which led them. And that ram began to butt on either side those dogs, foxes, and wild boars till he had destroyed them all. And that sheep [Samuel] whose eyes were opened saw that ram, which was amongst the sheep, till it forsook its glory and began to butt those sheep, and trampled upon them, and behaved itself unseemly. And the Lord of the sheep sent the lamb [Spirit of God] to another lamb [spirit of David] and raised it to being a ram [king] and leader of the sheep instead of that ram which had forsaken its glory. And it went to it and spake to it alone, and raised it to being a ram, and made it the prince and leader of the sheep; but during all these things those dogs oppressed the sheep. And the first ram pursued that second ram, and that second ram arose and fled before it; and I saw till those dogs [Philistines] pulled down the first ram. And that second ram arose and led the [little] sheep [Nation of Judah]. And those sheep grew and multiplied [David became ruler of the Nation of Israel also]; but all the dogs, and foxes, and wild boars feared and fled before it, and that ram butted and killed the wild beasts, and those wild beasts had no longer any power among the 48b sheep and robbed them no more of outh. And that ram begat many sheep and fell asleep; and a little sheep [Solomon] became ram in its stead, and became prince and leader of those sheep.

And that house became great and broad, and it was built for those sheep: (and) a tower lofty and great was built on the house [Temple built in Jerusalem by Solomon] for the Lord of the sheep, and that house was low, but the tower was elevated and lofty, and the Lord of the sheep stood on that tower and they offered a full table [sacrifices] before Him.

LXXXIX.51-67. The Two Kingdoms of Israel and Judah to the Destruction of Jerusalem.

And again I saw those sheep that they again erred and went many ways, and forsook that their house, and the Lord of the sheep called some [prophets] from amongst the sheep and sent them to the sheep, but the sheep began to slay them. And one of them [Elijah] was saved and was not slain, and it sped away and cried aloud over the sheep; and they sought to slay it [1 Kings 19:10], but the Lord of the sheep saved it from
the sheep, and brought it up to me, and caused it to dwell there [God raised Elijah into heaven without his dying first]. And many other sheep [prophets] He sent to those sheep to testify unto them and lament over them. And after that I saw that when they forsook the house of the Lord and His tower they fell away entirely, and their eyes were blinded; and I saw the Lord of the sheep how He wrought much slaughter amongst them in their herds until those sheep invited that slaughter and betrayed His place. And He gave them over into the hands of the lions and tigers [Babylonians and Chaldeans], and wolves and hyenas, and into the hand of the foxes, and to all the wild beasts, and those wild beasts began to tear in pieces those sheep. And I saw that He forsook that their house and their tower and gave them all into the hand of the lions, to tear and devour them, into the hand of all the wild beasts. And I began to cry aloud with all my power, and to appeal to the Lord of the sheep, and to represent to Him in regard to the sheep that they were devoured by all the wild beasts. But He remained unmoved, though He saw it, and rejoiced that they were devoured and swallowed and robbed, and left them to be devoured in the hand of all the beasts. And He called seventy shepherds [seventy years of captivity], and cast those sheep to them that they might pasture them, and He spake to the shepherds and their companions: 'Let each individual of you pasture the sheep henceforward, and everything that I shall command you that do ye. And I will deliver them over unto you duly numbered, and tell you which of them are to be destroyed—and them destroy ye.' And He gave over unto them those sheep. And He called another [Elijah] and spake unto him: 'Observe and mark everything that the shepherds will do to those sheep; for they will destroy more of them than I have commanded them. And every excess and the destruction which will be wrought through the shepherds, record (namely) how many they destroy according to my command, and how many according to their own caprice: record against every individual shepherd all the destruction he effects. And read out before me by number how many they destroy, and how many they deliver over for destruction, that I may have this as a testimony against them, and know every deed of the shepherds, that I may comprehend and see what they do, whether or not they abide by my
command which I have commanded them. But they shall not know it, and thou shalt not declare it to them, nor admonish them, but only record against each individual all the destruction which
the shepherds effect each in his time and lay it all before me.’ And I saw till those shepherds pastured in their season, and they began to slay and to destroy more than they were bidden, and they delivered
those sheep into the hand of the lions [Babylonians]. And the lions and tigers eat and devoured the greater part of those sheep, and the wild boars eat along with them; and they burnt that tower and demolished
that house [destruction of Temple by King Nebuchadnezzar]. And I became exceedingly sorrowful over that tower because that house of the sheep was demolished, and afterwards I was unable to see if those sheep entered that house.

LXXXIX.68-71. First Period of the Angelic Rulers -from the Destruction of Jerusalem to the Return from Captivity.

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And the shepherds and their associates [the associates are the kings who ruled over the Jewish Nation during their captivity] delivered over those sheep to all the wild beasts, to devour them, and each one of them received in his time a definite number: it was written by the other
in a book how many each one of them destroyed of them. And each one slew and destroyed many
more than was prescribed; and I began to weep and lament on account of those sheep. And thus in the vision I saw that one who wrote, how he wrote down every one that was destroyed by those shepherds, day by day, and carried up and laid down and showed actually the whole book to the Lord of the sheep-(even) everything that they had done, and all that each one of them had made
away with, and all that they had given over to destruction. And the book was read before the Lord of the sheep, and He took the book from his hand and read it and sealed it and laid it down.

LXXXIX.72-77. Second Period -from the Time of Cyrus to that of Alexander the Great.

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And forthwith I saw how the shepherds pastured for twelve hours [twelve months], and behold three of those sheep [Ezra, Zerubbable and Jeshua] turned back and came and entered and began to build up all that had fallen down of that
house; but the wild boars tried to hinder them, but they were not able. And they began again to build as before, and they reared up that tower, and it was named the high tower;
and they began again to place a table [sacrifices] before the tower, but all the bread on it was polluted and not pure [priests had intermarried with pagans, Ezra 9].

And as touching all this the eyes of those sheep were blinded so that they saw not, and (the eyes of) their shepherds likewise; and they delivered them [pagan wives] in large numbers to their shepherds for destruction, and they trampled the sheep with their feet and devoured them. And the Lord of the sheep remained unmoved till all the sheep were dispersed over the field and mingled with them (i.e. the beasts), and they (i.e. the shepherds) did not save them out of the hand of the beasts. And this one who wrote the book carried it up, and showed it and read it before the Lord of the sheep, and implored Him on their account, and besought Him on their account as he showed Him all the doings of the shepherds, and gave testimony before Him against all the shepherds. And he took the actual book and laid it down beside Him and departed. [verses 75–77 are a rewording of verses 68–71 (Doublet)]

XC.1-5. Third Period -from Alexander the Great to the Graeco-Syrian Domination.

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And I saw till that in this manner thirty-five shepherds undertook the pasturing (of the sheep), and they severally completed their periods as did the first; and others received them into their hands, to pasture them for their period, each shepherd in his own period. And after that I saw in my vision all the birds of heaven coming, the eagles, the vultures, the kites, the ravens; but the eagles led all the birds [the Romans led the other nations against the Jewish people and Jerusalem]; and they began to devour those sheep, and to pick out their eyes and to devour their flesh. And the sheep cried out because their flesh was being devoured by the birds [God’s sacrificial meal, Ezekiel 39:17-18 & Revelations 19:17-18], and as for me I looked and lamented in my sleep over that shepherd who pastured the sheep. And I saw until those sheep were devoured by the dogs and eagles and kites, and they left neither flesh nor skin nor sinew remaining on them till only their bones stood there [The people in Jerusalem lost so much weight during the famine, just before the Romans conquered that City, that they looked like walking skeletons]: and their bones too fell to the earth and the sheep became few [Ezekiel 37, Valley of dry bones seen in vision by Ezekiel. It refers to the great number of Hebrew people that died when the Romans came against Jerusalem. So many people were killed or died of famine they could not bury all the people so the dead bodies were thrown over the wall into the valleys (Josephus, B5, C12, V3 (518)). The raising of these bones is not referring to the physical act. But that
God gives life after death (Daniel 12:2, Isaiah 26:19, John 26:28-29 & Matthew 27:52). And I saw until that twenty-three had undertaken the pasturing and completed in their several periods fifty-eight times.

XC.6-12. Fourth Period - from the Graeco-Syrian Domination to the Maccabean Revolt.

6 But behold lambs [sons of Mattathias, who was the first to defend God’s covenant with Israel against King Antiochus Epiphanes][and later Jesus] were borne by those white sheep, and they began to open their eyes and to see,

7 and to cry to the sheep. Yea, they cried to them, but they did not hearken to what they said to 8 them, but were exceedingly deaf, and their eyes were very exceedingly blinded. And I saw in the vision how the ravens flew upon those lambs and took one [Jonathan] of those lambs, and dashed the sheep

9 in pieces and devoured them. And I saw till horns [truth and understanding] grew upon those lambs, and the ravens cast down their horns; and I saw till there sprouted a great horn [the understanding that God gave to Jesus] of one of those sheep, and their eyes

10 were opened. And it looked at them [and their eyes opened], and it cried to the sheep, and the

11 rams saw it and all ran to it. And notwithstanding all this those eagles [Romans] and vultures and ravens and kites still kept tearing the sheep and swooping down upon them

12 and devouring them: still the

sheep remained silent, but the rams lamented and cried out. And those ravens fought and battled with it and sought to lay low its horn [King Herod tried to kill the infant Jesus], but they had no power over it.

XC.13-19. The last Assault of the Gentiles on the Jews (where vv. 13-15 and 16-18 are doublets (Referring to two different time periods at the same time)).

13 And I saw till the shepherds [priests] and eagles and those vultures and kites came, and they cried to the ravens that they should break the horn of that ram, and they battled and fought with it, and it battled with them and cried that its help might come.

16 All the eagles and vultures and ravens and kites were gathered together, and there came with them all the sheep of the field, yea, they all came together, and helped each other to break that horn of the ram.
| 14 | And I saw till that man, who wrote down the names of the shepherds [and] carried up into the presence of the Lord of the sheep [came and helped it and showed it everything: he had come down for the help of that ram]/[Elijah, along with Moses, came to Jesus on the mountain. Matthew 17:1-6] |
| 17 | And I saw that man, who wrote the book according to the command of the Lord, till he opened that book concerning the destruction which those twelve last shepherds [12 Caesars that ruled the Roman Empire] had wrought, and showed that they had destroyed much more than their predecessors, before the Lord of the sheep. |
| 15 | And I saw till the Lord of the sheep came unto them in wrath, and all who saw Him fled, and they all fell into His shadow from before His face. |
| 18 | And I saw till the Lord of the sheep came unto them and took in His hand the staff of His wrath, and smote the earth, and the earth clave asunder, and all the beasts and all the birds of the heaven fell from among those sheep, and were swallowed up in the earth and it covered them. |

And I saw till a great sword [Holy Spirit] was given to the sheep, and the sheep proceeded against all the beasts of the field to slay them, and all the beasts and the birds of the heaven fled before their face.

**XC.20-27. Judgement of the Fallen Angels, the Shepherds, and the Apostates.**

20 And I saw till a throne was erected in the pleasant land [Daniel 7:9 & Revelations 20:4], and the Lord of the sheep sat Himself thereon, and the other [Jesus CHRIST] took the sealed books and opened those books before the Lord of the sheep.

21 And the Lord called those men [Angels] the seven first white ones, and commanded that they should bring before Him, beginning with the first star which led the way, all the stars whose privy members were like those of horses, and they brought them all before Him. And He said to that man who wrote before Him, being one of those seven white ones, and said unto him: 'Take those seventy shepherds to whom I delivered the sheep, and who taking them on their own authority slew more
than I commanded them.’ And behold they were all bound, I saw, and they all stood before Him.

And the judgement was held first over the stars \(\text{[John 12:31 Now is the judgment of the world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out]}, \) and they were judged and found guilty, and went to the place of condemnation, and they were cast into an abyss, full of fire and flaming, and full of pillars of fire. And those seventy shepherds were judged and found guilty, and they were cast into that fiery abyss. And I saw at that time how a like abyss was opened in the midst of the earth, full of fire, and they brought those blinded sheep, and they were all judged and found guilty and cast into this fiery abyss, and they burned; now this abyss was to the right of that house. And I saw those sheep burning and their bones burning.

XC.28-42. The New Jerusalem, the Conversion of the surviving Gentiles, the Resurrection of the Righteous, the Messiah. Enoch awakes and weeps.

And I stood up to see till they folded up that old house \(\text{[final destruction of the Temple in 71AD]}, \) and carried off all the pillars, and all the beams and ornaments of the house were at the same time folded up with it, and they carried it off and laid it in a place \(\text{[Rome]}\) in the south of the land. And I saw till the Lord of the sheep brought a new house greater and loftier than that first \(\text{[Spiritual Temple (not physical), the true Church]}\), and set it up in the place of the first which had been folded up: all its pillars were new, and its ornaments were new and larger than those of the first, the old one which He had taken away, and all the sheep \(\text{[Holy and Righteous]}\) were within it.

And I saw all the sheep which had been left, and all the beasts on the earth, and all the birds of the heaven, falling down and doing homage to those sheep and making petition to and obeying them in every thing. And thereafter those three who were clothed in white and had seized me by my hand \(\text{[who had taken me up before]}, \) and the hand of that ram \(\text{[Christ]}\) also seizing hold of me, they took me up and set me down in the midst of those sheep before the judgement \(\text{[first judgment during the last days]}\) took place. And those sheep were all white, and their wool was abundant and clean. And all that had been destroyed and dispersed, and all the beasts of the field, and all the birds of the heaven \(\text{[people from all nations and religions will be there]}\), assembled in that house, and the Lord of the sheep rejoiced with great joy because they were all good and had returned to
His house. And I saw till they laid down that sword, which had been given to the sheep, and they brought it back into the house, and it was sealed before the presence of the Lord, and all the sheep were invited into that house, but it held them not. And the eyes of them all were opened, and they saw the good, and there was not one among them that did not see. And I saw that that house was large and broad and very full.

And I saw that a white bull was born, with large horns and all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air feared him and made petition to him all the time. And I saw till all their generations were transformed, and they all became white bulls; and the first among them became a lamb, and that lamb became a great animal and had great black horns on its head; and the Lord of the sheep rejoiced over it and over all the oxen [mankind]. And I slept in their midst: and I awoke and saw everything.

This is the vision which I saw while I slept, and I awoke and blessed the Lord of righteousness and gave Him glory. Then I wept with a great weeping and my tears stayed not till I could no longer endure it: when I saw, they flowed on account of what I had seen; for everything shall come and be fulfilled, and all the deeds of men in their order were shown to me. On that night I remembered the first dream, and because of it I wept and was troubled—because I had seen that vision.

Section V. XCI-CIV (i.e. XCII, XCI. 1-10, 18-19, XCIII. 1-10, XCI. 12-17, XCIV-CIV.).
A Book of Exhortation and Promised Blessing for the Righteous and of Malediction and Woe for the Sinners.

XCII, XCI.1-10, 18-19. Enoch's Book of Admonition for his Children.

1. The book written by Enoch—[Enoch indeed wrote this complete doctrine of wisdom, (which is) praised of all men and a judge of all the earth] for all my children who shall dwell on the earth. And for the future generations who shall observe uprightness and peace.

2. Let not your spirit be troubled on account of the times; For the Holy and Great One has appointed days for all things.
And the righteous one shall arise from sleep [Jesus Christ’s resurrection],
[Shall arise] and walk in the paths of righteousness,
And all his path and conversation shall be in eternal goodness and grace.

He [God] will be gracious to the righteous and give him eternal uprightness,
And He [God] will give him power so that he shall be (endowed) with goodness and righteousness.
And he shall walk in eternal light.

And sin shall perish in darkness for ever,
And shall no more be seen from that day for evermore.

Since the days of Jesus and the end of that age, almost 2,000 years ago, the world has been living in the age of the kingdom of heaven. It is a time of the true Church, not of a specific denomination or religious philosophy, but where the children of God commune with Him daily, and support each other. For He is directing all our ways as shown in Enoch’s dream-vision, and wants us to rely on Him always.
Timeline for Fulfillment of Daniel’s Visions
(Daniel chapters 7 - 12)

Nebuchadnezzar’s reign

L I ON
Belshazzar comes to power - 555BC
Daniel sees vision in first year

Cyrus comes to power 550BC
(Lion’s wings plucked off; and
made to stand on two feet like a man)(Daniel 7:4)

Darius I comes to power 521BC
(Darius I, Il & III are the
three ribs in the bear’s mouth)

Darius II comes to power 424BC

Darius III comes to power 336BC

Alexander The Great 333BC
Defeats Darius III in battle

Alexander dies and his Empire is divided between
four of his generals. (The four heads of beast)(The four
wings mean that the empire was divided to the four
winds)(Dan 8:8 & Dan 11:4)

Maccabean Period 167BC
(Daniel Chapter 11)
(B ooks of Maccabees)

Julius Caesar 60BC
(Julian Caesar introduced Julian Calendar)(Daniel 7:25)
Mark Antony 44BC

T E N
C aesar Augustus 27BC
(Augustus changed the calendar)(Daniel 7:25)

H O
Caesar Tiberius 14AD

R E N
Caesar Caligula 37AD

A G S
Caesar Claudius 41AD

L E
Caesar Nero 54AD

John of Patmos receives Revelation
Caesar Galba, Otho & Vitellius 68AD
little horn (Daniel 7:8) - Caesar Vespasian 69AD

(Mt. Vesuvius erupts 79AD)
Caesar Titus 79AD
Caesar Domitian 81AD

*Daniel did not refer to the fourth beast as the eagle, but Ezra described
it in his vision, Jesus mentioned it in His prophecy, and John included it in his
book of Revelation.

*Actual dates of this timeline can be off a year or two, depending
on your reference source. The events on this timeline are the
important things, not the actual time of their occurrence.

*The visions in Daniel are not just one prophecy from start to
finish (Daniel 7 - Daniel 12). But each chapter is the retelling of
the prophecy from a different point of view or perspective.

597BC Captivity begins
586BC First destruction of Temple
70 years captivity
(Daniel 9:2)
(1 IEs 4:58)

527BC Captivity ends
(when the Lion was given a man’s heart)
(Daniel 7:4)

*Other kings reigned during these periods, but these are
the most prominent ones mentioned in Daniel’s visions.

*Darius III (the higher horn of the ram) (Daniel 8:3)
*The bear was raised up on one side) (Daniel 7:5)
*Alexander (notable horn of the male goat) (Daniel 8:5)

*Events in blue denote Spiritual Events. No one knew
the day or hour before they took place, and no one knows
today the exact time that they occurred. There are no
time elements (hours, days, weeks, etc.) in the spiritual
realm.

175BC Antiochus IV Epiphanes - (little horn in Daniel 8:9, not
little horn in Daniel 7:8)(One of the kings of the North,
moved against Egypt then came back against the Glorious
Land. He abolished the traditional Jewish form of worship,
discontinued the daily sacrifice & set up a statue of
Zeus in the Temple (abomination of desolation -
Dan 8:11 & 11:31) - not the ‘abomination of desolation’
mentioned in Dan 9:27; Dan 12:11 & Matt 24:15).

164BC

*Octavian (who later became known as Caesar Augustus)
ruled along with Mark Antony. [Mark Antony was
included in Daniel’s vision, but not in Ezra’s vision which
only included the twelve Caesars.][The Silphium Oracles,
Book II, Line 82]

0 Jesus
Beginning of New Age (New Covenant)
God shows His Love of mankind, and the
Messiah of the Jewish Nation.

33AD Jesus crucified (Daniel 9:26)
Jesus’ whole ministry while here on earth,
was that God dwells with mankind.
(the kingdom of God is at hand)(Luke 16:16)

66AD Jewish revolt begins
(Great Tribulation)

70AD End of Daily Sacrifices -
Capture of Jerusalem

70 or 71AD Abomination of Desolation
(Final Destruction of Temple)

(Dan 9:27; Dan 12:11 & Matt 24:15)

[Second coming of Jesus CHRIST]
[Setting up thrones on earth]
[First Judgment]
[Mankind no longer sleeps ,
after death]

96AD End of Age
(Old Covenant) (By this date, all
Prophecies in Old & New Testaments
had been fulfilled)

NEW
TEMPLE (Spiritual not physical)
John 4:21-24, 1 Cor 3:16, Eph 2:21-22,
Heb 9:11 & Rev 22:22)

TODAY

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Chapter 2

Last Days – End of Age

The following vision was seen by Ezra, after Daniel saw his vision but, while the Israelites were still captive in Babylon. It describes the Time of the Roman Empire. The eagle was the symbol of the Romans and the twelve wings represent the twelve Caesars, which were in power. This vision is from the Second Book Of Esdras, which was found at http://www.goodnewsinc.net/othbooks/esdras2.html. It includes chapter 11 and most of chapter 12.

11 1 ON THE SECOND NIGHT I had a vision in a dream; I saw, rising from 2 the sea, an eagle with twelve wings and three heads. I saw it spread its wings over the whole earth; and all the winds blew on it, and the clouds 3 gathered. Out of its wings I saw rival wings sprout, which proved to be 4 only small and stunted [These are the ones that wanted to become a Caesar, but didn’t make it]. Its heads lay still; even the middle head, which was 5 bigger than the others, lay still between them. As I watched, the eagle rose 6 on its wings to set itself up as ruler over the earth and its inhabitants. I saw it bring into subjection everything under heaven; it met with no 7 opposition at all from every creature on earth. I saw the eagle stand erect on 8 its talons [This is the symbol of the Roman Empire. Look at the coin for Galba],

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and it spoke aloud to its wings: ‘Do not all wake at once,’ it said 9 ‘sleep in your places, and wake up in turn; the heads are to be kept till 10 last.’ I saw the sound was not coming from its heads, but from the 11 middle of its body. I counted its rival wings, and saw there were eight of them. 12 As I watched, one of the wings on its right side rose and became ruler 13 over the whole earth. After a time its reign came to an end, and it disappeared from sight completely. Then the next one arose and established 14 its rule, which it held for a long time. When its reign was coming to an 15 end and it was about to
disappear like the first one, a voice could be heard saying to it: ‘You have ruled the world for so long; now listen to my message before your time comes to disappear. None of your successors will achieve a reign as long as yours, not even half as long.’ [including the years he ruled along with Mark Antony, under his birth name of Octavian, Augustus, the second Caesar, reigned more than any of the other Emperors; and more than twice as long as the next longest reign of Tiberius, his successor, 23 years] Then the third wing arose, ruled the world for a time like its predecessors, and like them disappeared. In the same way all the wings came to power in succession, and in turn disappeared from sight. As time went on, I saw the wings on the left side also raise themselves up to seize power. Some of them did so, and passed immediately from sight, while others arose but never came to power. At this point I noticed that two of the little wings were, like the twelve, no longer to be seen. Nothing was now left of the eagle’s body except the three motionless heads and six little wings. As I watched, two of the six little wings separated from the rest and took up a place under the head on the right. The other four remained where they were; and I saw them planning to rise up and seize power. One rose, but disappeared immediately; so too did the second vanishing more quickly than the first. I saw the last two planning to seize the kingship for themselves. But while they were still plotting, suddenly one of the heads woke from sleep the one in the middle, the biggest of the three. I saw how it joined with the other two heads, and along with them turned and devoured the little wings which were planning to seize power. This head got the whole earth into its grasp, establishing an oppressive rule over its inhabitants and a world-wide kingdom mightier than any of the wings had ruled. But after that I saw the middle head vanish just as suddenly as the wings had done. There were two heads left, and they also seized power over the earth and its inhabitants. But as I watched, the head on the right devoured the head on the left. Then I heard a voice say to me: ‘Look carefully at what you see before you.’ I looked and saw what seemed to be a lion roused from the forest; it roared as it came, and I heard it address the eagle in a human voice. ‘Listen to what I tell you’, it said. ‘The Most High says to you: Are you not the only survivor of the four beasts to which I gave the rule over my world? [The Sibylline Oracles, Book III, Lines 55-59 & 213-230] intending through them to bring my ages to their end [Note this reference to the end of ages]? You are the fourth beast, and you have conquered all who went before, ruling over the whole world and holding it in the grip of fear and harsh oppression. You have lived long in the world, governing it with deceit and with no regard for truth. You have oppressed the gentle and injured the peaceful, hating the truthful and loving liars; you have destroyed the homes of the prosperous, and razed to the ground the walls of those who had done you no harm. Your insolence is known to the Most High, and your pride to the Mighty One. The Most High has surveyed the periods he has fixed: they are now at an end, and his ages have reached their completion [End of periods and end of ages]. So you, eagle, must now disappear and be seen no more, you and your terrible great wings, your evil small wings, your cruel heads, your grim talons, and your whole worthless body. Then all the earth will feel relief at its deliverance from your violence, and look forward hopefully to the judgement and mercy of its creator.’
While the lion was still addressing the eagle, I looked and saw the one remaining head disappear. Then the two wings which had gone over to him arose and set themselves up as rulers. Their reign was short and troubled, and when I looked at them they were already vanishing. Then the eagle’s entice [entire] body burst into flames [A major fire burned in Rome and Mt Vesuvius erupted, killing those in Pompeii during Titus’ reign], and the earth was struck with terror. So great was my alarm and fear that I awoke and said to myself: ‘See the result of your attempt to discover the ways of the Most High! My mind is weary; I am utterly exhausted. The terrors of this night have completely drained my strength. So I will now pray to the Most High for strength to hold out to the end. ‘Then I said: ‘My master and Lord, if I have won your favour and stand higher in your approval than most men, if it is true that my prayers have reached your presence, then give me strength; reveal to me, my Lord, the exact interpretation of this terrifying vision, and so bring full consolation to my soul. For you have already judged me worthy to be shown the end of the present age.’

