

# **The Journey towards The Book of Revelation. Experiencing the Actual events in Our Time.**

**The Journey to our place reserved for us in Heaven.**

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## **The Journey towards the Book of Revelation. Events in the Time of the Book of Revelation.**

**This is a collection of situations and experiences that are recorded in the Bible from Genesis to the Book of Revelation.**

**The Purpose of me writing this Book is to help Christians and Non - Christians a like, understand and realize that the Bible and the Book of Revelation is not a Book to be scared about, but it is a Book the describes the final events in the history of mankind and the world, as we know it.**

**There are many things that are going to take place in the days to come, in the world that we know of, and not that far down into the Future, that will be exciting for the Christian, but also devastating for those that do not believe in Jesus Christ and him Crucified.**

**The events that are about to unfold have been foretold for centuries, even from the time that Adam and Eve sinned, by disobeying what the Lord God had said to Adam, that he was not to do.**

**Because of the Virus that has now swept the world, the world as we know it will never be the same. Keep the Faith.**

**I will not be talking about everything in the Book of Revelation, but things leading up to the time when Christ shall return. We are now in that time frame which we are now living. There are many more things than I will mention, but there are just far too many events and situations to fit into one book.**

**There will be 3 Books with different Titles.**

**Book, 1 and 2 and 3.**

**Each Book will have a different Title.**

**Scripture Quotations By:**

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I do plan to write this book as a Study Guide, like most of my other books that I have written.

A lot of Christians that I know seem to find the Bible and the book of Revelation hard to read and understand.

My heart is that I can put some of the more important experiences into easy reading words so that the people of God can get to understand his writings.

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## **The Reason for writing this Study Guide, about our Journey leading up to the book of Revelation.**

I am not sure if it was earlier this year or late last year, [2019] when a friend in Church asked me to put together a Bible Study on who the two Witnesses were in the Book of Revelation.

I did as he had asked and presented it and all was fine, so I thought.

Then Last Tuesday at the Bible Study questions were asked about a certain thing, then that lead to another question, and another, and another and so on.

A lot of the answers were to do with the last days and the Book of Revelation.

On my way home that night, [2019] I started to think about the answers that were given, and I realized that I had not included a lot of what I had just said in the original message on the Two Witnesses.

This week, now the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 I have started to add all the new information to the message.

Now today the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 the Lord has placed a thought into my Spirit about writing a book about some of the journeys and events leading up to the Book of Revelation. I just need to realize in God, which ones.

After a 10<sup>th</sup> month period of just being too busy to even look like getting back to the books, we have a forced period of time with the Coronavirus Pandemic that I am now able to get back into the books and hopefully go a long way into getting them finished, if not very close to getting them finished.

## **About the Author.**

I have been a Christian since I was 16 years of Age. I am now 67 years young.

I started ministering when I was 20 years of age and have traveled a lot both in Australia and overseas ministering.

I have an incredible passion for the Word of the Lord and am so grateful to the Lord for the gifts and calling that he has placed upon my life.

It is an honor to serve the Lord in this capacity.

**This is my 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Book, come Study Guide.**

**Titles of the other books written by the Author.**

**1. Divorce. Do we as Christians have the Godly right?**

The next ones are Study Guides for small groups and Churches.

**2. Foundation Principles. The Building Blocks for a Fulfilled life as a Christian**

**3. A Famine of Hearing the Word of God. A Decision that will Affect out Eternal Future.**

**4. Is There a Second Coming of Jesus Christ? What the Scriptures say about this Subject.**

**5. Nehemiah. How a call on Someone`s life can Overcome Anything.**

**6. and 7 and 8. A trilogy of 3 books. The Journey towards the Book of the Book of Revelation. Covering Salvation from Genesis to Revelation. The Journey of Change to Perfection. A Journey to our place reserved for us in Heaven.**

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**They are.**

**Kevin Connor.**

**Richard Holland.**

**Bill Kean.**

**Also, no one gets knowledge or understanding without the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit impacting you and influencing you as a person, and to them I say thank you!**

## What Can we Expect to Happen to us in The Last Days.

### **Joel. 2;27-31.**

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

And also, upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

### **The Message Bible says.**

You`ll know without question, that I am in the thick of life with Israel.

That I`m your God, yes, your God, the one and only real God.

Never again will my people be despised.

And that`s just the beginning; After that, I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people; Your sons will prophecy, also your daughters.

Your old men will dream, and your young men will see visions.

I`ll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both.

I`ll set wonders in the sky above and signs in the earth below; Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood red, before the judgment day of God, that day being tremendous and awesome.

**When we read the book of Joel, we will find that a lot of what Joel talks about is the judgment of God, both on the Jews and the other nations round about.**

**When the Prophet Joel says that the Spirit of God is going to be poured out on ALL People, he means all people.**



### Points of Interests.

- God said that he is in the midst of his people and that he is the only true God.
- My people shall never be ashamed.
- I am going to pour out of my Spirit, [ **The Holy Spirit** ] upon all flesh, and your men and women are going to prophecy and see visions and dream dreams from God.
- I will show wonders in the heavens and signs in the earth.
- God said I will turn the sun into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord.

### Acts. 2;14 -21.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said unto them, ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and harken to my words.

For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. [ That is 9.00 am in the morning. ]

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

### Peter repeats the word found in Acts. 2;17-18. The same word that Joel said in Joel 2;28.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and For I will

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophecy.

I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire, and vapour of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

### Points of Interests.

- God said that in the last days he is going to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all humans that belong to him. Old and young alike. Male or female. Jew or Greek. Black or white.
- They are going to see visions, dream dreams, and prophecy concerning the things of God.
- There shall be wonders in heaven, and signs on the earth. People shall see blood and smoke.
- The sun shall be turned into darkness. The moon into Blood. Before the Lord returns.

**The Lord will look after the Christian or the believer. He or She has no reason to fear anything, but the reverence fear of the Lord.**

**Isaiah. 44;3.**

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring.

**The Message Bible says.**

For I will pour water on the thirsty ground, and send streams coursing through then parched earth. I will pour my Spirit into your descendants and my blessings upon your children.

They shall sprout like grass on the prairie, like willows alongside creeks.

**All through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, the Prophets of old have foretold of the coming of the Lord again for his people, and what will happen in those days.**

**Acts. 3; 24-25.**

Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that followed after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, and in thy seed, shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

**The Message Bible says.**

All the prophets from Samuel on down said the same thing, said most emphatically that these days would come.

These Prophets, along with the covenant God made with your ancestors, are your family tree.

God's covenant word to Abraham provides the text; By your offspring, all the families of the earth will be blessed; But you are first in line; God having raised up his son, sent him to bless you as you turn, one by one, from your evil ways.

**Galatians. 3; 28-29.**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**The Message Bible says.**

In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal.

That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ's family, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the covenant promises.

**Peters statement is one for the new day Church. Telling all believers what they must do. If they do what the Lord commands, then they will always be confident and on top of any situation.**

**Acts. 2;38-39.**

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise in unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

**We are as far of as anyone can be, yet the promises of God are available to us the believer.**

**Jesus is foretelling to the Church, what the plans are of his Father and himself, and how they plan to send the third person of the Godhead, God the Holy Spirit to the earth after he, Jesus, leaves, and the benefit that the Holy Spirit shall be to the last day Church and the believer.**

**John. 14;16-18.**

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.

**The Message Bible says.**

I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide another friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of truth.

The godless world cannot take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned. I'm coming back. In just a little while the world will not see me, but you're going to see me because I am alive and you're about to come alive.

**Acts. 10;44-48.**

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter.

Can any man forbid water; that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. What is the Lord going to do in the last days?

**Joel. 2;27-31.**

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2. What did Peter say?

**Acts. 2;14-21.**

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3. What has the Lord said here?

**Isaiah. 44;3.**

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4. What are we described as?

**Galatians. 3;28-29.**

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5. Peter encourages the people to do what?

**Acts. 2;38-39.**

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6. When Peter spoke what fell upon the people and who did it fall on?

**Acts. 10;44-48.**

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# We Serve the God of the Breakthrough

Even though you will not find this wording coupled together in Scripture, “The God of the Breakthrough.” We see by examples of events in the Bible, that it is because God has been present in the situations and circumstances that man has faced, and because they the people have asked the Lord for a breakthrough, or deliverance, and it has only been because God has intervened for them, as they have asked him to help them and get them out of this situation or circumstance.

**What I am going to show are examples in the scriptures where the people of God have been delivered and released when God or Jesus has intervened on their behalf and the people have experienced deliverance or a breakthrough.**

**James. 1;5.**

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.

**The Message Bible says.**

If you do not know what you are doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You will get his help. And he will not be condescended to when you ask for it.

Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who worry their prayers, are like wind- wipped waves. Do not think you are going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open.

**Proverbs. 3;3-4.**

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.

So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

**God is perfect in every way.**

**Numbers. 23;19.**

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall not he do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good.

**The Message Bible says.**

God is not a man, one given to lies, and not a son of a man changing his mind.

Does he speak and not do what he says?

Does he promise and not come through?

**Points of Interests.**

- God has not the spirit of a man that will cause him to lie to get him out of a situation, and nor will he change his mind about anything and need to repent of that.
- If God says something you can be sure that he will do what he says he will do.
- If our God promises anything to us in his word, you can be sure that he will do it.

**When David was facing an enemy force, he asked the Lord should I go up against them.**

**11 Samuel. 5;19-25.**

And David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The Lord hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place, Baalperazim.

And there they left their images and David and his men burned them.

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And when David enquired of the Lord, he said, Thou shall not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thy self: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until they come to Gazer



### Points of Interests.

- When the enemy comes up against us, he may come in so many different ways!
- It can be a financial attack. A verbal attack. An emotional attack. A family matter attack. A work situation attack, or even an emotional attack.
- The first we need to do is enquire of the Lord as to how shall he want us to deal with this situation.
- The Lord our God will tell us how to move or deal with any situation if we ask him. If we do not ask him and we go off on how we in our own mind think that we should deal with it. It will not work out, and things could become worse.
- David and his men destroyed all the false God images that the Philistines had. We need to get rid out of our lives anything that is not of God.
- The Philistines came up against the children of Israel a second time. We need to realize the just because we have defeated the enemy in one situation, that does not mean that he will not come up at us again, quite the opposite. He will attack us again when he thinks that we do not expect him to.
- The second time that the Philistines came up against the children of Israel, God gave David a different way or manner in how to destroy the enemy, only after David enquired again to the Lord on what to do. We need to realize this, that God may choose different ways to destroy the enemy, every time that we face something.
- We do need to seek the Lord every time we come up against the enemy in anything.