He said to me: ‘Here is the interpretation of your vision. The eagle you saw rising from the sea represents the fourth kingdom in the vision seen by your brother Daniel [Daniel, chapters 7,8,9 & 12; Also the consuming locust in Joel 1:4; Also the Book of Amos]. But he was not given the interpretation which I am now giving you or have already given you. The days are coming when the earth will be under an empire more terrible than any before. It will be ruled by twelve kings, one after another [The twelve Caesars who ruled the Roman Empire]. The second to come to the throne [Augustus] will have the longest reign of all the twelve. That is the meaning of the twelve wings you saw. ‘As for the voice which you heard speaking from the middle of the eagle’s body, and not from its heads, this is what it means: After this second king’s reign, great conflicts will arise, which will bring the empire into danger of falling; and yet it will not fall then, but will be restored to its original strength [pro-Republican supporters tried to return the empire back to a government like pre-Caesar days][Josephus, B2, C11, V1-5].

‘As for the eight lesser wings which you saw growing from the eagle’s wings, this is what they mean: The empire will come under eight kings whose reigns will be trivial and short lived; Two of them [Galba and Otho, Caesars 7&8 who’s reigns, lasted just a few months] will come and go just before the middle of the period, Four [Vitellius, Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian] will be kept back until shortly before its end, and two will be left until the end itself. ‘As for the three heads which you saw sleeping, this is what they mean: In the last years of the empire, the Most High will bring to the throne three kings [Vespasian and his two sons Titus and Domitian], who will restore much of its strength [Vespasian and Titus put down the rebellion in Judea in 70AD, then destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple], and rule over the earth and its inhabitants more oppressively than anyone before. They are called the eagle’s heads, because they will complete and bring to a head its long series of wicked deeds. As for the greatest head [Vespasian], which you saw disappear, it signifies one of the kings, who will die in his bed, but in great agony. The two that survived will be destroyed by the sword; one of them [Titus] will fall by the
sword of the other, who will himself fall by the sword in the last days. 29 ‘As for the two little wings that went over to the head on the right side, 30 this is what they mean: They are the ones whom the Most High has reserved until the last days, and their reign, as you saw, was short and troubled. 31 ‘As for the lion [Jesus Christ, He was born during the reign of Augustus, but did His teaching during the reign of Tiberius] which you saw coming from the forest, roused from sleep and roaring, which you heard addressing the eagle, taxing it with its wicked deeds and words, this is the Messiah whom the Most High has kept back until the end. He will address those rulers, taxing them openly with their sins, their crimes, and their defiance. He will bring them alive to judgement [Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection while the Roman Empire was still in power (alive)]; he will convict them and then destroy them. But he will be merciful to those of my people that remain, all who have been kept safe in my land; he will set them free and give them gladness, until the final day of judgement comes, about which I told you at the beginning. 35,36 ‘That, then, is the vision which you saw, and its meaning. It is the secret of the Most High, which no one except yourself has proved worthy to be told. What you have seen you must therefore write in a book and deposit it in a hiding-place. You must also disclose these secrets to those of your people whom you know to be wise enough to understand them and to keep them safe. 39 But stay here yourself for seven more days, to receive whatever revelation the Most High thinks fit to send you.’ Then the angel left me. 40 When all the people heard that seven days had passed without my returning to the town, they assembled and came to me. What wrong or injury have we done you,’ they asked me, ‘that you have deserted us and settled here? Out of all the prophets you are the only one left to us. You are like the last cluster in a vineyard, like a lamp in the darkness, or a safe harbour for a ship in a storm. Have we not suffered enough? If you desert us, we had far better been destroyed in the fire that burnt up Zion. 45 We are no better than those who perished there.’ Then they raised a loud lamentation. 46 I replied: ‘Take courage, Israel; house of Jacob, lay aside your grief. 47 The Most High bears you in mind, and the Mighty One has not for ever forgotten you. I have not left you, nor abandoned you; I came here to pray for Zion in her distress, and to beg for mercy for your sanctuary that has fallen so low. Go to your homes now, every one of you; and in a few days’ time I will come back to you.’ 50 So the people returned to the town as I told them, while I remained in the field. I stayed there for seven days in obedience to the angel, eating nothing but what grew in the field, and living on that for the whole of the time.

Following are the visions from the Book of Daniel, some of which are about the same events that Ezra foresaw.

Daniel 7  In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling all the facts. 2 Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. 3 “And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 4 “The first was like a lion [Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar], and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from
the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to It
[When Cyrus became king and sent the Hebrew people back to Jerusalem to rebuild the
temple].  5 “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear [Persian Empire, King
Darius].  It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs [These three ribs represent
Darius I, II, & III] in its mouth between its teeth.  And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour
much flesh!’  6 “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard [Macedonian
Empire, Alexander the Great], which had on its back four wings of a bird.  The beast also
had four heads [These four heads represent Alexander’s four generals that divided the
kingdom after his death], and dominion was given to it.  7 “After this I saw in the night
visions, and behold, a fourth beast [Roman Empire, Caesar], dreadful and terrible,
exceedingly strong.  It had huge iron teeth [Engines of war, used to break down walls and
subdue nations]; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its
feet.  It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns [These
horns represent ten emperors of the Roman empire; Julius Caesar, Mark Antony, Caesar
Augustus, Caesar Tiberius, Caesar Caius (Caligula), Caesar Claudius, Caesar Nero, Caesar
Galba, Caesar Otho, and Caesar Vitellius][Daniel 7:24].  8 “ I was considering the horns,
and there was another horn, a little one [Vespasian, who was not considered the little horn
because of his physical stature, but because he was the only Caesar that did not aspire to
that position.  He was leading the war against the Nation of Israel and prevailing over them
and was quite happy with that station in life.  But God thrust him into the role of Caesar by
causing the soldiers under his command to force him into taking that position.] [Josephus,
B4, C10, V4][The Sibylline Oracles, Book III, Lines 493-499], coming up among them,
before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots [Galba, Otho, then
Vitellius were each a Caesar within the same year.  Then Vespasian overthrew Vitellius
and became Caesar][The Sibylline Oracles, Book V, Lines 50-51].  And there, in this horn,
were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.  9 “I watched till
thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days [God] was seated [Revelations 20:4
And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.  Then I saw
the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of
God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on
their foreheads or on their hands.  And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand
years]; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool.  His
throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;  10 A fiery steam issued And came
forth from before Him.  A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten
thousand stood before Him.  The court was seated, And the books were opened [All this
happened before the end of the Caesars’ reign].  11 I watched then because of the sound of
the pompous words which the horn was speaking [Caesars Caius (Caligula) and Nero
spoke blasphemies against God, and considered themselves gods, but this also includes the
Flavian Dynasty]; I watched till the beast was slain [End of the Caesars’ rule], and its body
destroyed and given to the burning flame.  12 “As for the rest of the beasts, they had their
dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time [Roman
Empire lasted past the last Caesar, Domitian].  13 ”I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, One like the Son of Man [Jesus CHRIST], Coming with the clouds of heaven
Matthew 24:30  Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and glory.[Matthew 24:30-34 toward the end of this chapter for other scriptures referring to this prophecy.]

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him [Matthew 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.”].  His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed [This kingdom is spiritual and not physical and still alive today; almost 2,000 years later].  

“I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.  I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this.  So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:  17 ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings [which represent four different kingdoms; first the Babylonians, then the Persians, next the Macedonians, and finally the Romans][Daniel 7:23] which arise out of the earth.  18 ‘But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom [kingdom of heaven (spiritual not physical)], and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’  19 ‘Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke into pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;  20 ‘and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.  21 ‘I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them [Vespasian began the war against the Jews and was prevailing over them, but when he became emperor, his son Titus completed it, as well as destroying Jerusalem],  22 ‘until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom [Jesus said in Matthew 12:28 “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.’].  23 ‘Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all the other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth [In the day of the Roman empire, it was considered to rule the entire habitable earth][Read Luke 2:1 & Romans 1:8 to see how the Roman Empire was considered to be the whole Earth.]. Trample it and break it in pieces.  24 The ten horns are ten kings [Emperors] Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them [Vespasian]; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.  25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law [Julius Caesar introduced Julian Calendar] .  Then the saints shall be given into his hand [Destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple and the end of the war] For a time and times and half a time.  26 ‘But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume, and destroy it forever.  27 ‘Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.  His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom [Spiritual], And all dominions
shall serve and obey Him.’ 28 ‘This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.’

[Chapter 11 is about the Maccabean Period. Read the Books of Maccabees and other historical accounts of that time period to see how this part of the vision was fulfilled.]

Daniel 11 2 “And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece [This is about the wars between the Persians and Greeks]. 3 “Then a mighty king [Alexander the Great] shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 “And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven [The term ‘of heaven’ means that this was figuratively speaking and not referring to the four main points of a compass, although there was a kingdom to the North (Syria) and a kingdom to the South (Egypt) with Israel in the middle], but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others beside these [Alexander the Great was from Macedonia, and when he died at the height of his greatness, he had no heirs so his kingdom was eventually divided between four of his generals (the four heads of the beast). Seleucus ruled Syria (the father of those who would become king of the North), Ptolemy ruled Egypt (the father of those who would become king of the South), Lysimachus ruled Thrace, and Cassander (Antipater’s son) ruled Macedonia which included Greece]. 5 “Also the king of the South [Ptolemy I - XII, Pharaohs of Egypt, and included the fathers of the many Cleopatras (I-VII)]. The king of the South is not the same person throughout this vision, but refers to the reigning king at the time of the fulfillment of that particular part of the vision.] shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion. 6 “And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South [Cleopatra] shall go to the king of the North [1 Maccabees 10:57 So Ptolemy came up from Egypt, with his daughter Cleopatra, and reached Ptolemais in the one hundred and sixty-second year. 58 And king Alexander met him, and he gave him his daughter Cleopatra in marriage, and he celebrated her wedding at Ptolemais with great pomp, as kings do][As with the king of the South, the king of the North is not the same person throughout this vision, but refers to the king in power at the time of the fulfillment of that particular part of the vision.] to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who strengthened her in those times. 7 “But from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail. 8 “And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the North. 9 “Also the king of the North [Antiochus the Great] shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land. 10 “However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one [Antiochus IV Epiphanes]
shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife. 11 “And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy. 12 “When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail. 13 “For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great Army and much equipment. 14 “Now in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South. Also, violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall [1 Maccabees 1:11 In those days there arose out of Israel lawless men who persuaded many, saying, “Let us go and make a treaty with the heathen around us, for ever since the time we became separated from them, many misfortunes have overtaken us.”]. 15 “So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city [1 Maccabees 1:18 And he (Antiochus) made war on Ptolemy, king of Egypt, and Ptolemy turned and fled before him, and many fell wounded. And they captured the walled cities in the land of Egypt, and he plundered the land of Egypt.]; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist. 16 “But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power. 17 “He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and the upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him. 18 “After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him. 19 “Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found. 20 “There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom [1 Maccabees 1:29 After two years the king sent an officer to collect tribute, to the towns of Judah, and he entered Jerusalem with a strong force]; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle. 21 “And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue [1 Maccabees 7:27-32]. 22 “With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant [Judas Maccabeus, son of Mattathias who was the first to defend God’s Covenant with Israel against King Antiochus IV. Judas was killed in battle (1 Maccabees 9:1-19)]. 23 “And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people. 24 “He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time. 25 “He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him. 26 “Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. 27 “Both
these king’s hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. 28 “While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land. 29 “At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter. 30 “For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant. 31 “And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation [1 Maccabees 3:45 & 4:37-38][Antiochus did not allow the Jews to have their traditional form of worship, including the daily sacrifices. He set up a statue of Zeus in the temple and required that the people worship this idol. This caused the Jews to stay away from the temple (the Holy Place became desolate), but it is not the same abomination of desolation mentioned in Daniel 12:11 & Matthew 24:11]. 32 “Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. 33 “And those people who understand shall instruct many [Mattathias and his sons and the Jewish people that helped them fight against the heathens; they even killed many of their own people who joined in with the idol worship of these heathens. Their exploits and deeds occurred after the death of Alexander the Great and before the Caesars began to rule the Roman Empire. They even formed an alliance with Rome before the Caesars (1 Maccabees 8:17). Many of their deeds are recorded in the Books of Maccabees.]; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. 34 “Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue [1 Maccabees 2:42-44]. 35 “And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time. 36 “Then the king [Antiochus IV Epiphanes] shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. 37 “He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. 38 “But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. 39 “Thus he shall act against the strongest fortress with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. 40 “At the time of the end [of that period. Not the end of the world] the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. 41 “He shall enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42 “He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 “He shall have power over the treasuries of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.
But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 45 “And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

[Chapter 12 is about the Caesars’ rule over the Roman Empire, and the End of that Age. Read The Jewish Wars, by Flavious Josephus and the Books of the New Testament to see how this part of the vision was fulfilled.]

12 “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people [Watcher]; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as there never was since there was a nation, Even to that time [Roman conquest of Judea]. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake [Matthew 27:51 Then, behold the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many], Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. 4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end [of that age]. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” 5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. 6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?” 7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered [When all of the Jewish Nation has been conquered by the Romans], all these things shall be finished. 8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My Lord, what shall be the end of these things?” 9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed until the end of time [Here again it refers to these happening at the time of the end. Many times this verse is misinterpreted to mean the end of the world, but it just means the end of time for that age.], 10 “Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand. 11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away [Josephus, B6, C2, V1 (93)], and the abomination of desolation is set up [After Jerusalem was captured, Titus gave orders that the army should demolish the entire city and temple. This was probably completed by the end of 70AD or the first part of 71AD], there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 “Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days [Since there are no time elements, like hours, days, weeks, etc. in the spiritual realm, these symbols are usually misinterpreted (usually in a smaller amount than what is actual) in visions and prophesies. One exception is when Jesus said that God would raise His body in three days. If units of weeks are used instead of days in this verse,
it would amount to 25.67 years and would take us up into the year 96 AD, the year that Domitian, the last Caesar, was killed.]

13 “But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days [He will die and sleep until all these things have been completed, at which time he will be raised to receive his reward].”

Other scriptures in the Bible, that tell about these same events is the prophecy by Jesus which is found in Matthew, chapter 24; Mark, chapter 13; and Luke 17:22-37 & 21:5-36.

Matthew 24  Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 and Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age [These things will occur at about the same time]? 4 And Jesus said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.

5 “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many [Acts 8:9-11][Josephus, B2, C13, V4 (259)]. 6 “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled [If they should not worry when they have to go through the trials that the Romans will bring upon them, We should not worry with our daily trials, which seem mild in comparison]; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines [Acts 11:28][Josephus, B4, C3, V3 (137) & B5, C10, V2], pestilences, and earthquakes in various places [The Sibyline Oracles, Book II, Lines 22-24] /Matthew 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked and the rocks were split] [Josephus, B6, C5, V3, (299) ... Moreover, at that feast which we call Pentecost, as the priests were going by night into the inner [court of the temple,] as their custom was, to perform their sacred ministrations, they said that, in the first place, they felt a quaking, and heard a great noise, (300) and after that they heard a sound as of a great multitude, saying, “Let us remove from here.”] /Suetonius, The Lives of the Caesars, The Life of Nero, C20, V2][Acts 16:26]. 8 “All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 “Then they will deliver you [His disciples] up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. 10 “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and hate one another [Isaiah 3:5][The Book of Enoch, Chapter C, Verse 2][Josephus, B4, C3, V2 (129)]. 11 “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold [All these things were recorded by Josephus, in The Jewish Wars]. 13 “But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world [Luke 2:1, Acts 17:6, Romans 1:8, Colossians 1:5-6 & 1:23] as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come [The disciples traveled through the known world, preaching about the kingdom]. 15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet /Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up [Taking away of the daily sacrifice and the abomination of desolation are closely related], there shall be one
thousand two hundred and ninety days.”) standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand). 16 “Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains [Isaiah 2:19 The mountains of Israel contain many caves]. 17 “Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 “And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 “But woe to those who are pregnant [Josephus, B3, C7, V23 (246) In the daytime also, a woman with child had her belly so violently struck, as she was just come out of her house, that the infant was carried to the distance of half a furlong, so great was the force of that engine.] and those who are nursing babies in those days [Josephus, B5, C10, V3 (430) & B6, C3, V4 (205-210)][The Book of Enoch, Chapter XCIX (99), Verse 5]! 20 “And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 “For then there will be great tribulation [Revelation 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.], such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be [Josephus, B6, C9, V4 (429)]. 22 “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [Isaiah 28:5; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened [Isaiah 1:9] [Josephus, B5, C10, V6 (566) And here I cannot but speak my mind, and what the concern I am under dictates to me, and it is this: I suppose, that had the Romans made any longer delay in coming against these villains, that the city would either have been swallowed up by the ground opening upon them, or been overflowed by water, or else been destroyed by such thunder as the country of Sodom perished by, for it had brought forth a generation of men much more atheistic than were those that allowed such punishments; for by their madness it was that all the people came to be destroyed.]. 23 “Then if anyone says to you, ‘look, here is Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. 24 “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect [Acts 13:6-11][2 Peter 2:1-3] [Josephus, B6, C5, V2 … (284) But before Caesar (Titus) had determined anything about these people, or given the commanders any orders relating to them, the soldiers were in such a rage; that they set the passage on fire; by which means it came to pass that some of these were destroyed by throwing themselves down headlong, and some were burned in the passages themselves. Nor did any one of them escape with his life. (285) A false prophet was the occasion of these people’s destruction, who had made a public proclamation in the city that very day, that God commanded them to get upon the temple, and that there they should receive miraculous signs of their deliverance. (286) Now there was then a great number of false prophets suborned by the tyrants to impose on the people, who pronounced this to them, that they should wait for deliverance from God; and this was in order to keep them from deserting, and that they might be buoyed up above fear and care by such hopes.]. 25 “See, I have told you beforehand. 26 “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. 27 “For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be [If Jesus Christ’s second return was similar to a flash of lightning, every eye saw it but not everyone understood what happened. It might have been more intense and/or lasted longer than normal lightning, but to those who were not looking for the return of Jesus CHRIST it was nothing
more than lightning; the same as some who heard the voice from heaven that was
mentioned in John 12:28-29 said it was nothing more than thunder.][Suetonius, The Lives
of the Caesars, The Life of Nero, C48, V2][Read John Chapters 13&14; pay close attention
to the wording of John 14:18-22]. 28 “For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles
will be gathered together. 29 “Immediately after the tribulation of
those days the sun will be darkened [The sun was darkened by the ash from the eruption of
Mount Vesuvius during the reign of Titus which was shortly after the Jewish War.] [The
Sibylline Oracles, Book IV, Lines 170-174], and the moon will not give its light [Isaiah
5:30, 24:23 & Acts 27:20] [Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour
there was darkness over the land]; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of
heaven will be shaken [Josephus, B6, C5, V3 … (289) thus there was a star resembling a
sword, which stood over the city, and a comet [The Sibylline Oracles, Book III, Line 414].
that continued a whole year [Falling stars (shooting stars) are created from the debris of
comets]. (290) thus also before the Jew’s rebellion, and before those commotions which
preceeded the war, when the people were come in great crowds to the Feast of Unleavened
Bread, on the eighth day of the month Xanthicus, [Nisan,] and at the ninth hour of the
night, so great a light shone round the alter and the holy house, that it appeared to be
bright day time; which lasted for half an hour. (291) This light seemed to be a good sign
to the naïve, but was so interpreted by the sacred scribes, as to portend those events that
followed immediately upon it. (292) At the same festival also, a heifer, as she was led by
the high priest to be sacrificed, brought forth a lamb in the midst of the temple. (293)
Moreover, the eastern gate of the inner [court of the] temple, which was of brass, and
vastly heavy, and had been with difficulty shut by twenty men, and rested upon a base
covered with iron, and had bolts fastened very deep into the firm floor, which was made of
one entire stone, was seen to be opened of its own accord about the sixth hour of the night.
(294) Now those that kept watch in the temple came but running to the captain of the
temple, and told him of it; who then came up there, and not without great difficulty was
able to shut the gate again. (295) This also appeared to the vulgar to be a very happy
prodigy, as if God did thereby open them the gate of happiness. But the men of learning
understood it, that the security of their holy house was dissolved of its own accord, and the
gate was opened for the advantage of their enemies.] . 30 “Then the sign of the Son of
Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will morn, and they will see
the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [Josephus, B6,
C5, V3 … (296) So these publicly declared that the signal foreshowed the desolation that
was coming upon them. Beside these, a few days after the feast, on the one and twentieth
day of the month Artemisius, [Jyar], (297 a certain great and incredible phenomenon
appeared: I suppose the account of it would seem to be a fable, were it not related by those
who saw it, (298) and were not the events that followed it of so considerable a nature as to
deserve such signals; for, before sunsetting, chariots and troops of soldiers in their armor
were seen (299) running about among the clouds, and surrounding of cities.][The
Histories [of Ancient Rome] by Cornelius Tacitus: Book 5, Verse 13
Prodigies had occurred, but their expiation by the offering of victims or solemn vows is
held to be unlawful by a nation which is the slave of superstition and the enemy of true beliefs. In the sky appeared a vision of armies in conflict, of glittering armour. A sudden lightening flash from the clouds lit up the temple. The doors of the holy place abruptly opened, a superhuman voice was heard to declare that the gods were leaving it, and in the same instant came the rushing tumult of their departure. Few people placed a sinister interpretation upon this. The majority were convinced that the ancient scriptures of their priests alluded to the present as the very time when the Orient would triumph and from Judea would go forth men destined to rule the world. This mysterious prophecy really referred to Vespasian and Titus, but the common people, true to the selfish ambitions of mankind, thought that this mighty destiny was reserved for them, and not even their calamities opened their eyes to the truth. 31 “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 “So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near – at the doors. [At the door means that it will happen as soon as all the things He is describing have come about, which was before the end of the Caesars’ rule over the Roman Empire not 2000 years in the future; even though events similar to the ones He was describing could happen in future generations!] 34 “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place [Some of the people present will still be alive when all of these things are completed, including the sign of the Son of Man appearing in heaven. The year 96AD falls within this time frame][Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.][This statement means that the people who were at Jesus’ crucifixion would still be alive at His second coming.] [Matthew 10:23 “When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”] [Mark 14:61 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest ask Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”] [Jesus was telling the high priest that he would still be alive at His second coming. The Ananus that Josephus mentions in The Jewish War, B4, C3, V7 (151) and was killed by the Zealots shortly before the Romans took Jerusalem was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was High Priest at Jesus’ trial. Therefore it is highly conceivable that Caiaphas was still alive when Jesus CHRIST returned during the heat of the battle as recorded in The Epistle of Apollos. At least 5 more times it is recorded in the New Testament that Jesus said He would return before that generation passed away; Matthew 16:27-28; Mark 9:1; Mark 13:29-30; Luke 9:26-27; & Luke 21:31-32.]. 35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away [If these things did not happen before that generation had all passed away, then Jesus was lying]. 36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 “But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be [Jesus did not physically appear to the people of Noah’s day, why should we expect Him to appear in a
physical body to us?]. 38 “For in the days before the flood, they were eating and
drinking, marrying and given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. 39 “and
did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the
Son of Man be. 40 “Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left
[Jesus did not say, nor did He imply, that the good man would be taken and the evil one
left][Isaiah 27:12] [Daniel 11:35 “And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine
them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the
appointed time.”][Daniel 12:10]. 41 “Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be
taken and the other left. 42 “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is
coming. 43 “But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief
would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44
“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
45 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his
household, to give them food in due season? 46 “Blessed is the servant whom his master,
when he comes, will find so doing. 47 “Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler
over all his goods. 48 “But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying
his coming,’ 49 “and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the
drunkards [Isaiah 56:12]. 50 “the master of that servant will come on a day when he is
not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 “and will cut him in two
and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.

These visions and prophecy are all about the last days and the end of the age, before the
end of the Caesars’ rule, not about the destruction of the world, which will surely come
about. They describe the setting up of Christ’s throne (Spiritual) here in this world and his
judgment of the people in it. Ever since Jesus’ death on the cross, when he cried “It is
finished”, man has been judged at the time of his death and not required to sleep like the
saints before [Luke 23:43 And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will
be with Me in paradise.”]. Because of this, when we leave this mortal body, we do not die
but our souls go right to everlasting life and our reward: whether good or bad.

Even the Apostle Paul says that the end of the ages had come, when writing in 1 Cor 10:11
Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our
admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Before He was crucified, Jesus said in John 12:31 “Now [Not 2000 years in the future.
Here again, if it had not happened at that time, Jesus would have lied] is the judgment of
this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the
earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

The Apostle Peter said to the crowds that were observing the events on the Day of
Pentecost in Acts 2 15 “For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third
hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel [That particular
moment, not some event 2000 years in the future]: 17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the
last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters
shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. All these things happened on the Day of Pentecost; therefore the last days were at that time.

1 Peter 4:7  But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

Again Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:19-21  but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Hebrews 9:24  For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us [He is a spiritual being]: 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another- [He offered Himself at the end of the age, and replaced the Daily Sacrifice which was discontinued shortly before the Romans destroyed the temple] 26 He then would have to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for man to die once [When the soul leaves this mortal body], but after this the judgment [At the time the soul leaves this mortal body, not delayed until later when everyone is judged at once. The first judgment which occurred at the time that Jesus CHRIST returned was the only mass judgment], 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation [This second appearance is a spiritual awakening within each of us on an individual basis].

The Last Days began with the crucifixion of Jesus CHRIST and lasted until the End of the Age at the end of Caesar Domitian’s reign. Remember when reading the New Testament, that those events occurred during the Last Days and before the End of the Age, so references to the End of the Age will be in future tense and refer to that time period, not 2000 years in the future.

Most preachers, that are teaching the rapture today, will pick just a few isolated passages from these books and will give an interpretation for those scriptures. But they leave the rest of the scriptures in these books with no interpretation because they do not fit in with their story. They will even say that some of the scriptures are about the Antichrist. But this is not true because the Antichrist is never mentioned in any of the books in this chapter; nor is it mentioned in the Book of Revelation (New King James Version nor King James Version). Often, many of the scriptures are taken out of context to support what they are saying. They are distorting these scriptures to fit their story not making their story fit the scriptures as they are written. A good example of this is Daniel 11:37. This scripture is used to give a description of the Antichrist, when in fact the whole chapter 11 is about the king of the North and the king of the South. Another good example is that there have been many different explanations of the ten horns. It is written in Daniel 7:23-24  “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all the other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom.’ And another shall rise
after them; He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. Not only does the interpretation given in this text give the whole meaning of the chapters mentioned, but it also shows how the visions are telling about the same thing and how they relate to other scriptures in the Bible.

Go to www.garstang.us/emperors to read good short synopsis of each of the twelve Roman Caesars.

NOTE: All dreams and visions come through the human filter, that is, the symbols will be familiar to the recipient because of past experiences. That is why when two different people receive the same message they could each receive it with different symbols. A symbol that causes a certain feeling or reaction in one person might not be received in the same way by the other because of different past experiences. Therefore, when interpreting dreams and visions the recipient is the only one who will understand the actual message. This was true when Joseph interpreted Pharaoh’s dreams and when Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. Other people had given them meanings for their dreams, but they both knew that they were not the correct interpretations. Seldom, with the exception of a few imminent premonitions, is the symbol received the actual subject or meaning of the dream or vision. When interpreting dreams, it is best to start with the general feeling or mood of the vision then concentrate on each of the major elements. Do not get bogged down with all the minor scenes; they only connect the major elements and make the message believable. No actual names are ever given in visions from heaven. If they were, then Jesus (the one Man who had the right to have His name revealed) would have had His name mentioned at least once in the many prophecies about Him in the Old Testament. Names are a physical attribute.
Timeline for Last Days and The Great Tribulation Period

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* When Jesus warned about the tribulation period, He was telling His disciples and other Jews what they would be going through. He was not talking to a future generation. This tribulation was part of the Last Days.

* The Last Days began when Jesus was crucified and lasted until the End of the Age.

* Read Books 5 & 6 of The Jewish Wars by Josephus To see how the Jewish people were affected by famine and other catastrophes that Jesus had foretold. As well as father turning against son, and brother against brother.

* The Jewish revolt is known as “the falling away” (2 Thessalonians 2:3) it was an attempt by the Jewish people to get out from under Roman rule.

* What Hitler did to the Jews during WWII was an abomination. But what the Caesars did to the Jews during the last half of the 1st century was even worse. Not only did they kill a larger percentage of the Jews alive in the world, but they tortured them in the process.

64AD Fire destroyed much of Rome. Nero blamed the Christians and executed them on crosses. He even had many set ablaze as human torches. This was the beginning of the tribulation period which Jesus had warned about and in which Peter and Paul were executed at Rome.

(2 Peter 1:14)/(2 Timothy 4:6)/(1 Peter 5:17) Prisoners are moved from islands to Greece to dig the canal. Vespasian sent many of the captured Jews and Christians to Greece to dig the canal through the isthmus at Corinth for Caesar Nero. (Josephus, B3, C10, V10) But digging is stopped shortly after Nero’s death, and the prisoners are sent back to the Aegean islands. John of Patmos probably received Revelation during one of these two island stays.

70 or 71AD Titus (The Prince) demolished The Temple (He left not one stone standing on top of another)

(Desolation standing in the Holy Place) 73-75AD Vespasian begins construction on Colosseum at Rome. Moves the slaves from islands to Italy to work at quarrying and moving the stones for the construction. 81AD Titus finished the Colosseum and held inauguration games where many of the Jewish and Christian slaves were killed by gladiator’s swords and wild animals from Africa. Thereby fulfilling the vision of John of Patmos. Domitian continued this slaughter of the captives and had no need to send any captives back to Greece, since the canal digging was discontinued shortly after Nero’s death.
Chapter 3

Explanation of THE REVELATION of Jesus Christ
(Which is, what God revealed to Jesus CHRIST – Rev 1:1)

1 John 3:2  Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him [not Him like us], for we shall see Him as He is [a spiritual soul, not in a physical form].

Rev 1:9  I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island of Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ [This is the tribulation (time of trouble) that was foretold by Jesus, Matt 24:9 & Matt 24:21, and in Daniel 12:1 & II Esdras 12:14. John was also saying that he was in the kingdom of heaven at the same time as he was in the tribulation. The apostle Paul also mentioned this tribulation in Acts 14:21-22.]

The Book of Revelations consists of three main parts; letters to the seven churches, the last days (end of the ages), and the establishment of the True Church (a Spiritual Church, which is part of the last days). This was God’s way of showing the world that what had been prophesied was taking place. Do not get hung up on all the numbers in this vision, they have meaning, but are not crucial to its basic meaning.

Several times throughout the Book, it is mentioned that these events would take place shortly. Rev 1:1  The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him [If Jesus is God, then God would not have to reveal anything to Him, He would know everything] to show His servants - things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John [Acts 15:37-39. This John, the one called Mark, is a better choice for John of Patmos than the disciple John, since He traveled to Cyprus with Barnabas].

Rev 1:3  Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Rev 3:11  “Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”

Rev 10:5  The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, Rev 22:6  Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is He who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Rev 22:10  And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand [Compare this with Daniel 12:9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed until the end of time,]”. Rev 22:12  “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

Rev 22:20  He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen.
**Even so, come, Lord Jesus.** One more verse which shows that John was living during the time that this vision was being fulfilled is Rev 1:19  “Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”

After the letters to the seven churches, the rest of the vision is about the last days, which include establishing Jesus CHRIST’s spiritual kingdom and was seen in the vision by the prophet Daniel and prophesied about by Jesus before His crucifixion. As with the vision of Daniel, not all events in this vision are in chronological order, which makes it hard to interpret them. The following scriptural cross-references show that these visions and prophecy are the same.

**Rev 1:7**  *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him* [Mark 14:61-62. The High Priest, Caiaphas, was considered to be one of those who pierced Him]. *And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*

**Dan 7:13**  “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.”

**Matt 24:30**  “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

**Rev 1:14**  *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;*

**Dan 7:9**  “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;”

**Rev 3:3**  “Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. **Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.”**

**Matt 24:42**  “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

**43 But know this , that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.”**

**Luke 19:41**  Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it. 42  saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43  For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44  and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

**Rev 4:8**  *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, who was and is and is to come.*

**Dan 7:8**  “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by
the roots. And there, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.”

Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah [The Lamb did lay down with the Lion. The Lamb of God, Jesus, is the Lion of Judah, Jesus CHRIST.], the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

II Esdras 11 Then I heard a voice say to me: ‘Look carefully at what you see before you.’ I looked and saw what seemed to be a lion roused from the forest; it roared as it came, and I heard it address the eagle in a human voice. ‘The Most High says to you: Are you not the only survivor of the four beasts to which I gave the rule over my world, intending through them to bring my ages to their end?’

Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened.

Dan 7:26 ‘But the court was seated, And they took away his [The Caesars’ rule of the Roman Empire] dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Hos 5:14 “For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, And a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear them and go away; I will take them away, and no one shall rescue.”

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!” 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

Dan 7:13 “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the oneWhich shall not be destroyed.

Rev 6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the alter the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Dan 11:33 “And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. 34 “Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with
them by intrigue. 35 “And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

Dan 12:9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.”

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

The Book of Enoch 90 (http://www.goodnewsinc.net/othbooks/enoch.html) they 32 took me up and set me down in the midst of those sheep before the judgement took place. And those 33 sheep were all white, and their wool was abundant and clean. And all that had been destroyed and dispersed, and all the beasts of the field, and all the birds of heaven, assembled in that house, and the Lord of the sheep rejoiced with great joy because they were all good and had returned to 34 His house. And I saw till they laid down that sword, which had been given the sheep, and they brought it back into the house, and it was sealed before the presence of the Lord, and all the sheep 35 were invited into that house, but it held them not. And the eyes of them all were opened, and they 36 saw the good, and there was not one among them that did not see. And I saw that the house was large and broad and very full.

Rev 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, 3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.” 5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, 7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Dan 12:5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. 6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?” 7 Then I heard the man closed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.
Dan 7:25  He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law [Julius Caesar introduced the Julian Calendar, and Caesar Augustus made corrections]. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.  

Rev 12:14  But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.  

Rev 11:19  Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.  

The book of Enoch 90 (http://www.goodnewsinc.net/othbooks/enoch.html) and they carried 29 it off and laid it in a place in the south of the land. And I saw till the lord of the sheep brought a new house greater and loftier than that first, and set it up in the place of the first which had been folded up: all its pillars were new, and its ornaments were new and larger than those of the first, the old one which He had taken away, and all the sheep were within it.  

Rev 12:3  And another sign appeared in heaven: behold a great fiery red dragon [Red is the color of the Roman soldiers uniform] having seven heads [Rev 17:9] and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.  

Rev 13:1  Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast [Roman Empire] rising up out of the sea, having seven heads [Rev 17:9] and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his head a blasphemous name.  

Dan 7:7  “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [Roman Empire], dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the other beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.  

8  “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.”  

Rev 13:2  Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.  

Dan 7:4  “The first was like a lion, and had eagles wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.  

5  “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’  

6  “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.  

7  “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the other beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.”
Rev 13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months [Titus died at the age of 42. Suetonius, The Life of the Caesars, The life of Titus, C11, V1]. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

Dan 7:8 “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.”

Dan 11:36 “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.”[This is about Antiochus IV Epiphanes but it could also include the Flavian Dynasty]

Rev 13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Dan 7:21 “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing over them.”

Rev 18:8 “Therefore her [Rome’s] plagues will come in one day [quickly] – death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.”

Dan 7:11 “I watched then because of the sound of pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

The Histories [of Ancient Rome] by Cornelius Tacitus: Book 1, Chapter 2 http://www.ourcivilisation.com/smartboard/shop/tacitus/histries …Finally, Italy itself fell victim to disasters which were quite unprecedented or had not occurred for many centuries. Whole towns were burnt down or buried throughout the richest part of the coast of Campania, and Rome suffered severely from fires that destroyed its most venerable temples, the very Capitol being set alight by Roman hands. Things holy were desecrated, there was adultery in high places. The Mediterranean swarmed with exiles and its rocky islets ran with blood. …

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Dan 7:9 “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;”

Dan 7:22 “until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.”
Following are some interesting descriptions of the same event; the large amount of blood that was shed when the Romans conquered the City of Jerusalem.

Rev 14:20  And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Dan 9:26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off [Jesus’ crucifixion], but not for Himself; And the people of the prince [Titus] who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end shall be with a flood [Refers to the large amount of blood that was shed], And till the end of the war desolations are determined.”

Nahum 1:7-8 The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His Enemies.

Josephus, B6, C8, V5 (406) But although they had pity for such as were destroyed in that manner, yet had they not the same for those that were still alive, but they ran everyone through whom they met with [Isaiah 13:15], and obstructed the very lanes with their dead bodies, and made the whole city run down with blood, to such a degree indeed that the fire of many of the homes was quenched with these men’s blood.

The Book of Enoch, Chapter C (100), Verses 1-3 And in those days in one place the fathers together with their sons shall be smitten and brothers one with another shall fall in death Till the streams flow with their blood. For a man shall not withhold his hand from his honoured brother: From dawn till sunset they shall slay one another. And the horse shall walk up to the breast in the blood of sinners, And the chariot shall be submerged to its height.

Revelation 4:7 The first living creature was like a lion [Babylon, the first destruction of the temple at Jerusalem], the second living creature like a calf [Daily Sacrifice], the third living creature had a face like a man [Son of Man], and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle [Roman Empire, the last destruction of the temple at Jerusalem]. 8  The four living creatures, each had six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” The meaning of verse 7 is: between the first destruction of the temple and its last destruction, the Daily Sacrifice will be replaced by the shedding of Jesus’ blood for the Jewish Nation, and all other people that require a blood sacrifice to God. Verse 8: The six wings represent the four winds plus up and down; in other words God is everywhere. The creatures giving God praise signifies that God was in control and caused these events to happen.

Revelation 6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth [Many of the Jews and Christians either died by the sword or by famine while the Romans were bringing the rebellion to an end. And many of those captured, were killed at the Coliseum at Rome and other amphitheaters around the Roman Empire, by gladiators and wild beasts imported from Africa.][Josephus, B6, C9, V2 (418) & B7, C2, V1 (24)].

Revelation 8:8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea [Mt Vesuvius erupted, killing those in Pompeii
and the surrounding areas and sunk many of the ships in the harbor, during Caesar Titus’ reign, and a third of the sea became blood [The Sibylline Oracles, Book II, Lines 19-20].

Revelation Chapter 12 is about Mary, the mother of Jesus; Jesus, and how the Roman Empire was at odds with Him; and how Jesus died for the sins of the Jewish Nation.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

John 12:30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself [The Last days began with the crucifixion of Jesus and lasted through the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, until the end of the Caesars’ reign, at which time God avenged the death of the saints].”

Chapter 13 of Revelation can easily be misinterpreted if it is taken literally. But visions are not to be interpreted in this way; they are full of symbols, which stand for spiritual things. Here are figurative (spiritual) guidelines for understanding this chapter. The beast rising up out of the sea is the same as the fourth beast seen in Daniel’s vision, and the ten horns with ten crowns are ten kings who rule over this kingdom [Daniel 7:23-24]. The crowns on the horns signify that the horns were rulers. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the city of Rome sits [Rev 17:9] and means that the beast was not human. While each of the horns can represent the beast, the beast was not a man. The head [horn][Not one of the seven mountains] that appeared to be mortally wounded but was healed is referring to the first Caesar [Julius Caesar] that was killed, but the Caesars did not die out because each of the following rulers adopted that title. Julius Caesar was considered a great leader. Verse 9, (If anyone has an ear, let him hear.) is not about physical hearing but is about having an open mind to understand the things of the Spirit [Isaiah 6:9-10]. The mark of the beast is not the same as the number of the beast but refers to its characteristics or the effect [mark] that it has on mankind. Not having the mark on the forehead means understanding what the beast is all about and not placing it above God, the Ruler of everything. The forehead is the symbolic place of our third eye (our understanding). Not having the mark on the hand means not doing the bidding of the beast or helping its cause, like the zealots who held the City of Jerusalem captive before the Romans overthrew them. The hands are symbolic of working or doing someone’s bidding. If you understand the number of a man (666), then you will know the beast, not that the beast is a man but it can be represented by a man.

Revelation 16:8-10 Then the forth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat. [This did indeed happen when Mt Vesuvius erupted. The people in Pompeii, Herculaneum and surrounding areas were burned to death by the great heat of the volcano.] and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness [Isaiah 5:30][The ash from the eruption blocked the sun’s rays]; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.
Revelation 17  Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters [These waters are explained in Rev 17:15], with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman [City of Rome] sitting on a scarlet beast [Roman Empire] which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads [seven mountains on which the City of Rome sits, Rev 17:9][The Sibylline Oracles, Book II, Line 19] and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication [To the materialistic eye, Rome appeared as royalty, but her spiritual corruptness was hidden behind all this glamour]. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus [Many of the early Christians, including Peter and Paul were killed in Rome, along with many of the captured Jews]. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. 7 But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman [Rome] sits. 10 “There are also seven kings. Five [Julius Caesar, Caesar Augustus, Caesar Tiberius, Caesar Caius (Caligula), and Caesar Claudius] have fallen, one [Caesar Nero] is, and the other [Caesar Vespasian][Caesars Galba, Otho, and Vitellius are not included because their reigns were so short and trivial] has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time [Vespasian’s reign only lasted for about 10 years]. 11 “The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth [Titus], and is of the seven [Titus was the son of Vespasian and was considered a beast because he would capture Jerusalem and destroy the Temple. But he is not the main beast of this vision], and is going to perdition. 12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom [spiritual kingdom] as yet, but they receive authority for one hour [a short period of time] as kings with the beast [Roman Empire]. 13 “These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 “These will make war with the Lamb [Jesus CHRIST], and the Lamb will overcome them [spiritually, not physically], for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” 15 Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues. 16 “And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot [The Jewish Nation, which was considered a harlot in the eyes of the Lord as prophesied by the Old Testament prophets], make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh [God’s Sacrificial Meal] and burn her with fire. 17 “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 “And the woman whom you saw is that great city [Rome] which reigns over the kings of the earth.”
Revelation 18:10 “standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city [comparing the city of Rome to Babylon]! For in one hour your judgment has come.”

Revelation 18:16 “And saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!’” This verse describes the materialistic splendor that was Rome’s [Josephus, B4, C10, V1 (587)].

Following are comparisons between the Book of Ezekiel and the Book of Revelations, which describe the setting up of Jesus CHRIST’s spiritual kingdom here on earth and the establishment of the true Church, which replaced the temple that was destroyed by the Romans.

Revel 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God. 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.

Eze 39:17 “And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God, ‘Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: “Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood. 18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, Drink the blood of the princes of the earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and bulls, All of them fatlings of Basham. 19 You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk, At My sacrificial meal [The Roman overthrow of Jerusalem] Which I am sacrificing for you [Zephaniah 1:7]. 20 You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with the men of war,” says the Lord God.

Revel 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Eze 40:2 In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city.

Revel 21:1 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

Eze 40:5 Now there was a wall all around the outside of the temple. In the man’s hand was a measuring rod six cubits long, each being a cubit and a handbreadth; and he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod; and the height, one rod.

Revel 21:13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Eze 40:21 Its gate chambers, three on this side and three on that side, its gateposts and its archways, had the same measurements as the first gate; its length was fifty cubits and its width twenty-five cubits.
Rev 21:15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
Eze 40:3 He took me there, and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze. He had a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand, and he stood in the gateway.

Rev 21:16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.
Eze 40:47 And he measured the court, one hundred cubits wide, foursquare. The altar was in front of the temple.

Rev 21:25 Its gate shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).
Eze 46:2 “The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
Eze 47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

Rev 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
Eze 47:7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and on the other.

Do not get hung up on all the detailed physical descriptions in these visions, because it is impossible to describe the spiritual with physical terms.

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. 18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets, and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Chapters 19 thru 22 of Revelation deal with the setting up of God’s throne here on earth and the first judgment, which occurred during the last days.

Rev 19:7 “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife [The Church; not organized religion, or any denomination, but
includes people from all religions. Revelation 7:9] has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Rev 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God [this is referring to Christ, not Jesus]. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 20: 11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them [Physical things are not found in heaven]. 12 I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books [This is the first judgment of all those who slept after they died prior to Jesus CHRIST’s resurrection and the setting up of His kingdom here on earth]. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Rev 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

Rev 22: 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 3:21 “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. Jesus CHRIST is already on His throne, and as soon as each of us overcomes this world we can join Him. Paul also said that Jesus CHRIST had ascended to His throne before the time that he wrote his letter to the Ephesians. Ephesians 1:19-21 and what is the exceeding greatness of His [God’s] power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come [The age that began at the end of Caesar Domitian’s reign and will go on until the end of this world]. If Jesus CHRIST was already on His throne, His final resting place with God, by that time, why would He have to leave and come back down to earth in a physical form and establish a kingdom in this world?
Rev 21:7  “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

All these things were completed when Jesus was crucified and God raised Him from the dead, and the abomination of desolation was set up at Jerusalem.

John 19:30  So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Rev 16:17  Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” [Rev 21:6]

Rev 22:9  Then He said to me, “See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

Rev 22:17  And the Spirit and the bride say “Come!” And let him who hears has spiritual understanding say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Rev 22:18  For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things [Anyone who is preaching the second physical coming of Jesus at some time in the future, is not entering the kingdom of God and keeping others out. These people are adding to this prophecy], God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city [kingdom of God], and from the things which are written in this book.

All these things in these visions have come to pass. The seventh angel has sounded and the mystery of God is completed.
Chapter 4

Understanding Matthew Chapter 24

My word is who I am! If I lie, then I am a liar. If I say that I hate someone, then I am a hateful person. If I tell people that I love them, then I am a person of love. But, if I tell people that I love them to deceive them, then I am a deceitful person. It is not the actual words spoken but the intent and meaning behind them, which is spiritual. This word is my true begotten son in the spirit. In the same way, God’s Word (the Spirit called CHRIST) is His only begotten son since His Word is Spirit, and is the same as Him.

Jesus spoke God’s Word as He received it from our Father. Therefore His words are true. If anyone omits any of His teachings, or adds words that were not spoken, or gives meanings that were not intended, then they are preaching the doctrine of man and not the true Gospel from God. It is sad to say that fundamentalists and extremists in all religions are preaching this doctrine of man. Anyone that advocates violence to force others to believe as they do is not preaching the gospel of Love [Romans 13:10].