### Paul had a Spiritual Breakthrough as The Lord touched him.

#### Acts. 9;3-6.

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me? And he said, Who art thou Lord? I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. It is hard to kick against the pricks. **The word pricks here is not a swear word. When the bullocks were connected to a cart, they had sharp pointy spikes behind their legs so if the bullocks decided to buck and carry on, Their legs would hit the sharp points and cause them to calm down because of the pain.**

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him. Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

### Paul recognized that it was the Lord in the experience. Do we?

#### The Message Bible says.

He set off. When he got to the outskirts of Damascus, he was suddenly dazed by a blinding flash of light. As he fell to the ground, he heard a voice; Saul, Saul, why are you out to get me?

He said, Who are you Master? I am Jesus, the one you are hunting down. I want you to get up and enter the city. In the city you will be told what to do next.

#### **Points of Interests.**

- While on a journey to do harm to the Christians, he had an encounter with the Lord that would change his life.
- Because the bright light from heaven was so bright it caused Saul to fall to the ground and it was there that he heard a voice from above that convicted him.
- When Saul enquired who it was that was speaking to him, Jesus said, It is I, Jesus who you are fighting against. You cannot keep doing this Saul.
- And in fear and trembling at the revelation of what he had heard as well as the realization as what he been doing, Saul asked the Lord. What is it that you want me to do?
- We have the Holy Spirit today to do this to us. To tell us when we need to be adjusted.
- That Lord told him that he was to get up of the ground and go into the city, and it is there that he would be told what to do so that could receive his sight back again.
- Saul has a Spiritual breakthrough when he found out that what he was doing was wrong, and especially to who he was doing it to, namely Jesus, the son of the Most High God. This is in regard to the persecution of the Christians that had faith in and were serving Jesus Christ.

#### **Peter had a breakthrough, when he realizes that the Gospel was for everyone.**

##### **Acts. 10; 9-15.**

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

And he became very hungry and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance.

And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to earth:

Wherein were all manner of four footed beasts, of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat.

But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.

And the voice spake unto to him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not common.

**The Message Bible says.**

The next day as the three travelers were approaching town. Peter went out on the balcony to pray. It was about noon.

Peter got hungry and started to think about lunch. While lunch was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

He saw the skies open up. Something looked like a huge blanket lowered by ropes at its four corners settled on the ground. Every kind of animal and reptile and bird you could think of was on it.

Then a voice came; Go to it Peter, kill and eat.

Peter said, Oh no Lord, I have never so much as tasted food that was not kosher. [ or Clean ]

The voice came a second time; If God says that it is ok. It is ok.

**Points of Interests.**

- As Cornelius and his two companions were approaching the town, Peter went up to the roof top to pray. It was about 12.00 midday. Noon if you like.
- Peter was starting to get hungry and while lunch was being prepared, Peter fell into a trance, or a move of the Holy Spirit to enable Peter to see something in the Spirit.
- Peter saw the heavens opening up. and it looked like a huge sheet or a blanket of some kind slowly let down by the four corners towards the earth.
- Within that sheet or blanket was every 4 footed beast that existed upon the earth at that time, as well as wild beasts, reptiles of every kind and all manner of birds that existed within the earth.
- The Lord God spoke to Peter by the Holy Spirit and said, Peter you have my permission to rise up and kill whatever animal or creepy thing or any kind of bird that you want to, and eat it.
- Peter disobeyed the word of the Lord and said, Oh, no Lord, and said, I have never tasted anything that was not clean, or common, and I am not about to start now, despite the fact that the Lord gave him permission to do so.
- The voice of the Lord came again a second time to Peter and said, What I have cleaned and made right, you have no right to say that it is common or unclean. I have made it clean, so you can kill what you like and eat it.
- What the Lord was showing Peter is, that the Gospel was available to everyone, not just the Jews, and that his work on the cross of Calvary cleaned every person in the world from sin, if they wished to partake of the invitation.

**A Breakthrough showing that all men are equal in the eyes of the Lord.****Acts. 10;28.**

And he said unto them. Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

**The Message Bible says.**

Talking things over, they went into the house, where Cornelius introduced Peter to everyone who had come.

Peter addressed them, you know, I am sure that this is highly irregular. Jews just do not do this, visit and relax with people from another race.

But God has just showed me that no race is better than the other. So, the minute I was sent for, I came, no questions asked. But now I would like to know why you sent for me.

**Points of Interests.**

- At the time before the Spiritual breakthrough came to Peter it was not lawful for Jews to meet with non-Jews, or people from another country.
- The Lord then showed Peter that no country of race was better than another.

**Acts. 10;34.**

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

**The Message Bible says.**

Peter fairly exploded with his good news; It is God`s own truth. Nothing could be plainer; God plays no favorites. It makes no difference who you are or where you come from. If you want God, and are ready to do what he says, the door is open.

The message is sent to the children of Israel, that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again, well, he is doing it everywhere, among everyone.

**Points of Interests.**

- Peter is telling everybody of a truth in God`s word.
- Peter said that the truth that he has come to know and understand, is that God is no respecter of persons.
- Everybody is equal in the eyes of the Lord.
- No nation is better than any-other nation in the eyes of the Lord.
- Every person and every nation must acknowledge Jesus Christ and him, crucified.
- This was a revelational breakthrough for Peter, coming from **the God of the Breakthrough.**

**The Spiritual Breakthrough is that God is going to do a new thing.****Isaiah. 43;18-20.**

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and then owls; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

**The Message Bible says.**

Forget about what's happened; do not keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present. I am about to do something brand new. It is bursting out, Don't you see it?

There it is. I am making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

Wild animals will say, thank you. The coyotes and the buzzards, because I provided water in the desert, rivers through the sun-baked earth.

Drinking water for the people I chose, the people I made especially for myself, a people custom-made to praise me.

**Points of Interests.**

- Do not think upon or remember the old days when things were hard, and trouble seemed to come from all sides.
- God is saying that, Behold I am planning to do a new thing in your life that is going to amaze you.
- When you are in a dry and barren place the Lord says that he is going to make a way for you by providing rivers from the Lord when you are in a dry and barren place.
- Even the beasts of the field are going to honour and praise the Lord, because he has provided rivers and waters to drink.
- The Lord is going to do that for us also, especially for those people who he has chosen to worship him.
- When we think that we are in the wilderness, and we do not feel that the Lord is around us, or even hears us at times, he will send a breakthrough from the Lord and it will come and deliver us.
- We will take upon us a new Spirit in our hearts, and it shall cause us to be delivered from whatever we are experiencing.

**A New encounter or Breakthrough shall come to those who enquire of the Lord.**

**Matthew. 7;7-8.**

Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

### **Points of Interests.**

- Ask anything concerning God`s Word of the Lord, and he will grant what you desire if you can believe for it.
- Knock on the door that leads to Christ, for he is the door. That door will always be opened to you.
- Everyone that enquires of the Lord with the right heart, will receive.
- Anyone that generally seeks the Lord for whatever reason, will find him.
- Keep on knocking. Keep on seeking and you will find the Lord.

**The breakthrough came about for the nation of Israel through David. After he was anointed.**

**David defeated Goliath.**

**1 Samuel. 17;10-11.**

And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

When all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly feared.

**The Message Bible says.**

So, pick your best fighter and pit him against me. If he gets the upper hand and kills me, the Philistines will all become your slaves.

But if I get the upper hand and kill him. You will all become our slaves and serve us.

I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man. Let us fight together.

When Saul and his troops heard the Philistines challenge, they were terrified and lost all hope.

**Vs. 22-58.**

**This chapter tells how David was but a youth in years, but a seasoned warrior in his spirit.**

**Following are a number of dot points of attributes for David.**

- David left his sheep in the charge of a carer while he went of to battle, and greeted his brothers.
- As he talked with them, Goliath the Philistines champion, came up and spoke harsh words against Israel and their God.
- All the fighting men of Israel fled with great fear when they heard Goliath speak.
- David heard from the men of war as to how much they feared Goliath and the riches that the king of Israel would bestow upon any man that could destroy Goliath.
- David enquired from the men when he heard of the riches given by the King of Israel as to what were the riches that a man would receive if he killed Goliath.
- David said, who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he would dare defy the armies of the living God.

- David`s brothers were mad with him that he would dare ask about and blessings that a man might receive for killing Goliath.
- When the accusations were made to David by his brother. David said What have I done that you should get mad with me. Is there not a great cause that someone needs to kill Goliath.
- Mocking David, some told the King Saul what David had said to king Saul. Let no man`s heart fail because of Goliath and the words that he speaks.
- David then said. I will go and fight with this Philistine.
- King Saul told David that he was but a youth, could not fight him because he, Goliath, was a warrior from his youth.
- David then told Saul about the time that he had killed a lion and a bear that attacked the sheep.
- Saul armed David with his armour, but David said I cannot wear these things for I have not proven them.
- David took his staff and his sling and got 5 stones out of the brook.
- When Goliath saw that David was but a youth, he got increasingly mad and frustrated.
- Goliath made threats to David and said things against Israel.
- David said he came in the name of the Lord and that he, God, will defeat Goliath and that he David will cut of the Head of him that would abuse the God of Israel and his armies.
- David ran toward Goliath and caused a stone to fly from his sling into the head of Goliath and David cut of his head with Goliath`s own sword and all the Philistines fled in fear, and the children of Israel chased after them and destroyed them.
- **The God of the breakthrough stood by David as he stood up against the enemy that would rise up against Israel. David had a heart for the Lord. He was not perfect, far from it, but the scripture says that David had a heart like unto God.**

This an account concerning **King Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel**. The children of Moab, and the children of Ammon and others beside them like the Ammonites, came to make war with the children of Israel, so as to destroy them.

This included Syria as well.

**King Jehoshaphat** was told that we are greatly out-numbered and **fear** came upon **King Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel**.

Jehoshaphat set himself and the nation of Israel and Judah to fast and pray before the Lord, and as they did, **the God of the breakthrough** came and destroyed all the enemy on their behalf.

**The God of the breakthrough was moved by the fasting and prayers of his people. The fact the children of Israel were greatly outnumbered, meant nothing. Our God is greater.**

**11 Chronicles. 20; 3-7.**

And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaim a fast throughout all Judah.

And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord; even out of all the cities of Judah came they, to seek the Lord.

And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court.

And said, O Lord God of our fathers, art thou not God in heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

Art thou not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend forever.

**The Message Bible says.**

Shaken, Jehoshaphat prayed. He went to God for help and ordered a nationwide fast. The country of Judah united in seeking God's help. They came from all the cities of Judah to pray to God.