In ancient times, God called the Israelites a “stiff neck” people because they refused to bow down before Him and realize that He is the one true God. Instead they worshipped other gods also. Today God is calling all His children a “close minded” people because they refuse to listen to all He has to say and obey. Many people know how to listen to God, but they have selective hearing; that is, they only hear what they want to hear. Fundamentalists groups in all religions are the ones most guilty of this sin. They refuse to listen to all that God is saying, and only believe what reinforces their limited beliefs. The danger with this thinking is that they believe they are the only ones listening to God and try to make all other fellow humans believe as they do. Even going so far as to say that these non-believes are doomed to eternal damnation if they do not believe the same way; and sometimes even use threats and force to try and sway them into believing the same as they do. An open mind that is willing to listen to God our Father is one of the best traits that a soul can possess.

The doctrine of man in the Christian faith began at the time the Bible was canonized. At that time a few men were trying to tell all others what they should read and what they should believe. The Christian mind was closed and instead of listening to God they believed what others told them. This doctrine has continued even until this day. Instead of teaching believers to listen to God the so-called spiritual leaders are telling people what they must believe, thereby closing the door to the kingdom of heaven. Spiritual leaders are more interested in increasing their following and their control over other men than they are of freeing men to know God, even though this is the pretense they use for their teaching. Beware of false Christ’s (spiritual leaders) that work with group control when they tell their congregation to lift their hands unto the Lord or when they ask their congregation to
recite a specific passage in unison and tell them if they do not follow and obey them they are not a true follower of God. God created each of us and is constantly with each of us giving us life and direction. Each breath that we take is a result of God ‘s spirit being in us [1Timothy 6:13]. Listen to God, not mankind.

A good example of this doctrine of man, which exists in the Christian religion, is, people are not believing the 24th chapter of Matthew as Jesus gave it, but are changing it, or ignoring verses, or adding words to support their interpretation of this scripture. Fundamentalists are the ones most guilty of this deceit (sin). In order to prove their theory of the rapture, or second physical coming of Jesus CHRIST, they have to distort what Jesus said. This theory of the rapture does not exist in the Bible, but is derived by taking several different verses from different places and assembling them to create this doctrine of man. Many times these verses are taken out of context or the meaning twisted to fit this theory.

At the beginning of Matthew chapter 24 the disciples come up to Jesus to show Him the buildings of the temple, to which He replies, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” Then, while He was sitting on the Mount of Olives His disciples asked him, “when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” His coming would be by the end of that age, not at the end of the world as many people are trying to make others believe. Jesus began His answer with: “take heed that no one deceives you.” He goes on to tell them the things that are about to happen that will lead up to these three events which the disciples have asked about. Jesus even tells the disciples, “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation [Acts 14:21-22 & Rev 1: 9] and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.” The you He was talking to was His disciples, not a future generation. There are some people that use this statement to say that this is happening today, therefore these are the last days and the end of the age, but Jesus was clearly answering His disciples, and referred to that time period. Next Jesus tells the disciples, “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place”. This statement ties His prophecy directly with the vision of Daniel. There have been many different explanations of this ‘abomination of desolation’, but several of them have nothing to do with desolation, or being desolate; they are just abominations unto the Lord. Then He goes on and tells them of more things that will happen. Next Jesus tells His disciples a parable of the fig tree, “When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.” This fig tree does not represent the nation of Israel, as some suggest, but only that as with the fig or any other tree that loses its leaves in the winter, when its new leaves begin to sprout, it is a sign that summer is near; so are the things which He mentioned a sign that the end of the age is near. This is clear in His next statement. “So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near – at the doors!” Luke 21:29-30 puts it this way: Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.”
Matthew 24:34 “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.” Instead of accepting this statement as the Truth (the Word of God) many say that “this generation” refers to a future generation or that it only refers to part of the prophecy (where the temple is destroyed by the Romans), or they omit this verse altogether. If Jesus were referring to a future generation, He would have said, “…that generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.” Nowhere in this chapter does it indicate that first Jesus is talking about His generation and then a future generation; neither does it say that He is talking about more than one generation. Remember that Jesus was answering His disciples’ questions, and that statement refers to their generation. And He said all these things, which includes all the signs He mentioned, not just part of them. God made sure that this verse also was included in the gospels of Mark and Luke (Mark 13:30 & Luke 21:32); almost word for word. Therefore it is highly significant, and anyone who is distorting the meaning of this verse or omitting it is promoting the doctrine of man.

Jesus says the same thing in Matthew 16:27-28 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.” This statement is not about His being transfigured on the mountain when Peter, John and James were present, as some people say, but is about His second coming. How can we be sure He is talking about His second coming? If we go to the very last chapter of Revelation 22:12-13, which we know is about His second coming, He says, “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” Many preachers come back with the statement that a thousand years are like a day in the eyes of the Lord, when they read that Jesus CHRIST said that He is “coming quickly.” That statement is true, but Jesus CHRIST was not talking to our heavenly Father, He was talking to a human being; therefore time references would be in human terms. It is also true that a million years are like a day in the eyes of the Lord; there are no time elements in the spiritual realm [2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. Many preachers are only quoting part of this scripture and ignoring the other part. If there is no darkness in the kingdom of God, there can be no nights. Therefore, time, as we know it is a physical thing only]. “Coming quickly” means shortly or soon, not 2000 years in the future. Also note, any time Jesus referred to the Son of Man or the Christ in the four Gospels it was in the third person, but in Revelation Jesus CHRIST is speaking in the first person.

Since Jesus did indeed, spiritually, return before the end of the disciple’s generation, His prophecy about John came true. John 21:21 Peter, seeing him [John], said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” 22 Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” 23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but,”If
I will that he remain till I come what is that to you?” While Peter was crucified by Caesar Nero [2 Peter 1:13-15], John did live until Jesus CHRIST returned.

Again in Luke 11:29 And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, “This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. 30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation. 31 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.”

Was Jesus talking about a future generation? NO! Anytime He referred to this generation He was referring to the generation of which He and His disciples were part. This generation does not mean one thing in one verse of the Bible and something just the opposite in another. Also, He was saying in this scripture that when the first judgment was to take place, that those who had fallen asleep after they died would be raised to take part in that judgment.

John 5:26 “For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son [the CHRIST] to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man [the CHRIST as He was in the body of Jesus and all humans]. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth-those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. Jesus was talking to the Jewish leaders and gave this prophecy before He was crucified. This prophecy was also included in the vision of Daniel and told about by Isaiah. Daniel 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt, and Isaiah 26:19 Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead [The Book of Enoch, Chapter XCII, Verse 10]. It was fulfilled after His resurrection as recorded in the gospel of Matthew. Matthew 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened [Suetonius, The Lives of the Caesars, The Life of Vespasian, C23, V4 & The Life of Nero, C46, V2]; and many bodies [spiritual bodies] of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared [as ghosts] to many. This is the time that the saints were made white as prophesied in Daniel 11:33-35 and Daniel 12:9-10, and given a white robe [a temporary ghostly body for their souls to reside in] as mentioned in Revelation 6:9-11. But then they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was complete [this was completed at the fall of Jerusalem which is also known as God’s Sacrificial Meal]. If this were not the prelude to the first judgment, would
God have raised all these people and used Jesus to raise Lazarus and the others from death just to return them to the grave at a later date? NO! This is the one and only mass resurrection. These ghostly bodies [lower spiritual forms] then assembled around the Temple before it’s destruction, and were the cause of the sound of the multitudes saying, “Let us remove from here.” which was recorded by Flavius Josephus [Josephus, B6, C5, V3, (300)] and Cornelius Tacitus [The Histories of Ancient Rome, Book 5, Verse 13]. In this New Age the body is cast aside when a person dies and the soul lives on to receive its reward; it is not held in sleep. It is a wondrous thing that God reveals His plan to mankind and then lets them know when it has been fulfilled. Because of this we know that we have eternal life.

Even the apostle Paul believed Jesus when He said that the Son of Man would return before the end of that generation. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 Paul writes, For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first [see previous paragraph as to when the dead were raised]. Then we who are alive and remain [In the physical world] shall be caught up [This occurred at Jesus CHRIST’s return as recorded in the Epistle of Apollos. Ever since that time, when anyone leaves the physical world their soul is raised (vibrations increased) to be with others that have been raised. This is an individual experience and not as a group like at the first judgment.] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. If Paul did not believe that the Son of Man’s return would be during his generation as Jesus had said, then he would have written “Then those who are alive and remain…” and would not have included himself in that group. Although Paul was killed by Caesar Nero at Rome [2 Timothy 4:6], along with Peter and many other early Christians whom were blamed for the fire, which destroyed a large part of Rome, Jesus CHRIST’s return occurred during his generation.

One verse in the 24th chapter of Matthew that the people, who are trying to prove the future physical coming of Jesus CHRIST, add words to is: “Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.” They add that the good man would be taken and the evil or bad man would be left. Jesus did not say that one of the men was good and the other one bad, nor did He say that both of the men were good or both bad. If these words appear in this verse in any translation of the Bible, they are only in the latest translations and are placed there to deceive people into believing this doctrine of man. Jesus was only saying that not all would be taken at the same time. This part of Jesus’ prophecy also appears in the book of Luke 17:22-37, but is not included with the rest of the prophecy as presented in the book of Matthew. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is talking to His disciples and telling them things that are going to happen to them. In other words, it will happen before the end of their generation. Luke 17:24 “For as the lightening that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His Day. 25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.”
If Jesus CHRIST’s words are true, and he was not lying, then His second coming, which included the first judgment, and the end of that age were before the end of the disciples’ generation. It is up to each person to decide if they want to believe the words of Jesus or the doctrine of man.

Rejoice! The kingdom of heaven is not on its way; it is already here! For God’s Spirit dwells with mankind, and the kingdom of heaven is at Hand!
Chapter 5
What is the Antichrist?

Jesus never warned about the Antichrist in the Bible. He said that there would be people who would come and say that they are the CHRIST. These people are the false christs that He told His disciples about in Matthew 24:4-5: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." And in Matthew 24:24: "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." He was talking about false christs not antichrists; there is a difference. False christs pretend to be Christ; while antichrists are against everything that Christ stands for and even deny that He appeared here in the flesh. Both of these references, as well as His other references in the New Testament, are about multiple false christs not just one single Antichrist.

The place in the Bible where the Antichrist is mentioned is 1st & 2nd John [There are a couple versions of the Bible which mentions the antichrist in 2 Thessalonians 2:9, but the word antichrist is in parentheses which in the Bible means that it was not in the original manuscript but added at some later time as an interpretation of the scribe or translator]. In these two epistles, John describes the Antichrist and says that it was already present in the world. 1 John 2:18: Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know it is the last hour. 1 John 2:22: Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 1 John 4:1-3: Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God [Anyone who says that Jesus is God is denying that Jesus was a Man with a body of flesh]. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. John sums this up in 2 John 1:7: For many deceivers have gone out into the world who did not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

According to John, the Antichrist is not someone that says that he is Christ or pretends to be Christ, but a spirit that denies that the Christ came into this world in the physical body of Jesus. These antichrists were present in the world back in John’s day, and they have remained in this world even until today. Christ was manifested in the flesh in the body of Jesus, but He (the Spirit called CHRIST) still dwells in each of God’s children even today. The people who deny that the CHRIST is present in the flesh (each of God’s children) today are the antichrists that are now in the world.

There are many preachers today that say the beast and/or the dragon mentioned in the book of Revelation is the Antichrist. Jesus did not say that this was true during His earthly ministry; nor did He refer to the Antichrist when talking to John of Patmos in his vision, which was recorded in Revelation. Anyone who says that this beast and/or the dragon is the Antichrist is in error [The beast as it is described in Daniel 7:23 is a kingdom, not a person]. They are promoting the doctrine of man. If the beast (dragon) in Revelation is the same as the Antichrist that John mentioned in the 1st and 2nd Epistles of John, then this would be further proof that the last days and the End of the Age occurred back in John’s
day, since he said that the antichrist was already in the world. But this is not so. Even though the last days and the End of the age did occur back then, the beast is the same as the beast mentioned in the vision of Daniel, not the Antichrist mentioned in the Epistles of John, and the dragon is the country of Italy.

We should not be looking for the Antichrist to come and usher in the physical return of Jesus CHRIST. As with the Spirit of Christ, the Antichrist is a spirit and cannot be seen with the physical eye. This spirit can be manifested in a human body but it is still a spirit. Anyone who is telling us that this is the last days and to wait on the day that the Lord will return, which will arrive shortly, is denying that the CHRIST is in the world (in the Flesh) now. This person is an Antichrist.

Many people have been raised on the doctrine of man regarding the rapture and they believe what they have been told is true. But anyone preaching this message has to pick scriptures from different places in the Bible and assemble them to give a complete story of what they believe will happen. The story of the rapture, as presented today, does not exist in its entirety anywhere in the Bible. That is one of the problems with just reading scriptures randomly, and not reading the entire Bible, people do not know when they are being lied to. Many of the leaders teaching this doctrine of man do not intend to deceive others, but they are in error because they believe what their teachers told them is the truth. If you want to know the truth, ask God to give you understanding; do not rely on others to tell you what God is saying. Let God be your spiritual guide, not another human.

You cannot say both: that God and Jesus CHRIST are in the world today, and that they will return. Either They are here with us now or They are not here and will return.

Praise GOD and His Son, the CHRIST, and the HOLY SPIRIT, which is our soul’s connection to GOD and CHRIST. All three exist as ONE and are in this world today. Do not wait for them. The kingdom of heaven is at hand!
Chapter 6

Interpretation of the Book of Joel

There is much debate as to when the Book of Joel was actually written, but most scholars agree that it was written sometime in the middle of the 700’s BC. That would make it over 100 years before Nebuchadnezzar took the Israelites captive into Babylon.

The Book of Joel is prophesying future events that will happen to the Nation of Judah and the city of Jerusalem. These events include both the time that Nebuchadnezzar took the Nation of Judah captive and the period of time that the Roman Caesars ruled the Nation of Israel.

The four locusts mentioned in Joel 1:4 are symbolic and correspond to the four beasts which Daniel saw in his vision which he received many years later during the Jewish captivity in Babylon. The chewing locust was the Babylonians. The swarming locust was the Persians. The crawling locust was the Macedonians. The consuming locust was the Roman Empire during the reign of the Caesars.

Joel 1:6  For a nation has come up against My land, strong and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a fierce lion. This is referring to the Babylonians (the lion is the symbol of the Babylonians). The symbol for the Romans was the eagle.

Joel 1:16  Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?  Jeremiah 52:6  By the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.  Matthew 24:7  “For nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places (all of these things happened as recorded in the Jewish Wars by Josephus).”

Joel 2:1  Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain!  Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord is coming, for it is at hand; The day of the Lord includes both the capture and destruction of Jerusalem, as well as the destruction of the temple. This has happened twice; when Nebuchadnezzar took the city and when the Romans overran it in 70 AD. Therefore this prophecy is referring to both events.

Joel 2:2  A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains (thick dark clouds were created when the temple and other buildings throughout the city were set on fire. If there was a low pressure front present, these clouds would hang low in the sky at the top of the mountains). A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations (since there were many successive generations between the times of the Babylonians and the Roman Caesars, this refers to both times).

Joel 2:7-8  They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks. They do not push one another; every
one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, they are not cut down (this is a good description of how the Roman army fought, they marched in tight rows and columns and when a soldier in the front was cut down the soldier behind him would step up and take his place thereby maintaining a strong united front).

Joel 2:10 The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness (Matthew 24:29). This did indeed happen when Mt Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD during Caesar Titus’ reign. Also the light from the sun and moon was diminished by the dark smoke created by the burning temple and buildings throughout the city.

Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward (a period of time after the Israelites return from Babylonian captivity) that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and also on my menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost as reported in Acts 2:15-18 “for these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is (Peter did not say that it was going to be fulfilled sometime in the future, but was referring to that particular moment) what was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy

Joel 2:30-31 And I will show wonders in the heavens (sky) and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke (this is foretelling the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79 AD). The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood (the ash from the eruption caused the light from the sun to be darkened and it caused the moon to have a red appearance), before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord (this is a different day than the great and terrible day of the Lord)

Joel 3:1 “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, Many preachers today are saying that this passage refers to the establishment of the Nation of Israel in 1948 AD, but this is not true, since the Jews that returned to that new state were not captives but were only in exile. There is a big difference between being in captivity and being in exile. [This prophecy is referring to the time of the Babylon captivity only, since there were very few captives left after the Romans got through torturing and killing them. Many of the Jews were killed immediately after they surrendered (these were the fortunate ones). The rest were sold into slavery or killed in the coliseums around the empire or sent to the Aegean Islands as prisoners of war. In 67 AD, Caesar Nero began digging the canal at Corinth Greece and the prisoners were moved from the islands to Greece to do the digging. But, a short time later, after Nero committed suicide, Caesar Galba stopped the canal digging and sent the prisoners back to the Aegean Islands. There they remained until Caesar Vespasian began construction of the Colosseum at Rome. The slaves were then moved to Italy to quarry the stones and transport them the twenty miles from the quarry to the building sight. After the Colosseum was completed, the captives that remained were killed, in the very structure that they had help create, by gladiator swords and wild animals that had been imported from Africa. This was the fulfillment of the Revelation prophecy of John of Patmos (Revelation 6:8).]
The first and only correct event that fulfills this prophecy is recorded in Ezra 2:1 Now these are the people of the province who came back from the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to his own city.

Joel 3:5 Because you have taken My silver and My gold and have carried into your temples My prized possessions. Here again this only refers to the Babylon captivity since the temple items that were plundered by the Romans before the temple was destroyed were not taken into the Roman temples. Ezra 1:7 King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods.

All the rest of the passages in this prophecy of Joel’s can apply to both of these time periods. They are describing what will happen to the people if they continue in their errant ways, and what God would do for them if they would turn back and follow Him.

Notes on visions, dreams, and prophecies

1. Most visions are received in night dreams or while the recipient is in a trance state.
2. Most dreams and visions contain symbols which need to be interpreted, with the exception of what I call imminent premonitions (when someone receives a dream of something that is about to happen). A good example is when God used an angel to warn Joseph in a dream that he should move the family to Egypt (Matthew 2:13).
3. If something is unknown or does not exist at the time a prophecy is given, then symbols are used, i.e. the locust in Joel 1:4. Otherwise, all prophecies and the correct interpretations of visions must be taken literally except when they are about spiritual things; then they become parables since physical things are not found in the spiritual realm (heaven).
4. No time that the events will occur can be mentioned in prophecies because man’s free will affects the time of the actual occurrence of the events, but know that God’s will, will be done.
Chapter 7

Understanding 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2

The second chapter of Paul’s second epistle to the Thessalonians deals with the second coming of Jesus CHRIST. It was during a period of time after Jesus CHRIST ascended into heaven and before the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed that the Apostle Paul wrote this letter.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come [The second coming of Jesus CHRIST had not occurred before the time that Paul wrote this epistle]. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first [Paul is prophesying, soon to happen, future events. The falling away refers to the time that the Jewish Nation tried to get out from under Roman rule and Caesar Nero sent Vespasian to bring them back in line. This period of time also included the Roman civil war where the Julio-Claudian Dynasty was replaced by the Flavian Dynasty, which included Vespasian and his two sons Titus and Domitian], and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition [The Flavian Dynasty], 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God [After Titus captured the Temple at Jerusalem, he stood in the Temple and admired its grandeur, but believed himself to be superior to God because he had defeated the Jewish people]. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things [1The 3:4]? 6 And now you know what is restraining [Paul was saying that the Thessalonians knew what and who he was talking about], that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work [the events had already begun that would usher in the return of Jesus CHRIST]; only He who now restrains [Nero, the last Caesar of the Julio-Claudian Dynasty began the war, which put down the rebellion of the Jews, and persecuted the Christians] will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and will destroy with the brightness of His coming [Vespasian died of natural causes, but was in great agony before his death]. 9 The coming of the lawless one [Domitian, who persecuted the Christians] is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.
During the Julio-Claudian Dynasty all the sons that ascended to the throne after their fathers were killed or died, were adopted sons. But during the Flavian Dynasty, Titus and Domitian were true natural sons of Vespasian; therefore in this prophesy of Paul’s, all three together are considered as one person, or the son of perdition. The works that God wrought through Jesus and these three combined brought to fulfillment the prophecies of the Old and New Testaments.

Of the twelve Caesars that ruled the Roman Empire, only three died of natural causes; all the others either were killed or committed suicide. The three that died of natural causes were in power during three major events of Jewish-Christian history. Augustus was emperor when Jesus was born. Tiberius was emperor when Jesus CHRIST was crucified, raised from the dead, and then ascended into heaven. Vespasian was emperor when his son Titus, the prince, destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem, thereby setting up the abomination of desolation in the Holy Place.

Rejoice! Jesus CHRIST has returned as He said He would. The kingdom of heaven is at hand!
Chapter 8

Jesus has returned as He promised He would

Matthew 10:23 “When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Matthew 16:27-28 “For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.” (Rev 22:12)

Matthew 24:34 “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will no means pass away till all these things take place.”

Mark 9:1 And He said to them, “Assuredly I say to you that there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

Mark 13:30 “Assuredly I say to you, This generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.”

Mark 14:62 Jesus said, I am, And you (Caiaphas, the high priest) will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Luke 9: 26-27 “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.”

Luke 21:32 “Assuredly I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.”

1 John 2:18 “little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His Angel to His servant John.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.
Revelation 3:11  “Behold, I am coming quickly (soon)!  Hold fast what you have, that no
one may take your crown.”

Revelation 10:5-6  The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up
his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and
the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things
that are in it, that there should be delay no longer.

Revelation 22:6-7  Then he said to me, “These things are faithful and true.”  And the Lord
God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly
take place.

Revelation 22:10  And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book,
for the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:12  “And behold, I am coming quickly (soon), and my reward is with Me, to
give to every one according to his work.”  (Matt 16:27-28)

Revelation 22:20  He who testifies to these things says, “surely I am coming quickly.”

Both the very beginning and ending of Revelation state that the events mentioned were
about to happen.

Of course Jesus said “But of that day and hour no one knows, …” (Matthew 24:36 & Mark
13:32) but He also said that His return would be before the end of that generation.  Both of
these statements were true and were fulfilled.

When the fact that Jesus Christ did indeed return before the end of the disciples’
generation, as He promised is applied, all of these scriptures as well as the prophecies of
Daniel, Ezra and Jesus come alive and stand complete on their own two feet.
But when the interpretation that Jesus’ return is sometime yet to come, as the church is
preaching today, is applied, all of these scriptures are dead with no meaning, and can only
be given the illusion of some life when the meanings are distorted or scriptures from other
places in the Bible are added.  Even then, these prophecies are not complete with many
passages left unexplained.

Much misunderstanding and confusion comes from the fact that many people and some of
the more recent translations of the Bible state that Jesus’ return would be at the end of the
world.  When in fact the earlier translations state that His return would be at the end of the
Age.  One scripture states that it would be at the end of time, but this does not mean the
end of the world, just the end of time for that age.  The end of the first age was at the flood.
The end of the second age was when the Jewish Nation was no longer god’s chosen
people, but all peoples, races, and religions are equal in God’s eyes, and at which time
Jesus returned to the Jewish people as He promised.  As we all know, the end of the world
is yet to come.  It may be a thousand years or a million years from now.  Here again no one
knows the day or hour of the end of the earth – only God.
Part II

Living in the Kingdom of God
Chapter 9

Understanding God

To enter the kingdom of God you must first know who and what God is. You will not accidentally stumble upon the kingdom of God in your daily life. It is something that must actively be searched for. I would suggest that you start by reading, with an open mind, everything about God that you can find, and let the CHRIST within reveal God to you.

Let me begin with an explanation of vibrations. The definitions for the word vibrate in the American College Dictionary are: 1. to move to and fro, as a pendulum does; oscillate. 2. to move to and fro or up and down quickly and repeatedly; quiver; tremble. 3. (of sounds) to produce or have a quivering or vibratory effect; resound. 4. to thrill, as in emotional response. 5. to move between extremes; fluctuate; vacillate. –v.t. 6. to cause to move to and fro, swing; or oscillate. 7. to cause to move to and fro or up and down quickly and repeatedly; cause to quiver or tremble. 8. to give forth or emit (sound, etc.) by or as by vibratory motion.