Then Jehoshaphat took a position before the assembled people of Judah and Jerusalem at the Temple of God in front of the new courtyard and said, O God, God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven above and ruler of all kingdoms below?

You hold all power and might in your fist. No one stands a chance against you and did not you make the natives of this land leave as you brought your people Israel in, turning it over permanently to your people Israel. The descendants of Abraham your friend?

**Points of Interests.**

- The enemy came up against the children of Israel and greatly outnumbered the children of Israel and Judah.
- Jehoshaphat and the people of God greatly feared the enemy because of their numbers.
- Jehoshaphat and all of Judah and Israel gathered to seek the Lord by fasting and praying before him asking for his help to destroy the enemy that would dare rise up against the people of God.
- Jehoshaphat began to praise the Lord and bless his name and declare his power and authority over the enemy.
- Jehoshaphat declared through the history of Israel that they are the seed of Abraham.

**The God of the Breakthrough heard the cries for help from his people and moved on their behalf and spoke a word from God, through Jahaziel, a Priest. By the Spirit of God.**



**11 Chronicles. 20;14-15.**

Then upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph., came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation.

And he said, Hearken ye all Judah and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat. Thus said the Lord unto you. Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; **for the battle is not yours, but God`s.**

**The Message Bible says.**

Everyone in Judah was there. Little children, wives, sons. All present and attentive to God.

Then was Jahaziel was moved by the Spirit of God to speak from the midst of the congregation.

Jahaziel was the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah the Levite of the Asaph clan.

He said, Attention everyone all of you from out of town, all of you from Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat. This is God`s word; Do not be afraid; do not pay any mind to this vandal horde.

This is God`s war not yours.

**Points of Interests.**

- Because the nation of Israel and Judah sort the Lord, the Spirit of God moved upon a Priest and spoke unto the people of God.
- God told them do not be afraid and do not worry about this great multitude, for I am greater than them. I am not concerned about numbers of the enemy.
- The Spirit of the Lord said that the battle is not yours but his, the Lords.
- What the Lord is saying is that it does not matter what comes against you, or how many there are. They cannot win over you because as you put your trust and care in me, I will destroy anything that comes up against you, because you are my people.
- The scriptures go on to say how the Lord told Jehoshaphat, their king and leader, what to do, where to go, so as to win the battle.
- Then the Lord destroyed all the enemy and Israel and Judah had a great spoil of riches that the enemy left behind.

**The God of the breakthrough won because the people of God asked him to, and they put their trust and faith in the Lord.**

**Jeremiah. 29;11-14.**

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will harken unto you.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, saith the Lord; and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I called you to be carried away captive.

**The Message Bible says.**

I know what I am doing. I have it all planned out. Plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I will listen.

When you come looking for me, you will find me.

Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I will make sure you will not be disappointed. God`s Decree.

**Points of Interests.**

- The Lord is saying. I know what I am doing. I have full control of every situation.
- I only want what is best for you and I have great plans for that.
- When you get hungry for my presence in your life, and begin to pray unto me, and call upon me I will make sure that you find me.
- When you do search for me and find me. I will turn away anything that has you held captive. I will release you from those things that bind you and have you bound.

**Nothing is impossible to God. He is not only our God of the breakthrough, but also the God of the impossible. Nothing is impossible for the Lord. We just need to believe It and give him space to be able to do things for us.**

**In other word`s take our hand of the situation so the Lord can do something.**

**Luke. 18;27.**

And he said, The things, which are impossible with men, are possible with God.

**The Message Bible says.**

No chance at all, Jesus said, if you think that you can pull it off by yourself.

Every chance in the world if you trust God to do it.

**Points of Interests.**

- We humans we need to understand that there are things in the world that we cannot do, no matter how hard we try.
- But these same things are possible through Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- If we surrender our will and our pride unto the Lord and realize that we cannot do some things.
- The God of the breakthrough will move on our behalf and accomplish what needs to be done, when we step aside and make room for God to be able to step in and move and accomplish what ever for us.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. If we lack what. What are we to do?

**James. 1;5.**

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2. What are we to make sure that we have?

**Proverbs. 3;3-4.**

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3. How does this scripture describe God, and what will he do?

**Numbers. 23;19.**

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4. David wanted to know something. What did he do?

**11 Samuel. 5;19-25.**

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5. What happened to Saul here?

**Acts. 9;3-6.**

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6. What was the breakthrough that Peter received?

**Acts. 10;28.**

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7. What are we not to do?

**Isaiah. 43;18-20.**

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8. What happens when we seek the Lord?

**Mathew. 7;7-8.**

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9. Because of the number of the enemy that came against Jehoshaphat. What did he do?

**11 Chronicles. 20;3-7.**

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10. What was the word that Jahaziel received from the Lord?

**11 Chronicles. 20;14-15.**

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11. What does the Lord say here?

**Jeremiah. 29;11-14.**

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# The Bride of Christ

## Who is she?

**Matthew. 22;1-14.**

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables and said.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son.

And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come.

Again, he sent forth other servants, telling them which are bidden. Behold I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come unto the marriage.

**But they made light of it,** and went their own ways, one to farm, another to his merchandise;

And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth; and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

Then saith he to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests.

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment;

And he saith unto him, friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then said the king to the servants. Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and nashing of teeth.

For many are called but few are chosen.

**The invitation went out into the streets and invited both good and bad to the wedding of his Son. It does not matter what your life history is like, if you accept God`s invitation to his Sons marriage, and you accept Jesus Christ into your life. Your history is forgiven. There will be no responsibility required by you for your previous life. You are forgiven by God.**

**The Message Bible says.**

Jesus responded by telling more stories. God's Kingdom, he said, is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests. And they would not come.

He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, Look, everything is on the table, the prime rib is ready for carving. Come to the feast.

They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them.

The King was outraged and sent his soldiers to destroy those thugs, and level their city.

Then he told his servants, We, have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited were not up to it.

Go out into the busiest intersections in town and invite anyone you find to the banquet.

The servants went out onto the streets and rounded up everyone that they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so, the banquet was on, every place was filled.

When the King entered and looked over the scene, he spotted a man who was not properly dressed. He said to him, friend, how dare you come in here looking like that! The man was speechless. Then the King told his servants, Get him out of here, fast.

Tie him up and ship him to hell, and make sure that he does not get back in.

That's what I mean when I say, Many, get invited; only a few make it.

**Romans. 10;14-15.**

How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

**The Message Bible says.**

But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they have not heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them?

And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?



### Points of Interests.

- A parable, is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
- The King, God the Father, is preparing a wedding feast for the marriage of his son Jesus.
- Invitations were sent out, but they were made light of, or the people were not interested in coming to the wedding or the feast.
- How have we received God`s word in relation to not just salvation? but also commitment and pressing on in the things of God.
- Some of the Kings servants were bashed and killed which got the Lord very angry so he destroyed the people concerned and their city.
- Are we concerned about abuse, verbal, and or physical if we share the Word of God to someone, even though they may be going to hell in their current state of unbelief?
- More invitations were sent out, but this time to anyone that was interested, good and bad, even those on the streets, and the places were filled.
- Surely, we know both good and bad people. These may just be waiting for someone to talk to them about the Lord.
- God the Father came into the feast to see the guests and found one person there that was not dressed right, so he bound him up hand and foot and cast him into hell.
- When the Jewish nation rejected Jesus, the Gospel was then offered to the Gentiles who received it gladly, and spread it, the Word of God, throughout the land.
- This story is showing us modern day Christians that there is a marriage of the Lamb of God, our husband, who is Jesus Christ, who is returning for his bride, us, the Church, and if we are not careful, we could miss out on the marriage, just like the man who was not dressed right.
- A garment in scripture speaks of a way of life. If we do not make sure that our life, and the way that we live it, is not according to the word of God, it could cause us to miss out on the return of Jesus Christ when he comes for his bride, and that means that we miss out on heaven itself.

### Luke. 14;16-24.

This scripture talks about the same thing in relation to the marriage of the lamb but does use different situations and language to describe the same parable.

### Luke 14:16-24 (KJV)

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:  
 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.  
 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.  
 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.  
 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

So that servant came and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

And the lord said unto the servant, Go, out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

**Matthew. 25; 1-13.**

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto 10 virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them.

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, **or waited**, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight, there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

And the foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us.

But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh.

**The Message Bible says.**

God`s kingdom is like ten young virgins, who took oil lamps and went out to greet the bridegroom.

Five were silly and five smart. The silly virgins took lamps, but no extra oil. The smart virgins took jars of oil to feed their lamps. The bridegroom did not show up when they expected him, and they all fell asleep. In the middle of the night someone yelled out, He`s here! The bridegroom`s here. Go out and greet him.

The ten virgins got up and got their lamps ready. The silly virgins said to the smart ones. Our lamps are going out, lend us some of your oil.

They answered, There, might not be enough to go around; go buy your own. They did, but while they were buying oil, the bridegroom arrived.

When everyone who was there to greet him, had gone into the wedding feast, the door was locked.

Much latter, the other virgins arrived, the silly ones, showed up and knocked on the door, saying, Master, we are here. Let us in.

He answered, Do I know you? I don't think I know you. So, stay alert. You have no Idea when he might arrive.

**Psalm. 119;105.**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

**The Message Bible says.**

By your words I can see where I am going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. I have committed myself, and I will never turn back from living by your righteous order.

**Points of Interests.**

- Heaven is like 10 virgins which speak of the righteousness of the saints, which is the church.
- The virgins also speak of 2 different church groups, whether in the same church or different churches, it does not matter, but they are different in their commitment and mindset towards The Lord and his Word.
- Because the return of the Lord did not happen when they expected it, the church fell asleep.
- While the church was asleep a cry came. Behold the bridegroom, Jesus has arrived, go out and meet him.
- We find that all 10 virgins or church groups heard the voice of the Lord, but only 5 were prepared for his 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, in that they had enough oil, or the Holy Spirit, to get them through
- Both the wise and the foolish church groups had the lamp, which speaks of the word of God, and the oil speaks of the Holy Spirit, but only the wise church groups carried enough spare oil, which speaks of their prayer life and their intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- While the foolish church group was away trying to buy oil or find the Holy Spirit, which no one will be able to do because at this time in history, he, the Holy Spirit is taken out of the earth.
- When the silly church goers returned, Jesus had taken the prepared Christians into the banquet and shut the door so no one else could get in.
- The foolish Christian called out to the Lord to let then in, but he said, I know you not.
- In Jewish culture, regarding trimming the lamp wicks. If you want more light, have a thicker wick. If you use olive oil instead of ordinary oils from fats, etc. You would have an even greater and brighter light.

- If knowledge of the word was greater in your life, you would not be deceived.
- If the presence of the Holy Spirit was greater in your life, then knowledge of the word of God would also be greater.

### **11 Thessalonians. 2;7-11.**

For the mystery of Iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth, will let, until he is taken out of the way.

And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming;

Even him, whose coming, is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause, God shall send them a strong delusion, that they might believe a lie;

#### **The Message Bible says.**

You will also remember that I told you that the Antichrist is being held back until just the right time. That does not mean that the spirit of anarchy is not now at work.

It is, secretly and underground. But the time will come when the Antichrist will no longer be held back, but, let loose. But do not worry, the Master Jesus will be right on his heels and blow him away. The Master appears and puff, the Antichrist is out of there.

The Antichrist`s coming is all Satan`s work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil slight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who hate the truth that could save them.

And since they are so obsessed with evil, God rubs their noses in it, and gives them what they want.

Since they refuse to trust truth, they are banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.

### **Ephesians. 5; 25-27.**

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loves the Church, and gave himself for it.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having a spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without blemish.

#### **The Message Bible says.**

Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the Church, a love marked by giving, not getting.

Christ's love makes the Church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant and holiness, and that is how husbands ought to love their wives.

They are really doing themselves a favor, since they are already one in marriage.

**Isaiah. 54;5.**

For thy maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy one of Israel; The God of the Whole earth shall he be called.

**11 Corinthians. 11; 2-4.**

For I am jealous over you with a Godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

**The Message Bible says.**

The thing that has upset me is that I care about you so much. This is the passion of God burning inside me, I promised your hand in marriage to Christ, presented you as a pure virgin to her husband.

And now I am afraid that exactly as the snake seduced Eve with his smooth patter, you are being lured away from the simple purity of your love for Christ.

It seems that if someone shows up preaching quite another Jesus than we preached, a different spirit, different message, you put up with him quite nicely.

But if you put up with those big shot apostles, why can't you put up with simple me? I am as good as they are.

It's true that I don't have their voice, have not mastered that smooth eloquence that impresses you so much. But when I do open my mouth, I at least know what I am talking about. We have not held back. We have let you know of everything.

**John. 3;29.**

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the Bridegrooms voice, this is my joy therefore is fulfilled.

**The Message Bible says.**

John answered, It is not possible for a person to succeed. I am talking about eternal success, without heavens help. You yourselves were there when I made it public that I was not the messiah, but simply the one sent ahead of him to get things ready.

The one who gets the bride is, by definition, the bridegroom, and the bridegroom`s friend, his best man, that`s me, in place at his side where he can hear every word, is genuinely happy.

How could he be jealous when he knows that the wedding is finished, and the marriage is off to a good start.

**Romans. 7;4.**

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

**The Message Bible says.**

When Christ died, he took that entire rule-dominated way of life down with him and left it in the tomb, leaving you to marry, a resurrected life and bear offspring of faith for God.

For as long as we lived that old way of life; doing whatever we felt we could get away with, sin was calling most of the shots as the old law code hemmed us in.

And this made us all more rebellious. In the end, all we had to show for it was miscarriages and stillbirths. But now that we are no longer shackled to that domineering mate of sin, and out from under all those oppressive regulations and fine print, we are free to live a new life in the freedom of God.

**1 Thessalonians. 4 ; 15-17.**

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**The Message Bible says.**

And then this; We can tell you with complete confidence, we have the Master`s word on it, that when the Master comes again to get us, those of us who are still alive will not get a jump on the dead and leave them behind.

In actual fact, they will be ahead of us. The Master himself will give the command, Archangel Thunder. God`s Trumpet blast.

He will come down from heaven and then dead in Christ will rise. They will go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with him into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh, we will be walking on air.

And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master.

**Revelation. 19;7-9.**

Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

And saith unto me, Write, Blessed, are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.

**The Message Bible says that she the bride of Christ has been given a bridal gown of bright and shining linen.**

**The Expositors STUDY Bible says this;**

All the Redeemed are about to be joined in Holy Matrimony to the Lamb who has saved them.

God has made it possible for mankind to be redeemed, and did so through the Sacrifice of his son, The Lord Jesus Christ.

This will represent a scene that will take place in Heaven immediately before the second coming. The wife is the Redeemed of all ages. **The Bride of Christ.**

**Revelation. 21;2.**

And I John saw the Holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**The Message Bible says that the New City of Jerusalem was arrayed with all splendor as a Bride for her Husband.**

**The Expositors Bible says.**

That it proclaims the Eternal Home of the Redeemed as a dwelling place.

**Revelation. 21;9-11.**

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone, most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

**The Expositor's Bible says.**

By the use of the word, Lamb, we are taken back to the cross of Christ, which has made all of this possible.

The Spirit referred to here is the Holy Spirit.

John, said that it is descending, meaning that it is coming to Earth; this will be after the Lord has made the New Heavens and the New Earth. In fact, when God changes his headquarters from heaven to Earth.

**Revelation. 21;22-27.**

And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no light there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into to it anything that defileth,, neither whatsoever worketh, or maketh a lie, but they which are written in then Lamb`s book of life.

**The Message Bible says.**

But there was no sign of the Temple, for the Lord God, the Sovereign strong, and the Lamb are the Temple. The city does not need the sun of the moon for light. God`s glory is its light. The Lamb is the light.

The nations will walk in its light and the earths kings will bring in their splendor. It`s gates will never be shut by day, and there won`t be any night.

They will bring the glory and honour of the nations into the city. Nothing dirty or defiled will get into the city, and no one who defiles or deceives. Only those who`s names are written in the Lambs Book of life will get in.

**The Expositors Bible says.**

Before the cross, a temple on earth was necessary because God could not dwell with man at that time, at least directly. Since the cross, the Holy Spirit can dwell within man, because the terrible sin debt has been paid by that cross of Jesus Christ.

This refers to the Book of the Redeemed; The Word, The Lamb refers to the fact that all are saved by placing their faith and trust in Christ and what he did for us at the Cross.

**Revelation. 22;17.**

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come, and let him that is athirst come, And, whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

**The Expositors Bible says.**

This represents the cry of the Holy Spirit, to a lost, hurt and dying world. What the Holy Spirit says should also be said by all believers.

It means that anyone can hear, and then come.

Jesus opened the door to every single individual in the world; Jesus died for all and therefore all can be saved, if they will only come.



We need to look at a Jewish wedding with a whole different mindset, than how we view, and what we know about a western style wedding.

In a western style wedding, the marriage takes place before the wedding supper.

In a Jewish style wedding the bride can be waiting for more than 12 months for her intended bridegroom to come and fetch her from her Parents house, and in that time she must be prepared and adorned and watching and waiting for her intended husband to be, already prepared, that is cleansed, dressed and adorned with very jewel that she has, prepared and waiting for her intended wedding.

What we see here in a Jewish wedding with all its customs and traditions, shows us the way that Jesus Christ will come for his church and his intended, Bride of Christ to be.

- The intended bride is prepared for her future Husband to come and get her, just like the Church should be prepared and waiting for the Lord Jesus Christ to come again and gather his chosen people unto himself, at the rapture.
- At the invitation to the wedding feast, many rejected that invitation, so the King sent out invitations to anyone that would accept that invitation. He went into the highways and byways, into the streets and gathered the homeless, the drunkards, the drugies and prostitutes, struggling families. Anyone that would accept that invitation to be a wedding guest at the marriage of the Kings Son. In the natural Jewish wedding feast. Having on the correct garment for the wedding feast, is mandatory.
- A Jewish wedding feast can go for 7 days. 7 is the number for perfection.
- The scripture tells us that in a twinkling of an eye, we shall be made perfect.

### 1 Corinthians. 15;52.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

- At a Jewish wedding feast, the banquet or feast starts without the bride and groom present. It is not until towards the end of the feast which can last 7 days, that the groom is escorted into the feast by his parents and stands in a canopy, or, "**Chuppah**" is the Jewish name or it, and he holds in his hands the marriage contract, [ **the word of God** ], which has been signed by the groom and the future bride and witnessed by 2 signatures, and is read out towards the end of the wedding ceremony.
- After a while the bride is escorted into the feast and circles around the canopy or, **Chuppah**, 7 times, a custom or tradition, representing and acknowledging God's creation of the world and his time of rest.
- After the bridegroom gives his intended wife a ring that comes from his family, which represents, eternal and everlasting love. This ring would have no joins or areas, to stop or hinder the flow of love. It has been formed by great heat to get any flaws out of it. Perfect, in its formation. It had to be gold. No flaws in the relationship.
- After the ceremony is completed, the couple go away and spend some time together alone, so as to get to know each other, and bond to each other, and are then pronounced, one. In God.
- This is what we know through the scriptures. When Christ, the bridegroom comes back for the church, his intended bride. The dead shall rise first, then we which are alive, shall be caught up in the air to meet the Lord and forever be with him. These are the ones that have made themselves ready and have continually been watchful concerning the things of God.

- The ones that have not made themselves ready. **The 5 foolish virgins in Matthew 25.** Unfortunately, have to remain, and go into in this period of time called the great tribulation, which goes for 3 ½ years, where they will be told to deny Christ and save their life, of if they do not deny Christ, they will have their heads cut off. **Revelation. 20 ; 4.** This will be a second chance that God has allowed the unready believer to have their soul saved in heaven. By having their head cut off, as a witness for Christ. **But by doing this their soul shall be saved and they will pass from the Great Tribulation into the heavenlies. Revelation. 7;14.**
- The only other group that is in the great tribulation, that has a chance of salvation, are the Jews. Gods, first born. That is because the two witnesses, which are Moses and Elijah shall come back in this period of time, and be a witness to the Jews, that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. And for them to receive salvation, they must accept Jesus Christ into their life as their Lord and savior, to be saved. Just like we have. They then will be accepted into the Kings wedding feast, and will have on the correct wedding garment. Which is salvation. The blood of Christ.
- What we see for the first time ever in history, is a unity of all believers. The Jews, the Gentiles. All coming together in one, in Christ as guests in the banquet.
- When Christ comes in to the banquet as the husband ready to receive his bride, he is greeted with the oneness of the quests that are then changed into the bride at the end of the banquet, just like in the natural Jewish wedding, the grooms Father, then presents the bride, which is us, to the bridegroom, which is Jesus Christ, and there is a joining together in a oneness.
- **Revelation. 21;2.** John saw the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven prepared as a bride.
- **Revelation. 21;9-11.** One of the 7 angels talked with John and said come with me and I will shew you the Bride for Christ. The Lambs wife. The angel carried me to a great high mountain, and showed me that great city, the new Holy Jerusalem, coming down from heaven, adorned as a bride, prepared for her husband. That is us. A oneness, all of us, Jews and Gentiles, perfect in every way, accepted by Jesus Christ as his Bride, because we are perfect in every way.
- **We are abiding in him, and he is abiding in us. The New City, called Holy Jerusalem.**

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. What was the invitation given here and what was the response?