Genesis 1:1-2  In the beginning of God’s preparing the heavens and the earth – the earth hath existed waste and void, and darkness [is] on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God fluttering [vibration]on the face of the waters, (Young’s Literal Translation).

All things in this physical world and the spiritual realm have vibrations. At first glance all these vibrations appear random, but there is a definite order to them. They all come from God (the breath of God). All things in this physical world are made from the same basic elements, atoms that contain protons, neutrons and electrons. What makes each substance unique and different is the frequency of their vibration. All vibrations that are evident in the physical realm, can be broken down into seven main groups or frequency ranges

Following is the descending order of vibration ranges from God:

- **GOD**
- Thought (yes thoughts are vibrations)
- Light
- Frequencies not sensed by man (radio, x-rays, etc.)
- Sound vibrations
- Fluids (gases, liquids, etc.)
- Semi-fluids (includes flesh)
- Solids

Both light and sound are vibrations, but each with their own frequency range. The human eye is made to receive only the light frequency range, even though all frequencies, including sound, are bombarding it at all times. The vibrations are then sent to the brain where they are processed, and we say that a person has sight. A blind person cannot perceive these vibrations, but that does not mean that they don’t exist. The human ear is designed to receive only the sound frequency range.

The Spirit of God is also a vibration. This vibration is diffused everywhere throughout the whole spiritual realm (heaven) and the whole universe (earth). It is written in the Bible in Jeremiah 23: 23-24 “Am I a God near at hand,” says the Lord, “And not a God afar off?
Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the Lord; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord. In this scripture, heaven refers to all the vibrations above the physical realm and not the sky above the earth. With this vibration God created everything, and with it, He causes things to happen: even winds, drought, storms and all natural happening on this earth. God even talks to men by this spirit (vibration). Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. God’s Spirit is the perfect vibration. As you move away (not physical direction) from God the vibration frequency decreases.

God is soul, which includes Love, Thought, Personality and other spiritual attributes. With His thought He controls His Spirit. In this way man is created in the image of God, with soul (a.k.a. spiritual heart) and spirit (a.k.a. life, a.k.a. vibration) To be close to God we must have a spiritual vibration frequency close to God’s. When Man was first created he was placed in the Garden of Eden (not a physical place but a spiritual existence). With his thought, man has the choice to live in harmony with God or try to do it himself. Man can never get away from God’s Spirit! When man tried to do things on his own, his vibration was decreased and his soul came into the physical world (kicked out of the garden)[The Sibylline Oracles, Book I, Lines 64-67]. Genesis 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them [This is referring to our physical bodies, not animal skin clothing]. We are now trying to work our way back to God, and God is drawing us back (realigning our vibrations). Acts 17:26-29 “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him [His Spirit] we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are His offspring.’ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.” Since spiritual vibrations are at a higher frequency than physical vibrations, physical things like mansions and streets of gold do not exist in the spiritual realm. But these higher vibrations are more satisfying, and these physical things are used to show a state of contentment (they are parables).

If God’s Spirit is everywhere throughout heaven and earth, that means It is in our bodies and all around us. We are truly a temple of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? Jesus’ whole ministry on this earth was that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.” And again in Luke 17:20-21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” The kingdom of heaven is where God reigns as supreme ruler, which is everywhere [Ephesians 4:6]. Matthew 23:13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” Anyone who is waiting for Jesus to return in a physical form, and is preaching that message, is like the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus’ day. They too were waiting for the messiah to come and relieve them of their physical afflictions. 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
Hebrews 13:5  *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* (Also Deuteronomy 31:6, 8 and Joshua 1:5)  If God will never leave us, why would He have to come back?

Like God, our spirits (vibrations) fluctuate with our thoughts. As we think about God our spiritual vibrations raise (become higher), and as we dwell on physical or earthly things our vibrations are lowered (away from God). So we should seek to really know God personally (not just about Him) and in our daily lives, we should dwell on Him as much as possible to bring our spirits back into alignment with His. 1 Chronicles 28:9  *“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.”*  Jesus said in John 4:23-24  *“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

We should not love the things that are physical. To desire anything physical is a sin because it takes our mind off God. To desire a new car, a new stereo, or even a nice slender good-looking body are all things we should avoid since they are worldly things. 1 John 2:15-16  *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.* When we let these things come between God and us, they become as idols. Ezekiel 14:3  *“Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?”* Romans 8:5  *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.* Romans 8:13  *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

What then can we do to help raise our spiritual vibrations? Love all the other souls that are traveling through this physical existence (the valley of the shadow of death) with us. Do not despise or hate anyone. Forgive anyone that you perceive has wronged you. For since God is in control of everything, this act was either a test or a chastisement from Him. Help all who you see in need, to the best of your ability. And thank God for the fact that you know He is with you constantly. Do not boast about anything that God has given you, whether it be physical or a spiritual understanding. Jeremiah 9:23-24  *Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and rightness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord. 1 John 3:11-17  *For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murder, and you know that no murder has eternal life abiding in Him.* By this we know
love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world’s goods and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Angels are like God in that they are forces with vibrations. They can be considered mini Gods. They were created by God and are therefore under His control. There are forces (angels) that control the wind, likewise a different force for each aspect of nature and all things in this physical world. But each force is under the direction and control of God. Angels do not have a human like body but these forces can work through and upon physical bodies. They are spiritual and cannot be seen with our physical eyes. Therefore, when someone says they have seen an angel, it is just a physical manifestation of this force at work. To give names to angels is to try to make them human, when in fact they are spirits. Like God, mankind has thought and can control these forces. In this way man is above the angels. When the forces (angels) of doubt and fear enter our minds we can either dwell on them or we can send them away (dismiss them).

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.” God is not a stern taskmaster that stands over us with a whip to keep us in line. But more like an all Knowing, Force or Power that created everything and is constantly within everything, and has no physical characteristics that can be seen with the human eye. The only way we can see (know) Him (even in heaven) is with our spiritual eye, which is our understanding. His laws include all the laws of nature, which He created; plus the laws of Love, Caring, Giving and etc. To break any of His laws is to work against God’s Spirit, and we must suffer the consequences.

Blessed is the one who does not require miracles to know (spiritually see) God. God does not work signs and miracles through everyone, so don’t be anxious if you cannot see God working in your life. Just know that He is always there leading you all the way. When God does miracles through and for other people it is not a sign that He loves them more than you. Everyone is of the same value to God and He loves everyone equally.

Once our spiritual vibrations come back into harmony with God’s Spirit, we have come through the fire and become perfect building blocks for His kingdom. Not physical blocks, but a spiritual vibration that blends perfectly with all other vibrations. Our spirits will not cause discord within His kingdom. Ephesians 2:21-22 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Isaiah 48:10 “Behold I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.”

Praise God and worship Him Only, for He is the Creator of everything!
Chapter 10

Understanding Sin

Everything that was created was created in God’s Spirit, and God’s Spirit is in everything. Because of this, He has always been with man and will always be with man. He is not at some distant place out in space.

If you want to enter the kingdom of heaven here on earth, turn from your wicked ways and praise the Lord.

Wicked ways are anything that takes your mind from God.

www.thenazareneway.com/perfect_way_part1.htm  Lecture the Seventh, Part II  19. THE full significance of the Parable under consideration, and the unity of the mystic Scriptures, become conspicuously apparent when we collate their various corresponding utterances, as by taking into account those also of the Book of Revelation. For it is there that the doctrine of the Woman receives its crowning recognition as the foundation of that true Christianity which those persistent suppressors of the women – the world’s materializing priesthoods – have so nearly extinguished. Let us, then, – though at the risk of some repetition – collate these two utterances, between the delivery of which so many thousands of years elapsed. 20. In creating Man [the physical body], God creates one whole and perfect being, formed of two distinct parts, Adam the earthly, exterior man, and Eve the spiritual and interior man, his soul and “living mother.” These two are joined together by God in perfect union as one creature, and made, for the time [while man lives in this physical world], indispensable to each other. Adam, as the manifested personality or man [the subconscious], is not complete, that is, is not a man having Manhood, until Eve, the soul [the conscious mind] or woman, is added to him as helpmeet and guide. By the addition of her the two natures become one Humanity. 21. From this state of perfection Humanity soon falls. For Eve, the soul, withdrawing her steadfast gaze from the proper object of her regard, namely, her spirit, God [the Christ], fastens them on things below, things earthly and material, which are to her the “forbidden fruit,” since her nature is spiritual. Beholding this fruit, and finding it pleasant to the eyes, she puts forth her hand and plucks of it, and gives of it to her husband, or Adam, to eat with her. 22. This is ever the history of sin. The exterior personality cannot of itself sin, for it is not a responsible being. Sin is of the soul; and it comes of the soul’s inclination to the things of sense. Taking of this fruit and enjoying it, she is said to eat it. And at her instigation “Adam” does likewise. And thenceforth, instead of the soul operating within him to purify and enlighten him, and lead him upwards towards the Spirit, together they become sensual and debased. And thus the sin, which has its commencement in the thought of the soul, afterwards becomes developed into action through the energy of the body or masculine part. 23. The sin consummated, the result is inevitable. Adam and his wife, the man and his soul, hear the voice of the Lord God speaking through their conscience. And sensible that they are no longer clad in the purity which alone enables man to face his Maker, they fly, as one caught naked, to hide from the Divine presence. Having rejected God, and no longer looking up to Him, as her Lord and King, the soul, Eve, falls under the sway of Adam and the body. He rules her, and her desire is unto him: and thenceforth Matter has dominion in them over the spirit [Romans 1:24-25. Therefore God also gave them up to
uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature [What God has created. This includes Jesus, the man] rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever]. The garden of perfection is lost, and the world becomes for them a wilderness.

24. Meanwhile Adam, being interrogated by the Divine Voice, lays the blame upon Eve. For, but for the soul within him, the man had not known or been capable of committing sin; sin being possible only where there is a sense of right and wrong, which the soul alone possesses. Eve, interrogated in her turn, throws the blame on the serpent of Matter – sense, or the lower nature – through whose allurements she has fallen. It is no particular act that thus constitutes sin. And sin does not consist in fulfilling any of the functions of nature. Sin consists in acting without or against the spirit, and in not seeking the divine sanction in everything that is done. For sin is not of the physical but of the spiritual man. And by the spirit the act is redeemed or condemned. It is sheer materialism and idolatry to regard an act as itself sinful. For to do this, is to invest that which is merely physical with a spiritual attribute.

Do not waste your time preaching against the devil, it only lifts him up, and gives him more power. Instead, continuously thank and praise the Lord. For He alone is ruler over everything.

All the different religions of the world can be likened to the blind men that were describing an elephant. One of the blind men was standing with his arms wrapped around the elephant’s leg, and he said that the elephant was like an oak tree with a very large trunk. The second blind man was sitting on the elephant’s back, and said that it was like a huge rock, that if rolled down a mountainside, could easily crush a house. The third man was holding the tail, and said that the elephant was like a strong rope that could wrap around a man and easily bind him. The last man was holding the elephant’s trunk and said an elephant was like a hose that could spray a powerful stream of water that would easily knock over a man. To each of the men the elephant was revealed differently, yet it was only one animal.

Like the blind men, we are all blind and only see the part of God that He reveals to each of us. Just because God does not reveal the same thing to everyone at the same time, does not mean that some people are right and all the others are wrong. Everyone is right that is listening to God personally (not what someone else is saying that God said), and doing as He instructs. When a person believes strongly that something is true, it becomes a law for them only and not necessarily for all others. All statements are ambiguous and have more than one meaning. The meanings that God reveals to you are for you only. A good example of this is where it is recorded in the Bible that Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6). It could mean that you must accept Jesus, the man, as your personal savior, as the church is preaching today (This is a literal or physical interpretation). Or it could mean that the only way to God is the same way that Jesus took; that is to listen to the Christ, which is within each of us (This is a figurative or spiritual interpretation). Or it could mean something entirely different. The correct meaning for you, and you alone, is the one that God reveals to you. When God reveals the understanding of anything to you, do not try to impose the same understanding on everyone else. Do not be quick to condemn anyone who does not believe the same as you, nor patronize them, because God is directing their path, as He is yours, just not in the same way. All religions should be working together and helping each
other, since we are all children of God; not trying to tear each other’s religion down. Patiently and humbly with an open mind, not debating, listen to everyone from all religions, but only believe what God tells you. Beware of wolves in sheep’s clothing, which say that you will be condemned to eternal torment and punishment if you do not believe as they do or do as they tell you. Only God, the creator of all souls, can condemn a soul to eternal condemnation (but this is something He will not do). No matter how well intentioned these wolves think they are, God has given this power to none of his created souls. When you understand and can reconcile all the different religious beliefs in your own mind, not having to prove anything to anyone else, you will know that you are on the right path.

Worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and Jesus, and Mohammad, and the God that Buddha worshiped. He is the same God. Which is the one and only true God that created everything.
Chapter 11

Christ – the Son of God, Jesus – the Son of Man

God is spirit, and any offspring would have to be spirit. God’s Word, which is Truth, and the Understanding of this Word, Light, is His offspring, the Son of God! Christ is one of the names that have been given to this Spirit. 1 John 5:7  For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Everything God created was by this Word. John 1:1  In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. This Spirit (Christ) is placed in all humans as they enter this physical world [Titus 2:11-12][Colossians1:26-27][Josephus, B3, C8, V5 (372)]. How we receive Him is up to each of us individually. This Spirit also affects our conscience, telling us right from wrong. John 1:9  That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world did not know Him. He is Spirit, and the world is looking at physical things.

John 1:11-16 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name [the name Christ not the name Jesus]: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God [spiritually]. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us [not physically, but figuratively or spiritually], and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth [To beget something is to procreate or generate that thing (to cause or produce as an effect) and is not the same as a beloved thing which is something greatly or best loved]. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace [Those who do not know or understand the Christ Spirit say that this is all about Jesus, when in fact it is talking about spiritual things since God is Spirit]. John 1:17  For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ [Just as the law came from God through a physical man, so was grace and truth revealed from God through a physical man (not a begotten Son, but a beloved Son)]. John 1:18  No one has seen God at any time. The only Begotten Son [the Christ Spirit] who is in the bosom of the father, He has declared Him [through Jesus the man and continues to declare Him to each of us individually today].

Notice how the writer of this gospel starts out with God, who is a Spirit, instead of the physical man Jesus as in the other gospels. He is trying to get you thinking of the spiritual aspect of this life instead of the physical. To claim that Jesus is God is making something spiritual into something physical. God cannot become man (if He did, His vibration would be reduced to the point that He was no longer God), but He can use man to spread His word throughout this physical world.

A verse of the Bible which is frequently taken out of context is John 10:30  “I and my Father are one.” Many people stop there and say that Jesus and God are the same person or being, or this is a unique situation between Jesus and God. They fail to go on and read
the following verses where Jesus explains what He meant by that statement. John 10:31
Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “Many good
works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone me?” 33
The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for
blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” 34 Jesus answered
them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are Gods’”? 35 “If He called them
Gods, to whom the word of God came (And the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you
say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’
because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’”? 37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not
believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may
know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.” What Jesus was saying is when
the word of God comes to anyone, they become one with God. It can also be said that God
is in each of us and we are in Him.

Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven,
and sat down at the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:12 But this Man, after He had
offered one sacrifice for sin forever, sat down at the right hand of God. Hebrews 12:2
looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before
Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the
throne of God. If Jesus is God and/or is one with the Father, as the church is preaching
today, why would there be two separate thrones? If Jesus were God He would occupy the
same throne as the Father.

A good example of how the church misleads men is when they use the analogy of a family
unit to describe God. They say that just as a father and a mother and a child makes one
family so to does the Father and Jesus and The Holy Spirit make one God. This is
misdirection, not explaining God, but bringing Him down to the physical level. God is
Spirit not a physical entity or group of entities [physical or spiritual]. At the very least, this
analogy would mean that God has a split personality or three distinctly different
personalities. God is our Father in the sense that He created us, as he created everything.
His Spirit is not a separate entity with a mind of Its own but only acts as the mind of God
wills It and is a part of God our Father. Just as our spirit does not work by and of itself,
but as our soul directs it and is a part of us. God our Father will direct the Holy Spirit as
He sees fit (It does not act on Its own). Luke 11:13 “If you then, being evil, know how to
give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy
Spirit to those who ask Him!” John 7:38-39 “He who believes in Me, as the scripture has
said, out of his heart [not Jesus’ heart, but the one who believes] will flow rivers of living
water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would
receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified [also
John 14:26, Acts 2:33, Romans 5:5, and 1Thessalonians 4:8]. There are many other
scriptures that describe what the Holy Spirit does or how It works, but none of them say
whether or not It was sent by God. Neither do these other scriptures state that the Holy
Spirit acted on Its own. Jesus was a physical man, the Son of Man, the same as each of us.
But, Jesus was, and still is, closer to the Father than any other mortal. He is figuratively
speaking at the Father’s right hand. If we believe the analogy of God being like a family
unit, we are polytheists not monotheists.

There are several places in the Bible that refer to “God the Father” [some of them are: John
6:27, 1 Corinthians 15:24, Galatians 1:1, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 5:20, and Philippians
2:11], but nowhere does it mention “God the Son” or “God the Holy Spirit.” The Bible refers to Jesus CHRIST as Lord, but this is not the same as being God. Anyone who overcomes something becomes lord of it, and Jesus CHRIST overcame this physical world [John 16:33] and therefore became Lord over it. Just as any one of us who overcomes this world would become lord of it. When something is created, its creator is automatically Lord and does not have to overcome it to become lord of it.

Before God created man, He created the judgment and what would be required of this creation [Romans 9:22-23]. He knew that man would sin and fall away from Him. Luke 24:46 Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day [The only way the Christ Spirit could do this was symbolically through a physical human body],” God knows each of us and what we will do before we are born into this physical world. Psalm 139:1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my laying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. 13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them [Acts 13:48].

Isaiah 43: 11 “I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.” To show mankind His love, and to light the way, God had to create a soul just like all other men. If this soul was God, and not like all other humans, we would have no hope of overcoming this physical world. But since He was just like all other men, and overcame this world with the help of God, we too have hope of salvation and dwelling with Him in paradise (eternity) with God’s help. God created Jesus’ human body the same as all other humans, in His mother’s womb. Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know - 23 “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 “Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.” Isaiah 42:1 “Behold! My servant [Acts 4:19-27] whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put my Spirit upon Him [Mark 1:10][Acts 10:38]; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed, He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” If Jesus
were God, God would not refer to Him as a servant. At least 82 times in the New Testament Jesus refers to Himself as the Son of Man. Even after Peter said that He was the Christ, Jesus still referred to Himself as the Son of Man. Luke 9:18 And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” 19 So they answered and said, “John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again.” 20 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.” 21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day [By God (1 Peter 1:21)][Acts 13:30].”

Jesus never instructed anyone to worship Him. In fact, when He was talking to the devil, in Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve,’” He said things like “Follow Me,” [Do the things that I do.] and “Believe in Me,” [That God anointed Me and sent Me into the world to show mankind the way back to God.] but He never said, “Worship Me.” Matthew 19:16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” 20 So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He even said that he was not equal to the Spirit of God in Matthew 12:32 “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.” Jesus led a normal life and had a very ordinary childhood; that is why the people of His hometown did not accept Him as one sent from God. Matthew 13:54 When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so they were astonished and said, “Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?” 57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” Even when Jesus hung on the cross, He cried out to God. Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” Again, Jesus said that He was human and the same as His disciples in John 20:17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” John 12:49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

Jesus CHRIST said in Revelation 3:31 “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” If Jesus were God, why would He have to overcome this physical world just like all mankind? Jesus overcame this world and became a perfect man; just as God had first created mankind. He overcame the flesh by accepting all trials and temptations that came to Him and accepted them for what they are, tests from God. He never denied them, but overcame them with God’s help. Jesus accepted the trials and temptations given to Him in the wilderness and He even accepted the public humiliation of His trial and death on the cross.
Throughout the New Testament Gospels, Jesus refers to God as “Your Father in heaven,” “The Father,” “Our Father,” and “My Father.” This was to show us that we are all brothers and sisters, the children of God. Matthew 12:48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are my mother and My brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke deal mostly with Jesus as a human. The Gospel of John deals mostly with the Christ as It was in Jesus. John 5:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me [God] has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God [Christ]; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man [Through the Christ within Him, Jesus was able to overcome this physical world; therefore God gave Him the authority to judge all other humans and their works [Revelation 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.]]. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth-those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” Jesus said in John 12:28 “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.” 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

Everyone from Adam through the end of the ages, by which time the kingdom of Jesus CHRIST was set up, was required to sleep after they died; including Jesus. Otherwise God’s plan could not be fulfilled. Deuteronomy 31:16 And the Lord said to Moses: “Behold, you will rest [sleep] with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. Psalm 13:3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Lest I sleep the sleep of death; 1 Kings 2:10 So David rested [slept] with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. 1 Kings 11:43 Then Solomon rested [slept] with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place. Daniel 12:13 “But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest [sleep], and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.” 1 Samuel 28:11 Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” And he said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” 12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, “Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!” 13 And the king said to her, “Do not be afraid. What did you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth [That is to say this spirit had been at rest].” 14 So he said to her, “What is his form?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle.” And Saul perceived it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down. 15 Now Samuel said to Saul, “Why
have you disturbed me [from my sleep] by bringing me up?” And Saul answered, “I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor in dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do.” Even Jesus was required to sleep so that He could be the firstfruits of them that slept. Ephesians 4:8 Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity [Where the saints were held captive in sleep] captive, And gave gifts to men.” 9 (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that he also first descended into the lower parts of the earth [slept]? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above the heavens, that [Like God] He might fill all things.) 1 Corinthians 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep [Even though it was the last days, the end of the age had not been completed]. 1Corinthians 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits [The Sibylline Oracles, Book III, Lines 110-116] of those who have fallen asleep. Since the end of the ages, when Jesus CHRIST was given a throne (a parable) and His kingdom was established here on earth by the end of the Caesars’ rule of the Roman Empire, man does not sleep after death, but goes right to judgment and eternal life. Hebrews 9:24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with the blood of another- 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. The prophet Daniel when writing about his vision says, Daniel 12:1 “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [When the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple (Abomination of Desolation standing in the Holy Place)], even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered [A spiritual delivery]. Every one who is found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever. It was the last days, but the end of the ages had not been completed, when the apostle Paul wrote, 1 Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust [Adam]. We shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man [CHRIST]. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed [We have to leave this mortal body behind]- 1Thessalonians 4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him [Jesus CHRIST] those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord [By the end of that age] will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first [This included all those who died before Jesus’ birth and did not know Jesus the man but knew Christ (The Word) the Son of God. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 & 1 Peter 1:10-11]. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds.
to meet the Lord in the air [A spiritual experience, for God is Spirit]. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Jesus was human like the rest of mankind [Acts 13:38 ‘Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins,’]; but He found the Christ within Him through prayer and constant communion with God, and overcame this physical world. He became Jesus CHRIST, a perfect man. God directed all His steps; as He is ours, all we have to do is listen [Isaiah 42:6-8 “I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, To open blind eyes [Not just physically blind but the spiritually blind also]. To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the Lord, That is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.’]. God then raised Jesus CHRIST from the dead [Galatians 1:1] and He became a Messiah. This was God’s plan from the beginning of this world. Jesus CHRIST is the One and only Messiah for the Jewish Nation, but a light for the rest of mankind [Romans 15:8-9]. Therefore, we too should try to overcome this physical realm. What does it mean to overcome this world? Does it mean that you can reverse physical laws and float in the air or do other seemingly impossible things? NO! Does it mean that you will no longer suffer in this physical body? NO! It means that you will no longer be distracted by the physical things, in your quest to return to God; you will no longer be anxious about anything, and you will fear nothing because you know that God’s Spirit dwells within you and is in complete control of everything that happens. Accept everything that God has given, and is giving to you, including trials and tribulations; and do not strive for worldly possessions. Praise Him always. Revelation 3:21 “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit With Me on My throne [A parable], as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His Throne [Romans 8:6-11]. That is what Jesus CHRIST means when He says, “Take up your cross and follow Me.” Your cross is doing God’s will for your life. To follow Jesus, is to walk in His footsteps and live as He did constantly listening to God who is directing our steps through Christ that is in each of us. Jesus said in Matthew 23:8 “But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

The name Jesus and the name Christ do not mean the same thing. They are not interchangeable. Jesus is the name of a human; and Christ is the name of the Son of God (Word of God) that is in each person. Anyone who says that Jesus is God is trying to give God a physical form. These same people are the ones who are trying to bring the Christ back into this world at some future time in what they call the rapture. The Christ is already here in each of us. The Christ (the Word of God, along with His spirit, that is in each of us) is the most important part of each and every person; therefore it is written with all capital letters when used with the name of Jesus in these texts. Together they make a whole person or perfect man. Get to know this Christ within you. The Christ is the only begotten Son of God, not Jesus. No part of God can be physically crucified; not even His only begotten Son, which is just one aspect of God and the same as Him. The Jewish leaders did not crucify Christ, but they did crucify Jesus the Man. Each one of us crucifies the Christ when we deny God and do not listen to what He is telling us. Jesus’ crucifixion was a physical symbol for what each of us does spiritually.
“The Christ” is one of the many names that this spiritual entity is known by. Other names include; “The Son of God,” “Word of God,” “The Higher Self,” and “Universal Mind.” All of mankind is made up of three parts. The lowest is the physical body, which is controlled by the subconscious mind (which is the seat of our emotions and memories, and also the receiver of all physical sensations). This physical part of us is also known as “the son of man.” The middle part or soul includes our conscious mind (which is our reasoning, our faith, our thoughts and will). The highest part is the Christ (Son of God), which is God in us. This is not the Holy Spirit, which works with our souls to fill them with the Divine Love (read chapter 18, The GREATER News), but the part of God, which works toward the purification of our natural love that is a part of the natural created man and leads us back to paradise (the Garden of Eden). The Christ is always with us waiting patiently for us to let Him become involved in our lives. He will not go against our wishes unless it involves something that has been preordained. It is good to spend time every morning asking the Christ to be a part of our daily lives and look to Him always for guidance. This is opening the door of our hearts (soul) to let the Christ in. For us to be perfect men, all three parts must be working together as God intended. Our soul has the choice of following the desires of the physical man or following Christ. This is our “free will.” Our soul should be watching over our physical body, but also looking to Christ for guidance. To be born again is to have our understanding opened to recognize God’s Holy Spirit filling our souls with His Divine Love, and to enter the kingdom of heaven, that which is associated with the natural man, is to become perfect men. To enter the higher heavens (The higher kingdom of God) our souls must be filled with the Divine Love, which is the very essence of God.

There is no more special power, magic, or uniqueness in the name Jesus than any other name; it was a very common name of that time period. Josephus mentions several different men with the name Jesus in his writings. In fact, of the 28 High Priests that served in Herod’s Temple, four were called Jesus. This is more than any other name. Paul even mentions a man called Jesus in his letter to the Colossians (4:11) and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

Anyone who is concentrating on Jesus, the physical man, and the miracles that God did through Him while He was on this earth is setting Him up as an idol, instead of looking to God. They have become Jesus worshipers instead of Christ followers as God intended. Buddhists and Moslems have done the same thing by worshiping the different Buddha’s and Mohammed instead of God. Look to God at all times and let all your thoughts be on Him in the spirit.

We should not be trying to get out of this world, but to overcome it, for this physical realm is the gateway to the kingdom of heaven. John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me [Christ] you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation [This is God’s way of testing you with the fire of affliction]; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” Also Jesus in praying to God, says in, John 17:15 “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one [Doubt and Deceit].” Neither should we be wasting our time waiting for the second physical coming of Christ; He is already here in each of us. We should be living each day
as if what happened in the rest of our lives, even through eternity, depended on our current actions.

Love God with your whole heart, and worship Him only!
Chapter 12

Only God can save

Isaiah 43:11  “I, even I, am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.”
Psalm 68:20  Our God is the God of salvation; And to God the Lord belong escapes from Death.
John 6:37  “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
John 6:44  “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45  “It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’  Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.
John 6:65  “And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by my Father.”
John 14:10  “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?  The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.”
John 14:28  “You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’  If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to My Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.”
Ephesians 2:8-9  For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
I Timothy 1:1  Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our Hope,

Jesus never told anyone to go out and save souls, or win people to the Lord. Anyone who says that they have saved souls or converted people, is trying to take the power and glory away from God and claiming it for themselves. ONLY GOD CAN SAVE A SOUL! We can only show the way. When Jesus told His disciples that He would make them “fishers of men” He was not telling them that they would be winning souls for God. Neither did Jesus tell anyone to go out and preach against the devil, or preach hail, fire and brimstone.

What was Jesus’ message here on earth?
Matthew 4:17  From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Mark 1:14  Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel [That God’s Spirit dwells with men].”
Mark 10:15  “Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.
Luke 4:43  but He said to them, I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.”
Luke 8:1  Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him.
Luke 12:31  “But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.”
Luke 16:16 “The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.”

What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do when He sent them out?

Matthew 10:7 “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand.’”

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel [Of the kingdom of God] to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

Luke 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:59 Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God [This is what it means to follow Jesus].”

Luke 10:9 “And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘the kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say. 11 ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

God saved all souls when He created them, not after they repeat a “sinners” prayer. The sinner’s prayer is not the key to heaven. Indeed, we should ask God for forgiveness because we have not always listened to Him, but our salvation is not depended upon this plea, if it were, then salvation would be of us and not of God. The only thing that we can, and should do, is accept this most wonderful gift from God. Since God created each of us, we are not the poor wretched souls that the churches are trying to make us think that we are, but true sons and daughters of the great living Father and worthy of all His Love. All spiritual bodies go to some level of heaven (the one best suited to the individual soul) and if it is one of the lower levels (the ones considered hell) it will take much effort to advance to the higher levels by realizing what we have done wrong and earnestly asking God to fill our souls with His Divine Love. Churches should be telling of God’s love for all of His creation, not putting restrictions on people by telling them they must repeat the “sinners prayer” to be saved. This Saving is the grace of God. It is also foolishness to ask God to come into your heart because His Spirit is already there. To open the door of your heart is to realize that God created you and is showing you the way through this life by His Word [The Christ, not the Bible, although His Word is found in the Bible and many other sacred books.], and to listen to Him always. We should be continuously praising God and thanking Him for His love.

Jesus spent His entire physical existence listening to God and doing His will. He preached the kingdom of God (the fact that God’s Spirit is with us and in us; showing us the way) here on earth. As with Jesus, God wants to have a personal relationship with each of us (all souls that He has created); like in the Garden of Eden. If we rely on a pastor, a priest, a rabbi, or some other person to tell us what God is saying, they become mediums between the Father and us. This is not what God wants. He wants to talk directly to each of us. Wycliffe, Tyndale, and many others gave their earthly lives so that the common man was able to read the Bible for himself and did not have to rely on the clergy. Yet today, many people are still relying on evangelists, preachers, and others to tell them what the Bible is saying. All of the sacrifices of the people who brought the Bible to the world are in vane,
if we do not read the Bible for ourselves and rely on God to give us the understanding of the message. Any Christian today who has not read the complete Bible from beginning to end (not skipping around) and relied on God for the understanding of the message is believing the doctrine of man, because that is what the church is preaching today (and the church is wondering why it is loosing members. It is because it is trying to keep people’s minds in the physical world and not meeting their spiritual needs). If you skip around reading random verses over several years, you get the false illusion that you have read the whole Bible. It does not matter if it takes you two weeks or two years, there is no excuse for not reading the Bible. Because it contains the Word of God; but is not the only source of the Word since God has been talking to mankind since He first created him and is still talking to him today. The Torah and Koran as well as many other ancient and modern books also contain the Word of God. The problems arise when the different religious groups try to bring the Word down into the physical world, when in fact it is the spiritual meaning that should be taught.

**John 17:3** “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
Chapter 13

New Age – New Covenant

The Old Covenant, as presented in the Bible and other Holy Books, was with the Nation of Israel. As long as the people would worship God only, and obey His Commandments, He would bless them and make them strong. This covenant was based in the physical world and communion with God was through a physical building, the Temple. That is why it was very important for the people to go to the Temple to worship and observe Holy Feasts. The New Covenant in this New Age is with each of God’s children on an individual basis, no matter what their race or religion, be it Moslem, Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, or any other Faith. As long as we worship God only and listen to His voice, He will draw each of us into His kingdom. This Covenant is based in the spirit, and the New Temple, as it is referred to in the Book of Ezekiel or the New Jerusalem as it is referred to in the Book of the Revelation of Jesus CHRIST, is each of our spirits in which God dwells. God’s Spirit has always dwelt in our spirits as well as throughout the whole universe, but in this New Age, this is how we communicate with God, through our spirits that do not require a physical building. This New Covenant is a One-on-one relationship with God, not a group activity. No one will be excluded, even if they do not believe exactly as everyone else. John of Patmos says in Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,. When different groups are excluded, then this number can be counted. God’s Spirit is dwelling in each of us and we are a temple unto the Lord in the spirit; this is the New Temple; I Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Since this New Covenant is an individual experience, what is believed as the rapture will not be a group activity. The word rapture is not in the current Bible, but it is commonly believed that God will come back in a physical body and draw all righteous ones up to Himself, in the air, in their physical bodies, as a group. This is not true! Physical things are not found in heaven; I Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. God is Spirit; what would He gain by lowering Himself so that mankind could see Him in the physical? The word rapture as defined in the American College Dictionary is: 1. ecstatic joy or delight; 2. (often pl.) an utterance or expression of ecstatic delight. 3. the carrying of a person to another place or sphere of existence. When God draws each of us back one by one, as we are released from this physical body, we will have a feeling of great joy and relief from our physical bonds. We will meet together with the others that have already been raised to God. The act of rapture is not the physical moving of our bodies from one place to another, but the release from the physical constraints of this world.

Jesus never told anyone that they should attend church or the temple on a regular basis. He went to the temple often to preach and teach the people about the kingdom of God; but by doing this, He made the priests and other religious leaders mad. He was contradicting their traditional teachings. They were setting up laws before mankind, trying to make this physical world a better place in their eyes. But these laws became stumbling blocks for the people they thought they were helping. Spiritual leaders today
are acting the same way. Instead of showing the way into the kingdom of God, they are more interested in politics and forcing their ideals on everyone else. Spiritual leaders should be more interested in spiritual things and not physical laws. How will people know the way into the Spirit if their minds are kept on physical things? Since God is in control of everything, He will set up the people in government the same as he has in the past [Romans 13:1][Josephus, B2, C16, V4 (390)]. Romans 9:15-18 For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. In like manner, everyone in a religious group should not be imposing their beliefs on others. If you have the opportunity to vote in an election, ask God for guidance and vote. Do not try to impose your morals on anyone else. God will make the outcome of the election according to His will.

Good works come from listening to God’s Spirit, not from us. We cannot say that we are doing God’s work, but instead that we are in tune with God’s Spirit. It was God’s Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness to fast. He did not say on His own that He wanted to fast and be tempted, Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. We should be listening to God’s Spirit and not looking to other people to tell us what God is saying, and also, not imitating others. Just because we do not cut our hair as Samson did, does not mean that God will automatically give us his strength.

It has been said that you should take time to smell the roses. While this is a pleasant experience, it is much better to take time to focus on God. Smelling the roses will keep you in the physical realm, but reflecting on God will raise you up into the kingdom of heaven. Colossians 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Give God praise and credit for everything that comes your way, even trials and temptations. Just as Jesus gave God credit for all the works that He did through Him. John 14:10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the work.” In like manner, God dwells in each of us and does the work; it is not of our own doing.

I Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 but he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.
Many people today have tried some of these truths and had favorable results. Then they go and base their whole belief of God on these few truths. These people are not wrong, but neither are they right. If they are not willing to go on and grow in God, they are holding others back when they say that their way is the only way to God (this is true of anyone who makes this statement). They are locking the door to the kingdom of God!

This covenant requires faith on our part. Since things of the spirit cannot be seen with the physical eyes, we must know in our hearts (minds) that God is in us, and leading us through the trials of this valley of the shadow of death; like any good shepherd would. Know this God personally, the one and only true God, Creator of heaven and earth; and His Son (the Word of God) that He manifested through Jesus our brother; and know that His Spirit is with us always.

Rejoice! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Chapter 14

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven

When Jesus CHRIST came into the world the first time, the religious leaders of that day were looking for the messiah to come and overthrow their physical foes (the Romans and other nations that had been persecuting them over the years). They missed the real reason that the Christ had been revealed in the physical form of Jesus, and deceived many with their teaching. As Jesus put it, they were locking the door to the kingdom of heaven. His teaching was on a spiritual level, this is how the scribes and Pharisees missed the messiah. They were looking for a physical king not a spiritual one. This is also the reason that the false christs, which Jesus warned about, were able to deceive people into believing they were their saviors when the Romans came against the Jewish nation and the temple in 70AD. The Jews were still expecting God to relieve their physical pain and suffering.

Today, anyone that is preaching the future physical return of Jesus Christ (the Rapture) is preaching the doctrine of man, the same as the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus CHRIST’s first appearance in this world was not a physical reign, why would His second return be a physical reign? These people are locking the doors to the kingdom of heaven, and deceiving many with this teaching.

Many leaders in all religions today are preaching that the kingdom of heaven is somewhere other than where each of us is now. This is true only in the sense that the kingdom of heaven is spiritual, not physical, but if each of us searches for it within ourselves we will find it. The kingdom of God is a spiritual existence, where God lives in the Spirit; and this kingdom is everywhere that God is. Since God’s Spirit is everywhere, He is in this world and inside each of us. Luke 17:20-21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” To enter this kingdom, each person has to be born again, not in the physical form but into spiritual awareness. This rebirth is not just the accepting of Jesus as our savior [to accept Jesus is to accept His teachings, which were the Word of God (Christ), not to worship Jesus the Man], but must be into a life that is dedicated to loving God in the spirit. As Jesus said to Nicodemus, John 3:5-7 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I say to you, ‘You must be born again.’” To be born of water is not the baptism with water, but to be born into the physical world. When a human is conceived, the fetus develops in a sack of fluid. After the “water breaks,” a new child is delivered into this world.

God used the apostle Paul to let people know the difference between the things of this world and the things of the Spirit. Things like mansions and streets of gold are things of this world not of the kingdom of heaven. They were used as parables to try to define a spiritual experience. The kingdom of heaven is in this world, but this world is not the kingdom of heaven. Many people, including clergymen in all faiths, are trying to make the kingdom of heaven resemble the physical realm. This is not so. Anyone that is preaching that these physical things exist in the spirit is also locking the doors to the kingdom of heaven.
heaven. That warm euphoric feeling one gets after helping another person is just a physical manifestation of the kingdom of heaven.

God did not place secret messages or codes in the Bible. He wants everyone to return to Him. That is why the CHRIST was revealed in this world in the body of Jesus, to show the way from the physical to the spiritual. All of Jesus teachings were on a spiritual level. But the people of that day continued to keep their minds on the physical and did not open up to these spiritual teachings. Even when Jesus used parables, the people did not understand what He was saying. Many people today are refusing to get their minds off this physical world and into the Spirit. Even though they say they are following Jesus CHRIST, they are still worried about what is happening to them in this world and not opening up to the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. What is flesh and blood? It is not just the desires of the flesh as Paul mentions but it also includes the five senses of the human body; sight, sound, smell, taste and touch (or feel). Since physical things do not exist in the spiritual realm, there is no need for these physical sensors. If we would still have pain in the spiritual world, we would still have the same make up as our physical bodies. But pain does not exist in heaven. As Paul says, there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

We do not use our ears to listen to God. He speaks in the Spirit and we know in our spirits what He is saying. Some people call this intuitive thought. But it is more than just thought, because we know it is true. Even when the thought is so strong that it appears to be audible, we are not receiving it through our ears or others around us would be receiving the same sounds. Some good examples of this are recorded in the Bible. 1 Samuel 3:1-11 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down. Then the Lord called yet again, “Samuel!” So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.) And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” Then the Lord said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle....” Again in Daniel 10:7-10 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sounds of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the
ground. Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. Even though all this vision appeared to come through his body senses, Daniel said that he was in a deep sleep. Even when God speaks to a large group of people, it is the understanding that He gives to each individual in their minds and not what is received through the ear that is from God. At Pentecost, the miracle was not that the apostles spoke with other tongues, but that God caused the listeners to hear in their own language. Acts 2:4-6 And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.”

If you continue to look at this materialistic world through your physical eyes, you will always see greed, famines, sickness, destitute people, wars, and etc. until the time there are no physical bodies left on this earth [Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7 & John 12:8]. But when you look through your spiritual eye, which is your understanding or your third eye as some people refer to it, you will see people all around who are overcoming this world by denying themselves the desires of material gain and its pleasures, and picking up their crosses (by listening to God) and selflessly helping their fellow beings no matter what their religion, with no strings or conditions attached. Our deaths or the end of this physical world are not required for us to enter the kingdom of heaven. Always keep your spiritual eye on God and the pathway that leads to Him, but at the same time keep your physical eyes on the pathway through this physical world. This is stated in the Kybalion as follows; Keep your mind ever on the Star, but let your eyes watch over your footsteps, lest you fall into the mire by reason of your upward gaze.

God knows what is in the heart of each and every person, and it is through our spiritual hearts that we approach God. The mind is connected to both this spiritual heart and our body sensors (Eyes, ears, and etc. which come through the brain). We must learn the difference between the spiritual feelings and the physical feelings. When we first begin to listen to God, His voice (our understanding) appears to be weak and we are not sure that it is from the Lord. But as we continue to commune with God, on a daily bases, His voice appears to become stronger and we know what we have received was from the Lord. Do not give up; but strive to hear God’s voice; Spiritual not physical.

Jesus even told Pilate that His kingdom was not a physical existence. John 18:36 Jesus answered him, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” If Jesus CHRIST’s kingdom is not of this world, as He said, why would He come back at the time of the rapture, as many preachers are saying today, and establish a thousand year reign on this earth? This thousand year reign would be spiritual not physical and not visible to the physical eye. Therefore it happened, not as preachers are trying to get us to believe it will, but in a spiritual way by the end of that age.

For those people that insist on the physical sign of the return of the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, it has been recorded by at least three different historians (Flavius Josephus, who lived in the 1st Century; Tacitus, who lived in the 1st Century; and Eusebius, who lived in the 4th Century) and God has made sure that their writings survive today.
there are many people who do not believe these wonderful works of God, and say that Jesus CHRIST has not returned.

Many preachers today are saying that we must ask Christ to come into our hearts. If Christ is already here and can enter our hearts, why would He have to return? Those preachers who are teaching the Rapture do not understand that, indeed, God and Christ’s thrones have been set up in this world and God is in control of everything.

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Chapter 15

Look at the Spiritual Things of Life

Now that we know that God’s kingdom is firmly established here in this world and Jesus CHRIST has returned to sit at the right hand of our Father as He said He would, we should not be concentrating on the physical aspects of this world but should be concentrating on spiritual things and striving to have a closer relationship with God.

Many people who call themselves Christians today are not true Christians but just Jesus worshipers. They say that they have accepted Jesus into their lives, but instead of accepting His teachings and living in the spirit, they continue to dwell in the physical realm with their thoughts on how to make this a better life. They are more interested in making their physical existence a pleasurable one by asking Jesus to take away all their sufferings, than accepting these tests and trials from God. This was not Jesus’ teaching.

God revealed the Christ in the physical world by sanctifying the body of Jesus; then helped Him overcome the physical realm, by overcoming the desire to make this a pleasurable experience. Jesus even accepted the pain and suffering of His trial and Calvary that God had planned for Him. By accepting everything from God, both good and bad, Jesus was able to overcome this world. If we want to be where Jesus is, that is, with God, we too must overcome this physical realm, with God’s help. The true Christ is a Spirit, and to accept this Spirit is to dwell in the spirit with It.

Spending a fortune to establish huge churches and cathedrals has nothing to do with improving the spirit of each individual. They are nothing more than an abomination unto the Lord. Churches today are spending more time trying to make things pleasing to the eye than they are teaching their congregations to live in the spirit. They are also wasting time blaming all their problems on the devil. This only gives the devil more power and keeps everyone’s eyes off God and on worldly things. This too is an abomination unto the Lord. Luke 16:15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts, for what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

God did not send Jesus into the world for people to worship and pray to; but through Him and His teachings, people would be drawn back to the Father, Who is the Creator of everything. God, the Father, is where we should be trying to get to, not to Jesus. We should honor and give glory and be thankful to Jesus, who is our brother and who listened to Our Father, but we should not worship Him. To worship Jesus is to set Him up as an idol, which takes ones eyes off God. To preach the gospel is to tell about God’s Divine Love which we can receive by earnestly asking for It, and to tell of the peace that He gives to all who know Him and accepts the fact that He is leading each of our steps, not to preach the deceit that the churches are preaching today.

Jesus taught that we should be looking to God, who is Spirit and dwells in the spirit, not to be concerned with our daily lives in this physical world. Matthew 6:25-34 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than...
clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

People who consider themselves spiritual leaders today are not spiritual leaders, but just worldly leaders. They are more interested in teaching others how to live in this world then how to live in the Spirit.

God has revealed to me in a dream that these messages would not be accepted during my physical life. But after I have left this physical body, God will begin to open the eyes of the people who think that they see clearly, but are truly blind, and they will understand that these messages are from God. All understanding comes from God. God is Spirit. Not like a ghost or other spiritual apparition, which are lower spiritual forms, but an Infinite Soul, which is All Knowing.

The teachings in these messages and texts are not the top of the ladder leading up to God, but just the next rung above where almost everyone is today. God wants you to wake up and take the next step, then keep climbing after that. Do not become satisfied with your life in this physical world. A life with God in the Spirit is our final resting place. Begin this life today, while you are still in this physical body.

Commune with God at all times, relying on Him to lead you through this valley of the shadow of death, and to supply all your needs. A healthy body is not necessarily what you need. If you are worried about your body or finances, you still have your eyes (mind) on the flesh and not on God. Our thoughts, our personality, and our attitude are all spiritual.

Rejoice! God and the kingdom of heaven are at hand. Reach out and embrace them with your whole being!
Chapter 16

Understanding Parables

Jesus used many parables to explain the Kingdom of heaven and spiritual concepts. Since physical things do not exist in heaven, it is not the actual physical things that He is talking about but the principles and laws that are involved. The principles and laws that exist here in the physical realm also exist in the spiritual realm. As Jesus states in Matthew 16:19

“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

This is stated in The Kybalion as follows: “As above, so below; as below, so above.” This is one of the fundamental Laws of God, and because it is true, we can glimpse into heaven by applying the spiritual laws that we have learned here on earth.

A good example of this is the parable of a man walking his dog on a leash. Sometimes the dog is running out in front of the man and sometimes the dog is lagging behind. Once in awhile the dog will leave the path and go to either side to do his business and the man is expected to clean up the mess. But the ideal situation is when the dog is walking beside the man at the same pace. This dog represents each of God’s children, and the man represents God. Even though God does not have the form of a man, because He is Spirit, and is everywhere, He is still always with each of us. And just like the dog we are sometimes trying to get ahead of God and sometimes dragging our feet, not really following, and not doing what God wants us to do. We even run off the path to do our own thing, thinking that we are getting away from God, or that He does not know what we are doing. But, He knows what is in each and every heart. Just like the dog and man, the ideal situation is when we walk hand in Hand (He has no Hands) with God.