**Matthew. 22;1-14.**

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2. If people are not told about the Lord, what cannot happen?

**Romans. 10;14-15.**

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3. The scripture talks about 10 Virgins. What difference was there between them?

**Matthew. 25; 1-13.**

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4. How is the word of God described to us here?

**Psalms. 119;105.**

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5. As husbands, what are we to do?

**Ephesians. 5;25-27.**

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6. Who is our husband here?

**Isaiah. 54;5.**

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7. What is about to happen not to far down the track?

**Revelation. 19;7-9.**

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8. The Spirit and the bride say what?

**Revelation. 22;17.**

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9. What is going to happen here?

**1 Corinthians. 15;52.**

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# The Seal of God.

## What is it?

## What is a Seal?

In Biblical times, whether it was the old testament or the new testament, a seal was a device, a ring or a cylinder shape object that has the owners seal of Identification on it, that often included their name, their symbol, and or their mark.

It was used to show ownership of a particular thing, or person, and to identify people that may belong to a person or identity.

It, the seal, was put on documents to seal them from anybody that did not have the authority to read the contents of the documents nor to be able to understand the contents of a book or writings.

- Molten Bees wax was the most common form of liquid was that was placed upon the letter or article or person, so as to allow the shape of the seal to be to be in-bedded in it.
- Bees wax signifies purity. It is not of man`s making or from man`s recipe. It is from God.
- It is also known as the earliest form of a trademark.
- A seal was and is used to Identify uses and ownership.
- Identification of the owner`s name on the seal can put fear into the heart of someone who may try and use, destroy, an object or person that has had a seal placed upon them.
- An unbroken seal serves as evidence that something, or someone, has not been tampered with, marred or even affected by someone other than the person who owns the seal.

**The word sealed in the new testament comes from a Greek word that means,**

**“To Stamp with a private Mark”**

**As well that it indicates, the interests of keeping something secret or making sure that the protection and preserving a sealed object or person.**

**Seals were used for official sealing of documents, objects, as well as showing ownership of a person.**

**If a seal was broken on a document, object or person, it shows that the letter, object or person has been tampered with.**

**Daniel. 6;16-17.**

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions.

Now the king spake and said unto Daniel. Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

**The Message Bible says.**

A stone was placed over the opening of the den. The king sealed the cover with his signet ring and the signet rings of all the nobles. Fixing Daniels fate.

**Matthew. 27;66.**

So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.

**The Message Bible says.**

Pilate told them, You will have a guard, Go ahead and secure it the best you can. So they went out and secured the tomb, sealing the stone and posting guards.

**To Validate a pledge or a promise, a seal was often worn around a Persons neck.**

**Genesis. 38;18.**

And he said, what pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff.

**The Message Bible says.**

So what do you want in a way of a pledge? She said, Your personal seal and cord and the staff you carry.

**When someone receives something from a king, It is a sign of authority, as far as the authority that I have I now give it to you.**

**Genesis. 41;42.**

And Pharaoh took of his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph`s hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck.

**The Message Bible says.**

The Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his finger and slipped it upon Joseph`s hand. He outfitted him in robes and the best linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He put the second in command chariot at his disposal.

**A Trademark Constitutes, Ownership.**

**John. 6;27.**

Labour not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the son of man shall give unto you; for him hath God the Father sealed.

**The Message Bible says.**

Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last.

**Romans. 4;11-12.**

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

And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

**The Message Bible says.**

Now think; Was that declaration made before or after he was marked by the covenant right of circumcision? That's right before he was marked.

That means that he underwent circumcision as evidence and conformation of what God had done long before to bring him into this acceptable standing with himself, an act of God he had embraced with his whole life.

And it means further that Abraham is the father of all people who embrace what God does for them while they are still on the "outs" with God, as yet unidentified as God's, in an "uncircumcised" condition.

It is precisely these people in this condition who are called, "set right by God and with God"

Abraham is also, of course, father of those who have undergone the religious rite of circumcision, not just because of the ritual, but because they were willing to live in the risky faith-embrace of God's action for them, the way Abraham lived long before he was marked by circumcision.

**Circumcision of the heart.****Romans. 2;29.**

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

**The Message Bible says.**

Don't you see; It's not the cut of the knife that makes a Jew. You become a Jew by who you are.

It's the mark or seal of God on your heart, not the knife on your skin, that makes a Jew. And recognition comes from God, not legalistic critics.

**Jeremiah. 4;4.**

Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins [ or flesh ] of your heart.

**The Message Bible says.**

Yes, circumcise your lives for God's sake. Plow your unplowed hearts.

**1 Corinthians. 9;2.**

If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you, for the seal of mine apostleship, are ye in the Lord.

**11 Corinthians. 1;21-22.**

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God.

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

**The Message Bible says.**

Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God's Yes and our Yes together, glorious evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us.

By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge, a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.

**Ephesians. 1;13.**

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

**The message Bible says.**

It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it, [ This message of your Salvation ] found yourselves home free. Signed, sealed and delivered by the Holy Spirit.

This signet from God is the first instalment on what's coming, a reminder that you'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.



**The word seal is used a lot in the Book of Revelation.**

**Revelation.**

**5;1-2. 5;9; 6;1,3,5,7,9. 7;2-8. 8;1. 9;4. 10;4. 20;3. 22;10.**

Looking at various things written on the net about this subject there are a number of things that grabs your attention.

One of them is this.

A century or so ago, believers began to believe that understanding the “ Seal of God “ was a matter of life and death, and that only those who receive the seal of the living God will pass through the times of trouble and tribulation and the seven last plagues successfully.

Only the sealed ones will stand in the day of the Lord.

To understand this topic matter was looked at with a great deal of priority.

**The Seal of God in their Foreheads.**

**Revelation. 7;1-4.**

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed and there were sealed and there were sealed a hundred and forty four thousand, of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

**The Message Bible says.**

Immediately I saw Four Angels standing at the four corners of earth, standing steady with a firm grip on the four winds so no wind would blow on earth or sea, not even rustle a tree.

Then I saw another Angel rising from where the sun rose, carrying the seal of the living God.

He thundered to the Four Angels assigned the task of hurting earth and sea. “Don’t hurt the earth! Don’t hurt the sea! Don’t so much as hurt a tree until I’ve sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.

I heard that the count of those who were sealed was 144,000.

**The seal of God will only be given to those who make the necessary preparations for the coming of the Lord.**

**God has given the 4 angels authority to hold the winds of strife back so that people may have time to make any preparation that is needed in order that they are able to receive Gods seal.**

**Revelation. 3;12-13.**

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit sayeth unto the Churches.

**The Message Bible says.**

I'll make each conqueror a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, a permanent position of honor. Then I'll write names on you, the pillars; the Name of my God, the Name of God's city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven, and my new name.

Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the Churches.

**Revelation. 14;1.**

And I looked, and lo, a lamb, stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred and forty four thousand, having his Father's name written in their forehead.

**The Message Bible says.**

I saw. It took my breath away! The Lamb standing on Mount Sion, 144,000 standing there with him, his name and the name of the Father inscribed on their foreheads.

**The magnitude of the sight of Jesus and his chosen, displaying the names of God and the Lord Jesus was absolute beauty to behold.**

**Revelation. 14;12.**

Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of the God, and his name.

**The Message Bible says.**

Meanwhile, the saints stand passionately patient, keeping God's commands, staying faithful to Jesus.

**11 Timothy. 2;19.**

Nevertheless the foundations of God standeth sure, [ or steady and immovable ] having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are his. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**Revelation. 9;3-4.**

And there came out of the smoke, locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

And it was commanded them, that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green things, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

**The Message Bible says.**

Then out of the smoke, crawled locusts with the venom of scorpions. They were given their orders; Don't hurt the grass, don't hurt anything green, don't hurt a single tree. Only men and women, and only those who lack the seal of God on their foreheads.

**Paul speaks of the seal of God in the context of a foundational truth. He tells Timothy that false doctrines are circulating, and some people are trying to destroy the faith of believers.**

**He then speaks encouragement into their lives and says, nevertheless, God`s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription.**

**Ephesians. 2;19-22.**

Now therefore ye are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

In whom all the building fitly framed together, growth unto a holy temple in the Lord.

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God, through the Spirit.

**The Message Bible says.**

That`s plain enough isn`t it? You`re no longer wandering cities. This kingdom of faith is now your home country.

You`re no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name of Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He`s using us all, irrespective of how we got here, in what he is building.

He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he is using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the corner stone that holds all the parts together.

We see it taking shape, day after day, a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

**The eternal seal is an inscription that sums up the two aspects of our faith.**

- Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The departure for any sin that may have been in our lives.
- The scripture goes on to describe the contents of the great household of God.
- Vessels for honorable use. Set apart as Holy, useful to the master of the house. Ready.

**Revelation. 13;15-18.**

And he, [Satan ] had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast, should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads.

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that have understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred and three score and six. 666.

**The Message Bible says.**

It used the magic it got from the beast to dupe earth dwellers, getting them to make an image of the beast that received the death-blow and lived.

It was able to animate the image of the beast so that it talked, and then arrange that anyone not worshipping the beast, would be killed. It forced all people, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to have a mark on the right hand or forehead.

Without the mark or the name of the beast or the number of its name, it was impossible to buy or sell anything.

Solve a riddle; Put your heads together and figure out the meaning of the number of the beast. It's a human number; 666.

### The Seal of God Incorporates the following.

- A seal of a King contains 3 things. The Kings name, His Title or claim to authority, and the region or domain that he the king claims to be his.
- A Kings decree cannot be changed or altered in any way.
- Don't chase a word that perishes or fails.
- He, God, has given us the earnest or best of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
- We Trust in the Lord after we have heard the word of Truth and because of this, we are sealed.
- Grieve not the Holy Spirit.
- We are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- We cannot be hurt when things get really hard, because we have the seal of God on us.
- A seal can be a sign, as in circumcision. **It represents, Pain, sacrifice, change in appearance. Someone else does the operation. There is a Trust in the person doing the operation. It is done privately, and there is blood involved.**
- The Word of God circumcises the heart. **All what is done through the natural act of circumcision is done in, or through the Spirit, by God and or the Word of the Lord. Namely Jesus.**
- Because we have the Word of God in our hearts, we are sealed.
- God's seal causes mercy and grace.
- We are sealed because we have a sure foundation that is built upon the foundation and doctrine of the Apostles and Prophets.
- We are to make sure that we depart from any iniquity in our lives.
- We are to keep the commandments of the Lord.
- The seal of God is in his Word.
- The seal of God is like a trademark that signifies ownership of us, his people.
- Gods protection on us can cause fear to fall upon someone or spirits who may want to harm us or do us harm in any way.
- Gods authority is transferred to us by his Spirit.
- We are sealed because we belong to the Lord.
- We are sealed because we are chosen.
- We are anointed by God.
- Because we are overcomers, God makes us a pillar in the temple of God.
- We need to hear what the spirit is saying to us, the church.
- Because we are sealed, we are solid Christians, standing against all the adversary of the devil, and anything that gets thrown at us.
- We are not a stranger or foreigner to the Lord. We are known to him by name.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. What is a seal?

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2. What was done here?

Matthew. 27;66. ....

3. What shall I give you in a way of a pledge?

Genesis. 38;18.

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4. What was given to Joseph from Pharaoh?

Genesis. 41;42. ....

5. What has God sealed?

John. 6;27. ....

6. The seal is described as what here?

Romans. 4;11-12. ....

7. How is circumcision described here?

Romans. 2;29.

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8. What are we to do here?

Jeremiah. 4;4. ....

9. How are we sealed?

Ephesians. 1;13.

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10. What is going to happen at the very end of time?

Revelation. 7;14.

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11. Because of the seal on us, what does God know?

11 Timothy. 2;19. ....

12. Persecution is going to come upon those who have not what?

Revelation. 9;3-4.

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13. What do we as Christians have as we keep God`s word?

Revelation. 14;12.

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# The Mark of the Beast

## What is it?

## Who is affected by it?

Following are the scripture references that relate to the mark of the beast, and what affect it will have on what people.

### 11 Thessalonians. 2; 3-13..

Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that when I was with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what with-holdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this cause, God shall send them strong delusion, that they might believe a lie.

That they might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth;

**The Message Bible says.**

Before that day comes, a couple of things have to happen. First the Apostasy. Second, the debut of the Antichrist, a real dog of Satan. He'll defy and then take over every so-called god or alter. Having cleared away the opposition, he'll then set himself up in God's Temple as God Almighty.

Don't you remember me going over all this in detail when I was with you? Are your memories that short?

You'll also remember that I told you the Antichrist is being held back until the right time. That does not mean that the spirit of anarchy is not now at work. It is, secretly and underground. But the time will come when the Anarchist will no longer be held back, but be let loose,

But don't worry. The Master Jesus will be right on his heels and blow him away; The Master appears, and "puff" the Antichrist is out of there.

The Antichrist coming is all Satan's work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil sleight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who hate the truth that could save them.

And since they're so obsessed with evil, God rubs their noses in it, He gives them what they want. Since they refused to trust truth, they're banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.

Meanwhile, we've got our hands full thanking God for you, and our good friends, so loved by God.

God picked you out as his from the very start. Think of it; included in God's original plan of salvation by the bond of faith in the living truth.

This is the life of the Spirit he invited you to through the Message we delivered, in which you get in on the glory of our Master, Jesus Christ.

**Points of Interests and enlightenment.**

- Let no man deceive you by any means.
- There has to be a great falling away of believers and those who attend Church.
- The man of sin, called the son of perdition or the Antichrist will be revealed.
- The antichrist stands against anything that is related to God or the Word of God in any way.
- He, Satan or the spirit of Satan shall exalt himself to be as God and sit in the temple of the Lord.
- Don't you remember how I shared all about these times when I was with you.
- Satan and all his spirits and ways are being held back by the Holy Spirit until the time that they should be released.
- The awesomeness of the authority of not just God, the Father, but Jesus Christ as well is sown here in that Satan or his spirits cannot do anything unless the Godhead lets them. They are powerless to stand against the authority of the Godhead.
- When it is time the Antichrist shall be revealed, but not until us, the bride of Christ is taken out of the way into the heavenlies.
- Those that do not make the bride of Christ are those Christians that were not sold out to the Lord, nor did they have a hunger for the truth of the Word of God.

- Because the people, both saved and unsaved had not a hunger for the truth of the Word of God. God caused a strong delusion to fall upon them, that they might believe a lie, and therefore be damned, those who believe not the truth of the Word of God.
- We have been chosen by God from the beginning of time that we might believe and receive salvation.
- We must give thanks always to God for our family and friends that are saved, and then pray for those who are not saved or have the knowledge of the things of God.

### **Revelation. 13;1-5.**

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, [ **This speaks of the people on the earth** ] having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns, ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

And I saw one of the heads as it were wounded, [ **slain** ] to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying. Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty two months. **Which is 3 ½ years.**

**The beast that received the power from the other beast is the antichrist, and he is only revealed after the Church or the Bride of Christ is taken out of the way from the earth and those unbelievers and the Christians that did not make the bride of Christ must go through the great tribulation or the period of time that goes for 3 ½ years, where the antichrist and all the satanic beings and spirits have no opposition to hold them back because the Holy Spirit has been taken out of the earth and for a believer to be saved, they must have their head cut of in order for their Spirit to get to heaven.**

### **Revelation. 13;7-18.**

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindred, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man, have an ear, let him hear.

He that leadeth into captivity, shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword, must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

**1 Kings. 18;37-39.**

**Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.**

**Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trenches.**

**And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.**

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, and that image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast, should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.

And that no man might buy or sell, save that he had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding, count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. 666.

**The Message Bible says.**

The beast had a loud mouth, boastful and blasphemous. It could do anything it wanted to for forty and two months. [ **3 ½ years** ] It yelled blasphemies against God, blasphemed his name, blasphemed his Church, especially those already dwelling with God in heaven.

It was permitted to make war on God`s holy people and conquer them. It held absolute sway over all tribes and peoples, tongues and races. Everyone on earth whose name was not written from the world`s foundation in the slaughtered Lamb`s Book of life will worship the beast.

Are you listening to this? They've made their bed; now they must lie in it. Anyone marked for prison goes straight to prison; anyone pulling a sword goes down by the sword. Meanwhile, God's people passionately and faithfully stand their ground.

I saw another beast rising out of the ground. It had two horns like a lamb, but sounded like a dragon when it spoke. It was a puppet of the first beast, made earth and everyone in it worship the first beast, which had been healed of its deathblow.

This second beast worked magical signs, dazzling people by making fire come down from heaven. It used the magic it got from the beast to dupe earth dwellers, getting them to make an image of the beast that received the death blow and lived. It was able to animate the image of the beast so that it talked, and then arranged, that anyone not worshipping the Beast would be killed. It forced all people, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to have a mark on the right hand or forehead.

Without the mark of the name of the beast or the number of his name, it was impossible to buy or sell anything.

Solve this riddle; Put your heads together and figure out the meaning of the number of the beast. It's a human number. 666.

#### Points of interests.

- It was given to Satan to make war with the remnant of the saints of God that still remained, and were not caught up in the rapture at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- He was able to overcome the saints that were left.
- Power was given to Satan over every kindred, tongue and every nation.
- All that dwell on the earth shall worship Satan and the beast, that is all whose names were not written in the Lambs book of life, slain from the foundation of the earth.
- If any man can hear what the scriptures are saying, Then listen.
- All that remain shall be led into captivity.
- This is when the patience of the believers will have to stand up.
- A second beast arises out of the earth that had the appearance of a lamb, but it spoke as a dragon. A wolf in sheep clothing if you like, as it had 2 horns as a lamb.
- He the second beast exercised the power that came from the first beast. [satan], so as to make everybody on the earth and all that dwells there, to worship the first beast that showed a miracle of being healed from a deadly wound.
- And the beast or Satan does great wonders in the earth to deceive the people. He caused fire to come down from heaven, just as **Elijah** did when he destroyed the sons of the prophets. He did this in the sight of all men, so as to be recognized as having great power, so as to deceive and influence men and women.
- He deceived all people that remained on the earth by the means of the miracles which he did.

- The people on the earth were encouraged to make an image of the beast that had the death wound and he did live.
- Satan had all power to give life unto the image of the beast so that the image was able to speak, and cause any person that would not bow down and worship the image of the beast, that they should be killed.
- Satan is not concerned about who the individual is as, he caused all, small and great, rich and poor, free people or slaves, to have a mark in their right hand or forehead.
- If anyone did not receive the mark of the beast, they would not be able to buy or sell or do anything without the mark of the beast or the number of his name.
- The number of the name of Satan is 666. Which is the number of man.

#### **Romans. 6;16.**

Know ye not, that to who ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.

#### **Daniel. 7;25.**

And he shall speak great words against the most high, and shall wear out the saints of the most high, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given unto his hand until a time, times, and the dividing of time. **3 ½ years.**

#### **The message Bible says.**

But then another king will arrive. He will be different from the earlier kings. He will begin by toppling three kings. Then he will blaspheme the High God, persecute the followers of the High God, and try to get rid of sacred worship and moral practice. God's holy people will be persecuted by him, **a time, two times, half a time. Which is 3 ½ years.**

#### **Daniel. 8;23-25.**

And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

And his power shall be mighty, but not of his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace, shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

**The Message Bible says.**

As their kingdoms cool down and heat up, a king will show up, hard-faced, a master trickster.

His power will swell enormously. He'll talk big, high handedly, doing whatever his pleases, knocking off heroes and holy ones left and right.

He'll plot and scheme to make crime flourish, and oh how it will flourish.

He'll think that he is invincible and get rid of anyone who gets in his way. But when he takes on the prince of princes, he'll be smashed to bits, but not by human hands.

**Revelation. 14;8-13.**

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

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice. If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand.

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

**The Message Bible says.**

A second angel followed calling out. Ruined, Ruined, Great Babylon ruined, She made all nations drunk on the wine of her whoring.

A third angel followed, shouting, warning. If anyone worships the beast and its image and takes the mark on the forehead or hand, that person will drink the wine of God's wrath, prepared unmixed in his chalice

of anger, and suffer torment from fire and brimstone in the presence of holy angels, in the presence of the Lamb.

Smoke from their torment will rise age after age. No respite for those who worship the beast and its image, who take the mark of its name.

Meanwhile the saints stand passionately patient, keeping God`s commands, staying faithful to Jesus.

I heard a voice out of heaven. Write this; Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on, how blessed to die that way. Yes, says the Spirit, and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they`ve done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end.