When we leave this mortal body and move on to the planes of the spiritual realm, these same principles also exist there. Only, as we move up into each of the succeeding planes (some people consider each plane a different heaven) the leash becomes shorter until at last we are always at God’s side (in harmony with God). Death is not our final resting place, but we must continue to grow in God, applying the same principles and laws that we have learned here in the physical world. That is why Jesus says that unless one is born of water (physical birth) and the spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.
Chapter 17

The Consecrated Soul

To enter the kingdom of heaven while on this earth, each individual must have a consecrated soul that is dedicated to listening to God and worshipping Him only. Putting Him above all else in our lives. This is not to say that you should become fanatical and rush out to insist that everyone believe and do, as you believe. But to live a life that is a holy and pure example of your love for God. And to tell of God’s love for all of mankind, no matter what their religious beliefs are. Also you will be willing to help all others, teaching them how to listen to God and obey His voice, not another human, and not telling them what they must believe.

God is not the three-in-one Godhead (God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit with a personality of it’s own) that the Christian church is preaching today. Of course the Bible mentions the Father, and Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but nowhere in the Bible does it say that these three are one Godhead, unless you want to take different verses from around the Bible and create this doctrine of man. It is written in Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, but it does not say that these three are one Godhead. The “and”/“and of” makes each a separate item. God does not hide information like this by scattering it around the Bible and expect mankind to come up with the correct interpretation. Something as important as this would be stated in the Bible if it were true. If God is this triune Godhead, and since God is the same today as He was in the past, when he first created mankind, and always will be, we would also be triune in like manner, because we are created in His image. But, we do not exist like that and neither does God. It is also true that the Holy Spirit does not have a mind of it’s own, but only acts as the mind of God the Father gives it direction. As the Soul of God speaks (this is His Word), so His Spirit (Force or Power which is a vibration) is directed to accomplish His desires. In the same way our souls desires are put into action by our spirits. The Holy Spirit is the name that has been given to the part of God’s Spirit that works with the souls of mankind only. 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

We are not a soul trapped within a physical body unless we allow the desires of this body to rule our lives. Instead, we are a spiritual soul using a physical body for our souls learning and development just as God first created mankind. Our souls are capable of doing everything in this material world that they are capable of in the spiritual realm, and the more that we can develop them in this world the easier it will be after we drop this physical body. Sending forth-true love for our fellow beings is one of the best ways to develop our souls in this world. But if we remain selfish or want to control other people, telling them what they should do, we are binding up our souls and keeping them in prison. Instead of making our souls more powerful, these actions will have the opposite affect. These actions will surely stunt the growth of our souls and be the cause of much grief when they move on to the next world.

A consecrated soul will try to learn as much about God and His laws as it can. God has many laws to keep His creation in order and to avoid chaos. Even God will not suspend the working of these laws to answer our prayers. To go against these laws causes the soul
to suffer. These laws can be learned, not just by reading the Bible and other Sacred Books, but, also by looking within to listen to God and the messengers (be they angels or other spiritual souls) that He sends to us. Do not be afraid of spiritual entities that might be attracted to you for your help and guidance. One of God’s spiritual laws is that “like attracts like.” In other words, if your soul and your motives are pure, only good spirits will be attracted to you (Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.).

On the other hand, if your soul is not pure and your motives are dishonest (tending toward materialistic goals), then evil and other earth bound spirits will be attracted to you. These latter spirits are not desirable because they usually give false and misleading information. All our prayer requests will lead to the advancement and betterment of God’s kingdom, and will not hurt or suppress any other of His creatures. In the kingdom of heaven all souls will love and help all other souls and in turn be helped by still other souls. Once you enter the kingdom of heaven (be it in the physical world or into the spiritual realm) your soul will continue to grow toward God. Sometimes fast, sometimes at a steady rate, and sometimes slow even painfully slow.

John 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” The first part of this is a mandatory requirement and if it does not exist the rest will not be fulfilled. A consecrated soul will ask anything and it will be given because it is abiding in God and God’s Word is abiding in it. It also knows that prayer is not to be used to correct a problem caused by being out of God’s will just to use your free will and continue your errant ways after the problem would be corrected. That is why Jesus told the people that He healed to go and sin no more.

You cannot avoid God’s law of compensation (cause and effect) by calling on the name of Jesus for forgiveness of your sins. Every misdeed and every evil thought must be paid for in the spiritual realm, if not paid in this world. Galatians 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” We are preparing our spiritual lives in this physical world, and are choosing our place in heaven by the way we live our physical lives. Good works will not get you into heaven; that is by the grace of God only, but good works which go hand-in-hand with your soul’s development will determine your environment (your rewards) in the spiritual realm. If your soul goes to one of the lowest levels of heaven, which are considered the hells, then it will endure much suffering. But this suffering is not eternal, although in some cases it might seem to last forever or at least many centuries, but will last only until the last penny has been paid. Once you realize your mistake and call on God your creator for help, He will send you assistance to bring you up out of your troubles. You will be led on the path of spiritual growth. Men’s free will might cause God to work other than what we expect, but it can never prevent God from fulfilling His plans. God is not vengeful, and does not wish for any of His created sons and daughters to parish (1 Timothy 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.)(1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive). GOD IS LOVE.

Once people get past the mistaken idea that heaven is just a place our souls go after we die to sit among the clouds and play musical instruments and sing praises to God for all of eternity, they will realize that heaven is a condition of the soul where faith is put to the task of always listening to God and helping all other souls, with brotherly love, that God brings
into our lives. This heaven should begin in this world and continue even after we have shed this body of flesh.

A consecrated soul knows there is only one God, the Creator of all things spiritual (heaven) and all things physical (earth), and worships Him only. Also, that God has no name. Names like God, Allah, Jehovah, and Yahweh are just physical descriptions and limit God. But God is infinite and has no limits.

Consecrate your soul to your Creator and worship Him only.
Chapter 18

The GREATER News

Most of these texts and messages, up to this point, are dealing with the physical world and the purification of the natural love within mankind (This is the salvation that the church is preaching today). This natural love was a part of man when he was created and placed in the Garden of Eden (Paradise). It is not a part of The Divine Love of God but a mere copy or the image of His Love (a reflection in a mirror). But when mankind came into the physical world (kicked out of the Garden), this love lost the purity it had when man was created; greed, anger, wars and other vises came into man’s heart (soul). The physical man is responsible for these problems, which affect mankind, not God, by not being in harmony with God’s laws. God does not cause these calamities to happen but allows them so as not to interfere with man’s free will. When this natural love is purified to its original state of creation within each of us, we can re-enter the Garden of Eden. This purification is not always completed while in this mortal world, but can be accomplished in the spirit world also. That is why there are different plains of existence (levels of heaven) in the spirit world, so that the soul of everyone can achieve this purification of it’s natural love and re-enter the Garden, which is the highest level that the natural man can attain. Re-entering the Garden of Eden is the message that all religions, including the Christian religion, are preaching today.

But, this message, that everyone can re-enter the Garden, is not the message that God sent Jesus to spread around the world. In the middle of the Garden was the Tree of Life (The Divine Love), and anyone that partook of the fruit of this tree would gain immortality and enter a higher heaven to be closer to God. These higher levels are known as the Celestial Heavens or Highest Heavens and can only be reached by partaking of The Divine Love, which is the very essence of God. When mankind was kicked out of the Garden, the possibility of obtaining this higher Life was withdrawn from him. A Veil (a state of sleep) was placed over his spiritual eyes so that he could no longer see the Tree of Life. But God restored this privilege to the natural man and used Jesus to show mankind this Blessing. Jesus, a purified natural man, was the first person to partake of the Divine Love and became the first fruits of them that slept. The veil was rent and the spiritual eyes of mankind, including the spiritual man (even those who had already reached Eden) were opened to be able to see the Tree again and be able to partake of its fruit. This is the new heaven and new earth.

The way that man (be he physical or spiritual) can partake of this Tree and receive The Divine Love is to pray to God in earnest and with all sincerity to fill his soul with this Love. In other words he must make a conscious effort to partake of the fruits of The Tree of Life, something which Adam and Eve did not do while in the Garden of Eden. Jesus understood this concept and this was the message that He gave while on this earth and is still giving to mankind today. That is why Jesus said that the only way to God was through Him and He was the door. Not that He was the actual way and door but He was shedding light on the only pathway.

When God fulfills your request for this Divine Love, He will send The Holy Spirit (The Comforter) to grant your desire. This Holy Spirit is not all of God’s spirit, but just the part
that works with men’s souls in bestowing His Divine Love. The rest of His spirit works with the natural man and the rest of His creation. God does not fill the soul completely with His Divine Love at first, but the amount is based on the condition of the soul and the earnestness of the request. When man receives this Divine Love, there could be an uncontrollable jolt or quaking (shaking) or burning (like tongues of fire) within his soul. These sensations are dependent on the amount of Love each soul is receiving. This is because the nature of the natural man is only an image of God and does not contain any of God’s substance, and when two different substances are put together, something has to give. Even after you first receive this Divine Love, continue to earnestly ask the Father to completely fill your soul with His being. Once the Divine Love has entered your soul it will never leave, but there will be times when you cannot sense its presence and you will feel that you have lost It. This will depend on whether you continue to develop your soul senses or dwell on the material world. If you spend all of your life worrying about the material world and never give your soul time to develop, this Love in your soul can become stagnant. The ideal situation is to spend all of your time working on your soul’s growth, but this is not always possible in the physical world. So dwell on spiritual things as much as possible, even for just short periods throughout the day. Any soul development that you can accomplish here in the physical world will make it that much easier in the spiritual world.

There is much confusion today about the signs that show The Divine Love has been bestowed upon a person. Some people will say that the person will speak in tongues, or that a great desire will be shown to aid his fellow man, or dancing, or great mental capacity will occur or the ability to heal the sick or that the person must be baptized. These are all physical signs and attributes and are only accomplished upon the purification of the natural love within each person. When The Divine Love enters a soul, only that soul knows it. There are no physical signs. The reason that the apostles spoke with other tongues on the day of Pentecost was because the purification of their natural love was accomplished at the same time as their souls were filled with The Divine Love.

The natural man is concerned with his bodies, both the physical and spiritual bodies and the natural love of mankind (which includes the love between a man and a wife). The spiritual man is concerned with his soul and its relationship to God and His Love.

When you get to heaven (enter the spiritual world) and you find that Jesus and the apostles are not living on the same level as you, then you will know there is more to be gained. Earnestly pray to the Father to fill your soul with His Divine Love. When our soul moves from the physical world into the spiritual realm it is not a new beginning, but just a continuation of our soul’s life. Our souls are not magically changed but retain all the qualities that are developed here in the physical world. If our souls always seek God’s help in everything we do here on earth they will always seek God’s help in the spiritual world. If our souls are filled with greed and anger in this life, they will be filled with greed and anger in the spiritual realm until such time as they can be eliminated. Only the physical body is dropped and the soul CONTINUES to exist in the spiritual body. If God has not filled our souls completely with His Divine Love while we are in the physical world then we must earnestly pray for it in the spiritual world. The problem is, that when we get into the spiritual world we have the feeling that there can be no more advancement because that is what all the religions are preaching today. It is much easier to develop our souls qualities here in this world than in the spiritual, but “Hope springs eternal” even into
and through the spiritual world. As humans progress and get closer to the state of purified natural love, there is a feeling that this is the best there is, and are content to rest at this level. It will take much will power and earnest prayer to advance beyond this level, which is to enter the Celestial Heavens by receiving The Divine Love. All souls will re-enter the Garden of Eden, this is the way that God created mankind. But not all souls will partake of the Divine Love and move into the Higher Heavens to be closer to God the Father (Creator). It may take some of these souls a long time, some even many centuries, to re-enter the Garden, but God is Love and Love will overcome all.

To learn more about this spiritual truth of the New Birth (to be born again) and Divine Love go to www.DIVINELOVE.org (Foundation Church of the New Birth) and read at least Volume I of TRUE GOSPEL REVEALED ANEW BY JESUS. Just remember that Jesus and the other spiritual entities were trying to convey spiritual truths through a human body, which will distort the real meaning because it is dependent upon the understanding and beliefs of the human. But this does not diminish the real message that God is Love and all men can, and should partake of this free gift from God. As you read these writings, ask God to reveal His truths to you. The same can be said for the Bible. Each time the Bible was recopied and translated, the scribes could only comprehend the things that went along with their own beliefs and understanding, therefore the real message was contaminated through the ages.

The Divine Love and the New Birth, which brings It into our souls is the most important message in these texts. Even if you believe nothing else that is written here, know that this Love of God is real and free to all who sincerely and earnestly asks for It. It Has nothing to do with Jesus’ death on the cross and His supposed vicarious atonement for sin.

Open your spiritual eyes! Behold the Tree Of Life! Earnestly pray to God to bestow on you His Divine Love.
Chapter 19

God’s Divine Love

The principle Nature of God is Love. And Love is the highest of all God’s laws. All other of God’s laws acquiesce to this law of Love. All of the other laws can be overcome by a higher law, but Love is the highest law of them all.

Just as in the days of Jesus, the Pharisees and Sadducees and, yes, even the Essenes of today’s Christian Church are throwing veils before the eyes of their parishioners to prevent them from seeing the truth of God. God’s Word is simple, and not the complex and mystical jumble that the church is preaching today. The most important message is that God is Love, and Loves and has compassion for all of His creation, most of all mankind which is the highest form of His creation. This Love is ever present and does not depend on the condition or thoughts of man. The best that we can do is to ask God to fill our souls with His Divine Love and accept It.

To preach the rapture, as it is taught today, is adding to Jesus’ message of God’s Love. To say that Jesus had not returned by the end of the disciple’s generation as He promised, [Matthew 24:34 “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.”] is to lock the door to the kingdom of heaven and is keeping people from fully knowing God. To twist the meaning of the messages in the Bible to fit your interpretation confuses people when they read the actual words for themselves. How can mankind get the real message when the so-called spiritual leaders are trying to take them down a path leading away from what Jesus actually taught and showed by His life to mankind?

Jesus’ physical life was a pure example of God’s Love. He had compassion and forgiveness for all men, be they His fellow countrymen or those of another nation. He even forgave those who abused and mistreated Him, even those who called for His crucifixion and those who nailed Him to the cross. Our lives should also be a reflection, nay, the very essence of this Love.

Romans 13:1-10 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be afraid of the authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, all are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

It is no mystery why the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” is considered golden. Because it involves the love of yourself as well as your love for your fellow souls, it is the embodiment of God’s highest law. Yet this law gets lost behind all the doctrines of men and rituals that the church is stressing today. It was one of the most important messages that Jesus taught. This rule should be told to our children from birth and illustrated by our daily lives. Not only will this give us and our children the most rewards in heaven but will help to bring peace into this world.

Paul says in Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The Glory of God is His Divine Love, His very essence. Falling short of this glory means not having His Divine Love in your soul, but does not make one the evil wretched soul that the churches are trying to convince everyone that they are. Falling short of the glory of God will not keep you out of heaven and the Garden of Eden, but will keep you from attaining the Higher (Celestial) heavens. To enter the Garden of Eden, we must strive to develop the natural love within our souls, but the only thing we can do to enter the Celestial heavens is to earnestly pray for God to fill our souls with His Divine Love.

Not all, but most souls are good and kind. At least this is the way we start out in this physical world. Instead of helping us develop our souls with more love the churches are telling us that all that is needed for us to get into heaven is to confess our sins to Jesus and ask for His forgiveness. This wastes much valuable time because the main purpose for our souls to travel through this physical world is to help us develop our souls under trying circumstances. All souls are immortal and have eternal life. Whether you spend much of this eternity in the lowest heavens (hell) or in the highest heavens or in between these two extremes is up to you. This is your choice (your free will).

Our nature, our character, our personality are the result of our conscious thoughts which emanate from our souls and form a part of our spiritual bodies. This spiritual body surrounds the soul and is the part of us, which lives on after we have shed the physical body. To make these spiritual bodies more beautiful and brighter (shining forth more light) we must turn our attentions away from selfish material desires and focus on love and compassion for our fellow human beings. That is why Jesus said in Mark 9:35 … “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” We must develop our love for others to the point that it becomes our whole life. This love can be increased in the spiritual realms as well as here in the physical world. As this love develops we shine forth more brightly. As our character becomes more filled with love our souls shine forth with more light. There is a direct correlation between the amount of love in our souls and the brightness that emanates from them. An evil or selfish soul is called a dark soul, and the less love that it contains the darker it will be. But it can never become totally black (the absence of all light) because there will always be a seed of love for our Creator [many souls today are not as dark as the church leaders are trying to tell everyone that they are]. Just because you do not believe the doctrines that the different religions are preaching today does not mean that you have a dark soul; even though they are saying that anyone who does not believe as they do is going to hell. The good news is that there is always hope for even the darkest soul. With all your will power, try to increase the love in your soul and it will be increased. Call out to God your Creator and He will raise you up. This
hope is always present here in the physical world as well as in the spiritual realms. Strive to become a brighter and brighter star throughout eternity. There is no magic spell or short cut for filling our souls with love. Not even asking Jesus to forgive our sins will fill our soul with love. It is something that we have to first of all desire, and then work toward obtaining.

The good works that we do, and can only be accomplished if we have love in our souls, are what determines our rewards (our initial surroundings) in the spiritual realm (Matthew 16:27-28 and Revelation 22:12-13). The more love we have in our souls the brighter they will be and the higher will be the level of heaven we will enter when we leave the physical body behind. Strive to increase the natural love within your soul and at the same time earnestly pray for God to fill your soul with His Divine Love so that you can become more like Him each day.

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Chapter 20

Literal vs. Spiritual (Physical vs. Figurative)

Physical things are perceived by the five senses of the human body, but spiritual things are not perceived through the five senses and can only be perceived by the soul of each person. Spiritual things are the unseen things of this world. Sometimes it might seem as if a spiritual reality is being received by one of the human senses, but in fact it is being received directly by the soul.

Most people who consider themselves Christian today are not true Christians but just Jesus worshipers. A true Christian understands the Christ Spirit and does not worship Jesus who was a physical man. Anyone who knows this Christ Spirit (no matter which religion they belong to or what name they use to describe it) is a Christian. 1 Corinthians 1: 21-24

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign [so does the so called Christian Church today], and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified [not Jesus], to the Jews a stumbling block [and anyone who requires a sign] and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

One good example where people use the literal interpretation instead of the figurative interpretation of the Bible is at the very beginning of the Book. Genesis 1:3-5

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God call the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Many who take the Bible literally, say that this first day was a twenty-four hour period, as we know a day to be today. But this is not so since the sun and moon and stars were not set in the firmament until the fourth day [Genesis 1:14-19]. Therefore the light and darkness of the first day is something other then the light from the sun and absence of this light. This light and darkness is referring to something spiritual not physical, and sets the example of how the whole Bible should be read. To understand God, who is Spirit, we must read the Bible from a figurative point of view and not take it literally. The literal (physical) path will take us away from God.

God’s message is simple and easy to understand by everyone, and not the complex story that the church has created. This message is that God created everything and Loves all of His creation, including man (This does not mean that we will not suffer. That is a part of the physical world, and is for our soul’s growth and development. It is part of the affliction that tests our souls). Luke 10:21

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in your sight.” You do not have to go to a seminary to understand God’s message. In fact, those who go through organized training such as that are at a disadvantage. They feel that they are wise in the ways of the Lord, just as the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus’ day. All that is required to know God is the genuine desire of your heart (soul). Read the Bible and other sacred books with an open mind and know that God will speak directly to your soul. Do not rely on ministers, or preachers, or teachers, or anyone else to tell you
what God expects of you. They will only lead you astray. This does not mean that everything they say is false, but you will know in your soul what is true for yourself. Look at all the great men in the Bible. They did not become great because they attended a religious service regularly and do what the clergy told them to do, but instead they learned how to listen to God and do as He commanded. In fact, up until the time of Moses, there was no place for these great men to assemble and worship. This does not mean that you should avoid all worship services. You should attend if you feel that is the place for you to be. But don’t expect the clergy to do the Christ’s job of leading you. Jesus said in Matthew 23:8 “But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.” Like God, His Son, the Christ Spirit is infinite and could not all fit within a human body. Jesus, figuratively represented the Christ, but being human He could not literally be the Christ. Jesus’ physical body contained the Christ Spirit (some but not all) as does all human bodies. But being sanctified by God He was more in tune with this Christ Spirit than any other mortal.

Another example of where a literal translation leads men astray is when they say that Jesus died for everyone’s sins and this is the most important part of His ministry. If this were true, He would have been preaching that message throughout His ministry and not waited until just before His death to worn the disciples of that event. Instead, He taught of God’s Love and the fact that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. You can say that He alluded to His death throughout His ministry, but that does not make it the most important message. Jesus was crucified to fulfill the scriptures and to show mankind that physical death was not the end of a man. But He did not die to save mankind from sin. Figuratively, Jesus also died to show the Jewish nation that God did not want nor require their sacrifices. Matthew 12:7 “But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless [also Hosea 6:6 and Matthew 9:13]. If God does not desire sacrifice why would He sacrifice His own Son? The church today has let this minor physical event overshadow Jesus’ main message of God’s Love.

There are religious groups and evangelists today who have rewritten the Bible. They claim that it is for people to better understand the Bible, when in fact it is just to promote their interpretation of it. But this is nothing new. Scribes and translators of the Bible have been doing this all down through the ages. Every time the Bible is rewritten in this manner, the message is corrupted. The written words can be changed, which will change the physical meaning but the spiritual message cannot be altered. That is why the Bible should be read from a figurative point of view and not taken literally. Beware of false teachers who insist that the Bible be taken literally.

The first major attempt to control what the Bible says was when it was first created. By the end of the first century, the many different churches that had sprung up were using many different gospels and epistles that were available at that time. Not all preaching from the same texts. When Constantine became emperor of the Roman Empire, he wanted all the churches to be preaching from the same scriptures. This was not so much because he was spiritually minded, as many people think, but more from a political standpoint. If the churches were united in their thinking, they would not be bickering among themselves, and Constantine would not have to contend with that unrest. The Bible that was put together at Nicaea was more along political lines than Divinely inspired. The delegates at the council of Nicaea decided which books would be included in the Bible, claiming that they knew which books were Divinely inspired. And some of the wording in the books that were
accepted had to be altered so that the majority of the delegates would accept them. If the Bible was truly the Word of God, nothing could ever be changed by man. At any rate, the Word of God was compromised by the mere fact that a few men were telling everyone else what they should and should not read. Instead of teaching everyone how to listen to God, they kept the scriptures on a physical level where they tried to control men’s thinking. But even then, as throughout history, there were a few souls open to the word of God from a spiritual standpoint. The delegates even adopted a creed (the Nicene Creed, which is recited in many churches today) to show that they were united. Even this creed has been changed and revised over the years to reflect the beliefs of the majority. And today there are different versions in use because of the different beliefs. The Spiritual Truths of God were in the world when the Bible was first created, as they are today and always will be. But the priests back then, as the priests of today do, chose to ignore them. “How can we know the Truth?” When so many different messages are being preached. Only God, working through your spiritual guide, can reveal them to your soul. Do not be afraid of the truth, even though it does not appear to be in agreement with the popular teaching of the day.

How do you know which books to read, when all books, including the Bible, are physical by nature? Your spiritual guide will draw you to the right books, and will give you the figurative meaning, if you are willing to listen. When each soul begins its journey through this physical world a guardian angel and a spiritual guide accompany it. The guardian angel’s job is to protect the soul from harm. This does not mean that nothing bad will happen to your physical body. Your guardian angel will help heal your physical body, if you let it. Your spiritual guide works with and within the Christ Spirit to show you the best path to take for your soul’s advancement. Here again, your guide will not force you to take a particular path; that decision is up to each soul individually. But the most peace and spiritual growth will be obtained by following your spiritual guide’s lead.

In your journey back to your creator, always seek out the soul wearing the whitest and brightest gown. The more advanced a soul becomes the brighter it will appear. In this world do not look at the physical clothes of the man, but at His spiritual clothes. Our physical clothes are just a reflection of our spiritual clothes. When looking at a man, compare him to Jesus and the priests of that day. Is he wearing a simple gown of pure love for his fellow men or is he wearing elaborate robes decked out with jewels and other precious stones. Is he freely giving his knowledge and love or is he always asking for money to support his ministry? Is he a fox without a den or does he preach in grand temples and live in expensive homes? A minister of God that requires a lot of nice material things does not know the way to God, and is not a good guide to follow, the physical world is more important to him then the spiritual. This does not mean that you should not give monetary support to those in need and those who are truly helping their fellow men, but it is more important to give of your time and love.