### **Points of Interests.**

- Babylon the city of sin and seat of power has fallen. The city that made all the fall in depravity.
- If any man receive the mark of the beast or the number of his name, he shall be cast into hell where they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever by fire and brimstone.
- While all this is going on the saints of God and patiently waiting and trusting in God and Jesus.
- A voice from heaven says from now on any Christian that dies shall be saved and their spirit shall go to heaven and they shall receive rest from all their blessed labour.

### **Revelation. 15; 1-4.**

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgements are made manifest.

### **The Message Bible says.**

I saw another sign in heaven, huge and breathtaking; seven angels with seven disasters, These are final disasters, the wrap up of God`s wrath.

I saw something like a sea made with glass, the glass all shot through with fire. Carrying harps of God, triumphant over the beast, its image, and the number of his name, the saved ones stood on the sea of glass. They sang the song of Moses, servant of God; they sang the song of the lamb.

Mighty your acts and marvelous, O God, the Sovereign-Strong.



Righteous your ways and true, King of the nations.

Who can fail to fear you, God, give glory to your name?

Because you and you only are holy,

All nations will come and worship you, because they see your judgements are right.

#### **Points of Interests.**

- There will be a huge sign in heaven. Seven angels carrying the last seven plagues that are going to be released upon the earth.
- There is going to be a sea of glass the saints of God will be standing on. It shall be mingled with fire. This is showing the transparency of the heart, mind and spirit of all the saints, and this is being tested by the fire of God that is mingled with the sea of Glass.
- This is purity and perfection at its best.
- All the saints sing a song of worship and thanksgiving to the Lord.
- All the saints are going to have the fear of the Lord which is the wisdom of God.
- All nations will be represented.

#### **Revelation. 16;1-3.**

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels. Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

And the first went and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his name.

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.

#### **The Message Bible says.**

I heard a shout of command from the Temple to the seven angels; Begin. Pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on earth.

The first angel stepped up and poured his bowl out on the earth; Loathsome, stinking sores **Revelation. 19;** erupted on all who had taken the mark of the beast and worshipped its image.

The second angel poured his bowl on the sea; The sea coagulated into blood, and everything in it died.

**Points of Interests.**

- A voice of the Spirit was heard from the Temple of God.
- A command was given to pour out judgement upon the earth by releasing seven vials of wrath.
- A plague of loathsome and stinking sores afflicted all of mankind that had worship the beast, his image or the number of his name. 666.
- The next vial or bowl of judgement fell upon the sea, which speaks of multitudes of people in the earth and it turned the sea into blood and every living soul died under the judgement of God.

**Revelation. 17;17.**

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

**Revelation. 19;17-21.**

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God.

That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit upon them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

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

And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received them that had the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image.

These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And the remnant, were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

**The Message Bible says.**

I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to all flying birds in the middle heaven. Come to the great supper of God! Feast on the flesh of kings and captains and champions, horses and their riders. Eat your fill of them all. Free and slave, small and great.

I saw the beast and assembled with him, were earths kings and their armies, ready to make war against the One on the horse and his army.

The Beast was taken, and with him, his puppet, the false prophet, who used signs to dazzle and deceive those who had taken the mark of the beast and worshipped his image.

They were thrown alive, those two, into the lake of Fire and Brimstone. The rest were killed by the sword of the One on the horse. The sword that comes from his mouth. All the birds held a feast on their flesh.

**Points of Interests.**

- A cried was made to the birds of the air to come and eat on the flesh of all the dead people and animals.
- All of these hath dared to raise their hand against the son of God. Jesus.
- They had no chance. The beast and the false prophet were taken and thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone forever.
- All the people that were deceived by the devil was slain by the word of God and their souls thrown also into the pit of hell.
- Jesus, and us, his people are not able to be destroyed as long as we remain faithful to the words of Christ and him crucified.

**Revelation. 20;4-5.**

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

But the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

**The Message Bible says.**

I saw thrones. Those put in charge of judgement sat on the thrones. I also saw the souls of those beheaded because of their witness to Jesus and the Word of God, who refused to worship either the beast or his image, refused to take his mark on their forehead or hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were up. This is the first resurrection, and those involved are most blessed, most holy.

**Points of Interests.**

- Thrones were seen and the ones appointed to judge, sat upon them.
- The souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus Christ and the word of God, who did not worship the beast or his image or the number of his name.
- They did not in any way receive the mark of the beast in their forehead or right hand.
- They lived a reigned with Christ for a thousand years and were considered to be Holy.

**What we need to understand is that the seal of God was and is invisible by man, and can only be seen by the angels of heaven.**

**The mark of the beast is a visible sign, in a person forehead and or right hand, that way everybody can see who is a follower of the beast, or the world system, and Satan.**

**Dot points of interest regarding “The Mark of the Beast” and the period of time, where this will be enforced, as well, the things that will occur around this period of time.**

- Let no man deceive you by any means.
- There has to be a great falling away of believers and those who attend church.
- The man of sin, called the son of perdition or the antichrist will be revealed as the period of time called the great tribulation starts, which runs for 3 ½ years.
- The antichrist stands against anything that is related to God or the word of God in any way.
- He, Satan or the spirit of Satan shall exalt himself to be as God and sit in the temple of the Lord.
- Jesus said to his disciples, don't you remember how I shared all about these times when I was with you.
- Satan and all his spirits and their ways are being held back by the Holy Spirit until the time that they should be released.
- The awesomeness of the authority of not just God, the Father, but, Jesus Christ as well is shown here in that Satan or his spirits cannot do anything unless the Godhead lets them. They are powerless to stand against the authority of the Godhead.
- When it is time, the antichrist shall be revealed, but not until us, the bride of Christ is taken out of the way into the heavenlies.
- Those that do not make the bride of Christ, are those Christians that were not completely sold out to the Lord Jesus Christ, nor did they have a hunger for the truth of the Word of God.
- Because the people, both saved and unsaved had not a hunger for the truth of the Word of God, God caused a strong delusion to fall upon them, that they might believe a lie, and therefore be damned. This is those who believe not the truth of God's Word.
- We have been chosen by God from before the beginning of time, that we might believe and receive salvation.
- We must give thanks always to God for our family and friends that are saved, and then pray for those who are not saved, or don't have the knowledge of the things of God that we are blessed with.
- The scripture tells that any man that has an ear, hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Churches.
- There is Going to be two beasts as well as a false prophet that are going to deceive the nations on the earth.
- Many Christians are going to be deceived.

- The beasts are going to do miracles and cause signs and wonders to happen in the earth, and it is going to be these things that will help deceive the people, including fire coming down from heaven, just as Elijah did. **1 Kings. 18;37-39.**
- Power is going to be given to Satan to make war with the saints that are left and overcome them. This includes every kindred, tongue and every nation.
- Everyone who's name is not written in the Lambs book of life shall worship Satan.
- All that remain shall be led into captivity.
- This is when the faith and the patience of the believers are going to have to stand up for the testimony and witness of Jesus Christ.
- Everybody that is left on the earth must receive the mark of the beast either in their right hand or in their forehead and they will not be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast, and if they do take the make of the beast, there is no hope of salvation for them, ever, and they shall be cast into hell along with Satan, The antichrist and the false prophet.
- Be mind-full and careful as to who you give your support to, and to whom you become servants to.
- Satan is going to be able to wear out the saints in the 3 ½ year tribulation.
- The power of the second beast shall have power but it shall not be his own. It shall come from Satan.
- Any Christian that dies in the great tribulation because of their witness for Christ, shall be saved and their Spirit shall go to heaven. **Revelation. 7;14.**
- There is going to be seven angels that will have seven plagues that must be released upon the earth.
- There is going to be a sea of glass that the saints of God are going to be standing upon, and this is going to be mingled with the fire of God, which speaks of the transparency and perfection of the Lord, and we shall attain this by the fiery trials of our faith, and we are all going to sing songs of worship to the Lord.
- The fowls of the heavens are going to be called to feast upon all the dead carcasses that remain upon the earth.
- At a time when the kings of the earth and Satan and the beast and the false prophet shall be taken by the Angels of God and thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone for ever and ever.
- The souls of the Christians that have their head cut of for the witness of Jesus Christ shall live and reign with Christ forever.
- The Seal of God is an invisible mark, only seen by the heavenly beings, where the mark of the beast is a visible sign seen by anyone.

## Notes.

# Questions.

- 1. How long shall the enemy reign over the earth?

Revelation. 13;1-5. ....

- 2. In the Great Tribulation, what is going to happen to the saints of God that did not make the rapture?

Revelation. 13;7-18.  
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- 3. Depending on who we yield to. What will happen?

Romans. 6;16.  
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- 4. As the enemy rules over the earth. What will happen?

Daniel. 7;25.  
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- 5. The power of darkness that will be over the earth in The Great Tribulation. Where does it come from?

Daniel. 8;23-25.  
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- 6. If any receive the mark of the beast. What happens?

Revelation. 14;8-13.  
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- 7. What does the 7 angels in heaven have?

Revelation. 15;14.  
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- 8. What are these 7 angels to do?

Revelation. 16;1-3. ....

9. The enemy can only reign until when?

**Revelation. 17;17.**

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10. A huge event is going to happen. What is it?

**Revelation. 19;17-21.**

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11. What does the word tell us is going to happen here in the Great Tribulation?

**Revelation. 20;4-5.**

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# The Two Witnesses in Revelation

## Who Are They?

This subject is one that over the years has seen many people say many things concerning who the two witness are.

They also give many examples as to why they say what they say, but very rarely give scripture reference to back up what they say.

I will endeavor to explain what I see the scriptures are saying about this subject so you can make up your own mind.

**Revelation. 11; 3.**

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophecy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. [ 3 ½ years. ]

**The Message Bible says.**

Meanwhile, I will provide my two witnesses. Dressed in sackcloth, they will prophecy for 1260 days.

**The time frame for this to happen is in the 3 1/2 year great tribulation, or 1260 days, or 42 months. or Times, time and half a time.**

The prime reason for the two witnesses to be there in the great tribulation, is to be a witness to the Jews, but if the Gentiles hear it well and good. It might help some to not deny Christ and then allow themselves the opportunity for their souls to be able to access Heaven and be saved.

At the end of the Great Tribulation, God`s firstborn will accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Up until then they have denied the Holiness of Jesus Christ and still follow the Law of Moses.

**The Holy Spirit is already left the earth so there is no salvation as such for a Gentile to be saved by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. That opportunity has passed and gone.**

**It is only after the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way that the wicked one. The Antichrist shall be revealed.**

**Not before the coming of the Lord, or before the Church is taken out of the way and hid in the wilderness, but after the Lord`s coming, and even then, the Lord shall destroy him. While on the earth, the Holy Spirit held the Antichrist back until the right time.**

**11 Thessalonians. 2;7-11.**

For the mystery of Iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved.