Do not confuse the spiritual with the physical
Chapter 21

Learning how to listen to God
(and the spiritual entities that He sends to help us)

This is not a detailed explanation of how to talk to God, but just a general overview of how it works.

Although they can be influenced by signals from the physical world (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch or feel which includes pain) thoughts are spiritual and independent of our physical bodies.

Learning to listen to God’s (and other spiritual entity’s) voice is not an exact science and what works for one person may not necessarily work for another. But in all cases, it requires the knowledge that it will happen, and the determination to see it through to completion.

Anyone who wants to be able to receive messages from God or other entities that He has sent, should be in a state of wanting to do God’s will, not for selfish desires. It is not usually God’s voice that we hear, but an angel, our spiritual guide or some other soul that God is using to get the message to us. Most of the time the voice that you hear will be from a spiritual soul who has lived on this earth sometime in the past, and is now doing God’s will in the spiritual realm. Spiritual entities exist (live) amongst us, being separated by frequency only.

The lowest level of the spiritual realm is the one closest to this physical world (in frequency) and its inhabitants are the lowest souls (evil or self centered) that have passed from this world, or souls that have not learned all the lessons that they should have in this physical world, or mothers who can not let go of their child, and all others that have not overcome this world and its attractions. These souls stay in groups with other souls of like development and do not mix with the other groups, but they all can easily interact with the physical. With the exception of all guardian angels and spiritual guides, most of the spirits that interact with this physical world come from this lowest spiritual realm. People experience (perceive) these spiritual entities in different ways. Some will see ghost like forms, some will see balls of light energy of varying colors, some will see streaks of light, still others will hear voices, but most will receive inspired or intuitive thoughts and will know the spirit by the feeling that accompanies this thought. These intuitive thoughts are the still small voice that Elijah describes in 1 Kings 19:11-12. Thoughts from good spirits will be accompanied with a feeling of being uplifted, peace, comfort, and/or goodwill toward all men. Thoughts from bad spirits are accompanied by a feeling of doubt, destruction, uneasiness, restlessness and/or hatred for others.

Bad or evil spirits can be considered deterrent spirits. Their main goal is not for your soul’s progress and growth, but they like to take possession of people to experience the physical through their bodies. If your request is for material gratification and pleasures, there are many souls that would be glad to come to help fulfill those desires, but at a price. At the very least it could cause stagnation of your soul’s growth, and at its worst it could cause your soul much regret and suffering even into the spiritual realm.
Bad spirits are the demons and devils of today. Soul spirits that are not doing the will of God will not help your soul grow and can even cause your soul much suffering. Many of these souls enjoyed the base desires while on this earth and the only way that they can continue to enjoy them in the spirit realm is through the physical body of a weak human that does not have the will power to resist their suggestions.

Messages can also come through angels. There are many instances of this recorded in the Bible. Balaam, Lot, Abram, Jacob, Joseph, Mary, Elisabeth, the shepherds, Paul, and John of Patmos, were among the many people the Bible says received messages from angels. Even Jesus saw the ghostly forms of Moses and Elijah. In the Bible, all super human forms are called angels. But, in actuality they are usually spirits of humans who have lived previously on the earth. The angel that Jesus sent to John of Patmos was the spirit of a former human (Rev 22:9 Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”).

Before you practice the following procedures, closely examine your motives for wanting to hear from God. Is it for selfish desires or for the advancement and growth of your soul? This is very important and cannot be stressed too much that your motives can harm or advance your soul’s spiritual growth.

Doubt, bitterness, resentment, selfishness and grief are some of the many things that hinder the flow of God’s Word.

There is a condition where trying too hard will block the flow of God’s Word. Just relax and let it happen in God’s time.

Say a prayer before you begin. Asking God for protection from evil and menacing spirits, and that only higher level and advanced spirits will be allowed to communicate with you.

The best time to try is in the morning before the worries of the day enter your mind.

Ask God a question. Not will I do well in the market today. But phrased along the lines of show me the best way to do Your Will today.

Clear your mind of physical distractions. A blank mind is one that can receive a message.

Take the first impression or thought that enters your mind.

Test the spirits – will the thought hurt you or anyone else (1 John 4:1).

Once you have received a message, and confirmed it was from God, act on it as soon as possible. It may be just a thought to flash a smile to someone to show them that you understand the trials they are going through, or to say an encouraging word, or open a door for someone who is loaded down with arms full, or it could be a feeling that you should be at a particular place. If you fail to act on these
messages, your heart will become hardened, which will make it more difficult to receive future messages.

Be persistent in your desire to hear from God; don’t give up. Never doubt that it will come to you (doubt is the real devil). Once you doubt, you are entertaining a deterrent force.

The more you develop this way of listening to God, the easier it will be.

Almost all flights of imagination, including daydreaming, are spirits trying to influence your thought.

Many people know how to listen to God, but they have a closed soul (mind) and only accept what confirms their beliefs. Anything contrary to what they believe the Bible says (not what is actually written), they claim is from the devil. When in fact, their closed mindedness is the devil working in their lives.

One good way to block the flow of God’s word is to memorize scriptures. You are relying on your own knowledge and are not open to what God is trying to say to you. It is good to know what the Bible says (the only way to do this is by reading it for yourself) and not memorizing passages that someone else has told you are important. There are many evangelists and Bible study leaders out there that have not read the Bible themselves and are only relying on what they have been taught by others. Beware of their teachings. Just because someone says that they have received a message from God, does not mean that message is for you, unless God speaks to your soul; then you will know in your heart that the message was for you also.

Most kids have the ability to hear spiritual entities, this is where imaginary friends come from, but they need guidance on discerning which spirits to listen to, as well as how to avoid the bad spirits. Along with developing this gift from God, the child must be taught how to build a strong moral and ethical character. These type of characters make it much easier for good souls to get their message across and bad souls will be repulsed. Don’t let them yield to impulse or desire if it is destructive to them or any other of God’s creation. You must become as a little child to enter the kingdom of heaven. Recognizing that spirits are influencing your life is part of becoming as a little child.

Luke 16: 19-31  “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us,’
Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham: but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’” Many who read this parable mistakenly say that the gulf is fixed between the spirit world and this physical world, so that the spirits cannot interact with humans. But Jesus said that the gulf was fixed between the upper levels of the spirit world and Hades, and that his brothers would not listen to one who has risen from the dead because their hearts were hardened against such things.

Each day in this physical life is another day in our eternal life. Both our physical and spiritual lives are strongly intertwined and dependent upon each other. This physical life is required to develop our souls. It is not the actual tests that we encounter during this life, but how we overcome them, which is important. Strong will power (not stubbornness nor closed mindedness) is required in our spiritual lives and learning that lesson in this physical world will help us develop faster and easier than if we wait until after we leave our physical bodies behind.

One of the easiest ways for our spiritual guide or other spiritual entity to get a message to us is through our dreams. These messages usually involve symbols which are unique to each individual and do not necessarily have the same meaning for everyone. These symbols reflect some of our past experiences and if we pay attention to our dreams we can learn what they represent or mean.
Chapter 22

Journey of a Soul

Creation

God creates all souls in His own image. This soul is the spiritual part of man, and not the physical human body. But, just as the physical body must learn and develop in this world, so too must the soul learn and develop in the laws and ways of God.

When God creates a soul He gives it “free will”, which includes responsibility for the soul’s actions. God did not abandon man after his creation. He also bestowed him with the spiritual gifts of reasoning and common sense. But if these gifts are not used, they will be lost, just as many church members who are blindly following the preachers of today have become blinded and closed minded to the truths of God. God’s laws are simple and easy to follow if common sense is applied to all our reasoning. Anything that requires an elaborate explanation, or the twisting of the actual meaning is not of God. If what the preacher or evangelist is saying does not make sense or it is contrary to the known laws of this world, then it is not from God. A good example of this is when it is taught that Jesus died for everyone’s sins. This would negate the responsibility of the soul for its actions, and go against God’s law of cause and effect. Galatians 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” [Job 33:11].

When creating each soul, God gives it life by putting (breathing) His Spirit into that soul. SPIRIT IS LIFE [a vibration]. As long as His Spirit is present, that soul will remain alive. He will never leave nor abandon nor forsake that soul from the time it is created until forever. Even if that soul goes to hell, His spirit is still in that soul. If it weren’t, that soul would cease to exist. This is one way God is in each of us and we are a part of God.

Physical World

God created the physical human body in the same way that He created the entire animal kingdom, from the same elements that are found in the earth [from dust]. He also put His Spirit into each of these creatures. Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man [the physical body] of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. This human body is like all other animal bodies until the soul of man is added to give it the powers of reasoning, common sense, and will power. All animals (including human bodies) learn from the use of memory, and it is not until the soul of man is added to the physical body that mankind becomes master over all other animals. The first human bodies did not contain the soul of a man but were like all other animals. It was not until these bodies developed into a form that could be used by the spiritual man (his soul) for his learning and development, that the human soul was added. In the Bible this is referred to as partaking of the fruits of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil [Gen 3:5]. From that point onward, until God withdraws his spirit from the physical body and sets the soul free [Ecc 12:6-7], the soul is influenced by the sensations of the physical body as well as from the spiritual world. Once God removes His Spirit from the physical body, that body is destroyed; never to be used again.
While traveling through this physical world, the soul has many opportunities to choose which path to follow, and each decision affects it in different ways. The soul can either choose to concentrate only on material things or it can dwell on things spiritual or it can try to achieve a balance between the two. To concentrate only on the attainment of the material things will stunt the growth of the soul and cause it to grow darker. This would be a waste of the physical life for this soul. On the other hand, it is very difficult to dwell exclusively on things spiritual. So a good balance will serve the soul well.

The soul should constantly strive to overcome the physical world. It is not the actual tests and trials that each soul faces but how it overcomes them that is important. There are souls in this world which appear to be “down on their luck” but, won’t let this get them down and continuously strive to do the best with what they have. Then there are souls, when faced with problems, will adopt a negative attitude and give up. The soul that continuously strives, will overcome this world. Overcoming materialism, selfishness, greed and hurtfulness to others is the main lesson of this world. By overcoming this world, we will be able to achieve the spiritual heights that Jesus has achieved. Rev 3:21 “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”

While the soul is in the physical world all laws pertaining to it must be observed. Nothing in the physical can be overcome by denying its existence; it is just as real as the spiritual world. Also, there is no personal God. What He does for one person He will do for all of His creation. No one is excluded from His Love. It is mankind that tries to exclude others from God through their creeds and dogmas. First it was the Jews, then the Christians and Moslems. All peoples are God’s creation, no matter what their religion or belief. The different religious beliefs will not help a soul overcome this world. There is no easy way to overcome this world; it requires effort on the part of each soul. One of the best ways is to love all others and put their needs (not their desires) ahead of your own. This would include laying down your physical life for someone else. John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friend.”

The condition of the soul when the physical body is dropped, will determine the level of the spiritual realm that it will enter. Because of its free will, each soul creates its own heaven or hell that it will enter in the spiritual realm. A soul that is selfish, unkind, unloving, concerned only with obtaining material possessions and similar conditions, will create a dark dismal place for its habitat. Which will result in much misery and tribulation until the soul realizes what it has done wrong, and asks for forgiveness and help from God. A soul that has been loving, helpful, kind, giving to those in need while in the physical world will create a bright cheerful place.

Any soul that has created bad habits in this world and has not overcome them by the time that the soul drops the physical body will carry those habits into the spiritual world. All habits, whether good or bad, are a characteristic of the soul and not of the physical body. Habits like smoking, alcoholism, drug addiction, uncontrolled anger, hate, gossiping, selfishness, wanting to boss other people, strong desire to obtain or hang on to worldly possessions, and other similar traits are of the soul and not of the physical body. Souls retaining these characteristics will be drawn to the earth surface and try to satisfy their craving by attaching to weak willed humans and influencing them to do their bidding. Sometimes these souls do not realize that they have attached themselves to another person.
or place. In the Bible this attachment is known as being possessed by demons. Demons are nothing more than souls of former humans that have not overcome this world. Sometimes more than one demon can attach to a human at the same time giving this person multiple personalities. It will require a person with a stronger will than the demons to drive them out of the possessed person. Also, electric shocks have been used successfully to dislodge these demon souls. Two common ploys that demons use to try to get humans to leave them alone are to convince the possessed person that they do not have a problem and to turn the accusation around and say that the person trying to help them is the one with the problem. Once the demons are driven from the body of a person, they will continue to roam around looking for another person to attach to, and they will not be freed from this condition until they realize what they have done wrong, asked God for forgiveness, and strive to improve. Then they can advance in the spirit realm. Many times a person will use the excuse that they are hurting no one but themselves to continue on with their bad habits. This is not entirely true. Indeed they are severely hurting both their body and soul but they are also affecting the lives of others. Every bad habit of one person affects someone else. For smokers this could be secondhand smoke, drunk drivers can kill, people addicted to drugs can rob and kill to get money for their habit, anger causes anger in others, gossiping can cause hurt feelings, and etc for all bad habits. These are some of the more obvious ways that people’s actions affect others, but there are still many less obvious ways that only affect the souls of others and are not apparent to the physical eye. Even if a person were to move to a deserted island, his actions would affect others by depriving them of the help and companionship that he could give by living in society. All actions in the spiritual realm are accomplished by the soul employing its will power just as will power is required in the physical world to free the soul from the bonds that bind the bad habits to it. It is much easier to develop will power in the physical world than in the spiritual, and if we do not let our souls use our will power while on this earth, how can we expect them to use it in the spiritual world. One way of overcoming this world is to overcome all of our bad habits.

**Spiritual World**

Death does not cleanse and purify the soul nor will it strip away all the problems that the soul has created while in the physical world. Its only function is to release the soul from the physical body. If you are unhappy because of the lack of material possessions or the money to obtain them in the physical world, your soul will still be unhappy in the spiritual realm. If you commit suicide because you cannot cope with the problems of this world, your soul will have to face those problems in the spiritual realm and overcome them there. Just as Jesus said that the kingdom of God is inside you here in the physical world [Luke 17:20-21] so to does the kingdom of heaven and hell (which is just the opposite condition of heaven) radiate from your soul in the spiritual world. Learn to be content and happy in the material world with what you have, and try to look at the spiritual side of things.

In the spirit world it is the thought that really counts. This is not an empty expression that is just used here on earth. But is good training for our souls. When we get to the spirit world it is our thoughts that allow us to grow or hold us back. A closed mind that refuses to accept things as they really are and continues to hold on to the creeds and dogmas that the churches are teaching will be stuck in a rut until its spiritual eyes are opened.
At the time the physical body is discarded, the soul continues to exist in the condition that it has attained to while in the physical world, and must continue to advance once it enters the spiritual realm. The spiritual body that continues with the soul is in the same shape (form) as the physical body since it had to conform to that shape during the physical life of that soul.

What the church today is calling heaven is in fact just the spiritual realm. Heaven is a condition of the soul and it can be entered even while the soul is still in the physical world. The spiritual realm is not the ‘all or nothing’ concept that the church is preaching today, and there is no one at the gate denying access into it. When Jesus gave the keys of heaven to Peter, He was not saying that Peter had the power to lock the gate and keep people from entering, but that he could unlock the mystery and understand what heaven was all about.

The lower spiritual world is made up of seven levels or seven heavens as the church calls them today. But beyond these, there are an unknown number of higher levels, which are called the celestial or higher heavens. To enter these celestial heavens the soul must be filled with the Divine Love of God, which is bestowed by the Holy Spirit, and is not automatically attained after reaching the seventh heaven. Level seven is the Garden of Eden; which is where the expression “he is in seventh heaven” came from.

There are many Christians today that will be very disappointed when they enter the spiritual realm and do not see God the Father and Jesus. The church is not preaching the reality of The Father and Christ His Son. Anyone who does not know God in the physical world (not the concept that the church is preaching) will not see God in the spiritual realm for a long time. God the Father can be found in all of nature and all of mankind, which He created, and is not a separate entity apart from His creation. Jesus has already risen to the Celestial Heavens, which are not visible from the lower spheres. When Jesus said that He would be with them “even to the end of the age” [Matthew 28:20], He was not talking to everyone that would be born on this earth, but to His disciples only and indeed He was with them, since the end of the age was by the end of the first century.

When a soul returns to the spirit world it enters the level that it has attained to while on this earth; usually levels one through three. From there it must progress until it reaches level seven. A soul in the spiritual realm still retains its free will, which will affect the speed and amount of its progress. Levels one and two are where most of the souls enter the spiritual world. Level one contains the hells, as well as those who are still tied to the physical world by their wants and desires, and others who have not given any thought to what lies beyond the physical world, and those who refuse to believe that they have died, and those who are held at that level by selfish friends which refuse to let them progress (yes thoughts from the physical world affect spirits in the spiritual realms). Each of these different groups are separated from the others in the same way that persons of like thinking are grouped together in the physical world. Level one is where most of the spiritual souls interact with the physical world.

When moving up through the different levels the frequency will be increased. This is evidenced by the increase in brightness and feeling of good will. The brightness of each level is produced by the love that emanates from each soul that resides on that level. Within each level there are also tiers of smaller advancements.
Levels one and two of the spiritual world at first glance appear to be like the physical world, which is why there are some souls who will refuse to believe that they have dropped the physical body. But on closer inspection they will notice many things that have changed. The most noteworthy difference is that there will be one continuous gray day; similar to an overcast day on this earth. It is not until the soul reaches level three that it will notice conditions better than those on earth. That is why level three is considered The Summerland. The brightness of light at this level can be compared to a bright summer day in the physical world.

Do not be afraid of your journey through the spirit world. Just know that God is in control of everything and is always with you, even if you have chosen your path to travel through the region known as the hells. In the spirit realm, there are always more advanced souls that are ready to help other less developed souls, just look for them and know them by the brightness that emanates from their souls.

This is not a detailed description of the spirit world. There are myriad books written about life in the spirit realm. Some were written by persons that have visited in dreams and visions, some by persons through deathbed experiences, and many others by mediums that have received the information from souls currently living in the spirit world. Many of the latter books were written in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and are out of print but they can be read online (www.spiritwritings.com/library.html). Read as many of these accounts as you can and decide for yourself what is the truth in them. Trust your instinct, which is, the Christ Spirit within you, just remember that each of these accounts will be tainted by the beliefs of the human receiving the information.

The destiny of all souls is to return to God. This is predestined. But the journey taken is the responsibility of each soul and is determined by the choices that are made along the way. “Free will.”

Look to God always for your help and salvation.
Chapter 23

The Physical World, the Spiritual World, and Heaven

The physical world, the spiritual world, and heaven, although these three things exist simultaneously here in this physical world, they are three distinctly different things.

The physical world is everything we can see with our physical eyes or hear with our physical ears or smell with our physical noses or touch (feel) with our physical body or taste with our physical mouths.

The spiritual world is where our souls are created and are always connected to while we are using these physical bodies and where our souls return to when our physical life is over. The spiritual world appears to be much like the physical world but with a much higher frequency. This difference in frequency is the gulf that exists between these two worlds.

Heaven is not a place, although it exists in the same place as the physical and spiritual worlds, but an action or state of our soul. It is, as Jesus referred to it, the kingdom of God (where God’s soul resides). When we are in contact with our Creator, we are in heaven. This condition can be present here in this physical world or in the spiritual world.

In the Bible the word heaven is used for these two different places and the condition of our souls. When it is referring to the physical sky associated with this earth and all the planets and stars in the universe, usually the word “the” (the heavens) precedes it. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. When it is referring to the spiritual world (where our souls were created and where they return after we leave this physical body) then just the word “heaven” or words “of heaven” are used. Daniel 7:2 Daniel spoke saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.” This is the heaven that the churches say we go to after we die but in reality it is just the spiritual realm. When it is referring to the condition of our souls, then the words “kingdom of heaven” or “kingdom of God” are used. Luke 17:20-21 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” Anytime the Word of God comes to us and we listen to It or we are close to God, then we are in the kingdom of heaven.

God did not create the physical world to be man’s home. He created man as a spiritual entity (soul) and placed him in the Garden of Eden which is the highest level of the spiritual world (realm) that the natural created soul can return to. But when the soul of man disobeyed God (ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) he was figuratively kicked out of the Garden and his soul came into the physical world to inhabit the physical body of the human form which already existed at that time. The physical human body was not created at the same time as the spiritual soul. They are actually two separate entities. The soul does not enter the human body until after it is born, but it does hang around with its future parents while the fetus is developing and knows what is
happening in the physical world. When the soul of man came into the physical world he could no longer view the Garden of Eden. His vision was obscured by the flaming sword which God placed between them. This fire is the trials and temptations that each soul endures during its stay in the physical world, and it keeps us from seeing God, if we let it. It is the responsibility of each soul to learn the laws and ways of God while on this earth, and develop its soul so that it can return to the Garden of Eden.

The spiritual world contains the Garden of Eden as well as Hell and all the levels in between, and it occupies the same space as the physical world, being separated by frequency only. There have been many reports of persons with near death experiences (NDE’s) that have visited either heaven or hell or both, and what they remember varies widely. This is mainly due to the fact that they have entered different levels of the spiritual realm, but it is also due to their background and beliefs, which affects how souls perceive things in the spiritual world (this is one way we each create our own heaven and hell). Within all these NDE’s there are some common remembrances; the feeling of pleasantness, peace, calmness, serenity and relaxation, or distress, turmoil, fear and being troubled. These are all spiritual attributes which every soul experiences here in the physical world, so they can be easily remembered.

Because our souls are always in contact with the spiritual world, even while they reside in these physical bodies, we can receive messages from other spiritual souls at any time. Even Jesus had contact with the spirits of Moses and Elijah while He was in His physical body (Matthew 17:3). Peter, James and John also saw these same spirits. King Saul saw the spiritual body of Samuel (1 Samuel 28:15) Others in the Bible that received messages from spiritual souls include Joseph, John of Patmos, Daniel and many others. Just know who is giving you the message before you believe it.

Do not waste your time and money visiting a psychic medium. Your loved ones are just as capable of contacting you as they are contacting a medium. Be open to all signs and feelings that indicate that they are with you, no matter how small or trivial they seem. The more you practice this openness the stronger the messages will come through. Doubters and naysayers will say it is all in your mind or you are imagining things. Of course it is in your mind. Your mind is a major part of your soul, which is the part of you that will live forever more.

Sometimes disease, like dementia, or damage to the brain (which is a physical organ and our soul’s (mind’s) main contact point with our physical body) from an accident can cause our minds to lose some or all control of our physical bodies. But, our souls are never damaged in those accidents.

Heaven is a state of our soul where we become one with God. John 10:30-36 “I and My Father are one.” Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of these works do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, I said, ‘You are gods’”? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”
The kingdom of heaven is the kingdom of God. Although God’s Spirit pervades the entire physical world and the entire spiritual world, including the hells, His Soul resides in the kingdom of heaven (the Celestial Heavens). All souls will enter some level of the spiritual world when they leave their physical bodies, but not all souls will enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” Read all of Matthew chapter 7. The lawlessness that Jesus was talking about is not the breaking of the laws of the physical world, but ignoring the spiritual laws of God. Anyone who is preaching that you only have to confess your sins to Jesus to get into the kingdom of heaven is ignoring all of God’s laws that He has established to keep His kingdom in order. All of the people preaching this message will eventually enter the Garden of Eden but not all will understand the ways of God and enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life and there are few who find it.” This life that Jesus is referring to is a life in the kingdom of God; spiritually partaking of the fruit of the tree of life (which is becoming more like God by asking Him to fill your soul with His divine presence).

In the Bible, Jesus talked about the kingdom of heaven (the kingdom of God) more than any other subject. This kingdom of heaven, along with the Love of God that emanates from it, is where we should be striving to reach not the spiritual world (heaven) that the churches and temples and mosques are preaching today.

The rabbis and preachers and Imams of today are only preaching the way into the higher levels of the spiritual world just as the priests did in Jesus’ day. This is the Old Covenant. They do not understand the real teachings of Jesus, which is a life in God; the New Covenant.

In all things, know that God loves you and will lead you back to Him