And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, that they might believe a lie.

**The Message Bible says.**

You will also remember that I told you the Antichrist is being held back until just the right time.

That does not mean that the spirit of anarchy is not now at work.

It is secretly and underground. But the time will come when the Antichrist will no longer be held back, but, will be let loose.

But do not worry. The Master Jesus will be right on his heels and blow him away. The Master appears and puff, the Antichrist is out of there.

The Antichrist`s coming is all Satan`s work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil slight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who hate the truth that could save them.

And since they are so obsessed with evil, God rubs their noses in it. Gives them what they want.

Since they refuse to trust truth, they will be banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.

**It is the Holy Spirit.**

**For any Gentile to be saved in this period of time, they will be given the opportunity to deny Christ and not have their heads cut of, or not deny Christ and have their heads cut of, so that their soul will be saved in heaven. If they do deny Christ at this time. Their soul in heaven shall not be saved but lost and will be eventually cast into Hell and eternal damnation.**

**Revelation. 20;4.**

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

**The Message Bible says.**

I saw thrones. Those put in charge of judgment sat on the thrones. I also saw the souls of those beheaded because of their witness to Jesus and the Word of God, who refused to worship the beast or his image, refused to take his mark on the forehead or hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

**Is it possible for anyone who ends up going into the 3 ½ year great tribulation period, for any reason, be saved?**

**Is it possible for anyone to be able to have their soul saved and have their soul end up in heaven, seeing that they have been in the Great Tribulation time period, that goes for 3 ½ years.**

**Revelation. 7;13-15.**

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me. What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?

And I said unto them, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me. These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

**The Message Bible says.**

Just then one of the Elders addressed me: Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from? Taken back, I said, O Sir, I have no idea, but you must know.

Then he told me, These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb.

That is why they are standing before God`s throne. They serve him day and night in the Temple.

**We can surrender our life to the Lord while we are living on the earth and serve him with our whole heart and spirit so as to make sure that that we do not become one of the 5 foolish virgins in Matthew. 25. That misses out on when the lord comes for his Church and has to end up going through that horrible period of time known as the Great Tribulation so that they can have a second chance of redeeming themselves through the Testimony of Christ, which will mean that they will have to have their head cut off so that their soul will be saved in heaven.**

**How can we make sure that we do not miss out on having our souls saved and in heaven?**

**2 Peter. 1;10.**

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your election sure; for if we do these things, ye shall never fail.

**The Message Bible says.**

So friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Do not put it off; do it now. Do this, and you will have your life on a firm footing.

**The things that the Lord is talking about here, are the promises of God to us.**

**2 Peter. 1;3-8.**

**They are.**

- According as his divine power have given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.
- Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge:
- And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to godliness;
- And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- And if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**When we accept Jesus Christ into our life as our Lord and savior, it means just that. He should be our number one in our life, and we do everything that we can to serve him. No matter what the cost is.**

**If we are able to surrender our life, mind and spirit unto Jesus while we are alive on this earth, it is going to make it so much easier overall and in the long run it will be a lot easier now than in the Great Tribulation period, if we have to face this because of our lack of commitment.**

**Matthew. 16;24-28.**

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

For the son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Verily I say unto you. There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the son of man coming in his kingdom.

**The Message Bible says.**

Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You are not in the driver's seat; I am. Do not run from suffering; embrace it.

Follow me and I will show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self.

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want, but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?

Do not be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it the son of man will arrive with all the splendor of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels.

You will get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift. This is not pie in the sky, by and by. Some of you standing here are going to see it take place, see the son of man in kingdom glory.

**Instructions were given on how the power and authority of God was given to his two witnesses so that those that remain on the earth, shall see God's authority.**

**Revelation. 11;1-4.**

And there was given unto me a reed like a rod: and the angel stood saying, Rise, and measure the Temple of God, and the alter, and them that worship therein.

But the court, which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles; and the Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophecy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

**The Message Bible says.**

I was given a stick for a measuring rod and told, Get up and measure God's Temple and Alter and everyone worshiping in it.

Exclude the outside court; do not measure it. It has been handed over to the Jewish outsiders. They will desecrate the Holy City for forty-two months.

Meanwhile, I will provide my two witnesses. Dressed in sackcloth, they will prophecy for 1260 days.

These are the two Olive Trees, the Two Lampstands, standing at attention before God on Earth.

**A Question is asked of God. What do you see? What is your vision and understanding of the Word of God? If this was asked of us as a Christian. What would be our answer?**

**Zechariah. 4; 2-3.**

And said unto me, what seest thou? And I said, I have looked and behold a candle stick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof.

And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

**The Message Bible says.**

He said, What do you see?

I answered, I see a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top. Seven lamps, each with seven spouts, are set on the top. And there are two olive trees, one on either side of the bowl.

- What Zechariah is seeing here is the last day church.
- The golden lamp was beaten out of one pure piece of Gold, and it had no flaws or cracks in it.
- It was perfect in every way.
- The scripture indicates that Jesus is the light of the world and also in **Psalm. 119;105** it says that, thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- Jesus was and is perfect. No sin or guile in him.
- The bowl on top hold all the anointing oil that is feeding down to the 7 last day churches in Revelation. The oil is the fulness and purity of the Holy Spirit being fed down through the pipes unto the 7 lamps of the 7 churches.
- The 2 Olive trees on both sides of the bowl on top are the 2 witnesses.
- **Zechariah. 4; 14.** Then said he, These, are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.
- **The Message Bible`s description of vs 14 is this.** He said, These are the two who stand beside the Master of the whole earth and supply golden lamp oil worldwide.. **In other words, the two witnesses will be able to give the Holy Spirits power to the people in the great tribulation.**

**Revelation. 11;5-6.**

And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies; and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy; **Isaiah.- Exodus. 9;33. and James. 5;18.** and have power over the waters to turn them to blood, **Moses.- Exodus. 7;19** and to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will. **Moses and the plagues. Exodus. Chapter 7-11.**

**The Message Bible says.**

If anyone tries to hurt them, a blast of fire from their mouths will incinerate them, burn them to a crisp just like that. They will have power to seal the sky so that it does not rain for the time of their prophesying. Power to turn rivers and springs to blood, power to hit earth with any and every disaster as often as they want.

**From these two scriptures we can see who God has used in the past using the same examples of power from the words of God that they declare.**

**What the scriptures tell us about a man who turned the water to blood and sent many plagues upon Egypt by God`s command. His name was Moses. The Deliverer of the children of Israel.**

## **Moses.**

### **Exodus. 7-11**

Describe all the plagues that God used Moses, to deliver upon Pharaoh and Egypt.

**Exodus. 7;20.** Blood.

**Exodus. 8;2.** Frogs.

**Exodus. 8;16.** Lice.

**Exodus. 9;6.** All the cattle died.

**Exodus. 9;9.** Boils.

**Exodus. 9;14** God will send all his plagues upon the heart of Pharaoh and upon thy people. Pestilence.

**Exodus. 9;18-19.** God sent rain and grievous hail upon Egypt and the people. The likes that have never have never seen before. Any beast or man that is in the field, shall die.

**Exodus. 9;23.** Fire and rain that ran along the ground.

**Exodus. 9;31** Flax and barley were smitten. Wiped out. Flax was boiled.

**Exodus. 10; 12-13.** Locusts. The east wind brought the locusts. They devoured everything in their path.

**Exodus. 10;21.** Darkness.

**Exodus. 11;5.** All the first born of man and beast shall die.

**What was the name of the man that God did use to bring fire down from Heaven to witness to those that stood against him and served false Gods.? His name was Elijah.**

## **Elijah.**

**1 Kings. 18;37-41.**

## **Fire.**

Hear me O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust and licked up the water that was in the trench.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slew them there.

And Elijah said unto Ahab. Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of Abundance rain.

### **The Message Bible says.**

Answer me, God; O answer me and reveal to this people that you are God, the true God, and that you are giving these people another chance at repentance.

Immediately the fire of God fell and burned up the offering, the wood, the stones, the dirt, and even the water in the trench.

All the people saw it happen and fell on their faces in awed worship, exclaiming, God is the true God.

Elijah told them, Grab the Baal prophets, do not let one get away. They grabbed them. Elijah had them taken down to the brook Kishon and they massacred the lot.

Elijah said to Ahab. Up on your feet, eat and drink. Celebrate. Rain is on the way. I hear it coming.

**Moses said in Deuteronomy. 32;2. That, My Doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.**

### **Points of Interests.**

- Elijah spoke to God to move in such a way that the people would know that you are Lord God almighty.
- When Elijah said, O Lord hear me. God heard him.



- The Fire of God came down from heaven and consumed everything. The offering. The Stones and rocks. The timber. The water and left nothing. Such is God`s power.
- After the people bowed in worship. Elijah took the prophets of Baal and slew them all.

## **Stopping the rain and starting it up again.**

**1 Kings. 17;1.**

And Elijah the Tish`bite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. **[ That is unless I first announce it ]**

**The Message Bible says.**

And then this happened; Elijah the Tishbite, from among the settlers of Gilead, confronted Ahab; As surely as God lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand in obedient service, the next years are going to see a total drought.

Not a drop of dew or rain unless I say otherwise.

**Now what we need to understand here is that it is not mentioned anywhere in the story here of Elijah, how long he was talking about concerning the time that it was not going to rain., but we have come to understand over the years that the period of time that Elijah is talking about is 3 ½ years.**

**It is though, found in other parts of Scripture.**

**Malachi. 4;5-6.**

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their father, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

**The Message Bible says.**

But also look ahead; I am sending Elijah the prophet to clear the way for the Big day of God. The decisive Judgement day. He will convince parents to look after their children and children to look up to their parents.

If they refuse, I will come and put the land under a curse.

**Confirmation of the time that Elijah caused it not to rain was 3 ½ years.**

**This demonstrated the power and Authority of God that Elijah had, but also the close relationship that Elijah had that he was able to speak and command something, and God did what Elijah asked him to do.**

**Luke. 4;25.**

**Jesus said.**

But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land.

**The Message Bible says.**

Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land.

**James. 5;17-18.**

Alias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

**The Message Bible says.**

Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it would not rain and it didn't. Not a Drop for three and a half years.

Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.

**James. 5; 19-20.**

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hid a multitude of sins.

**The Message Bible says.**

My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back and you will have rescued precious lives from destruction and prevented an epidemic of wandering away from God.

### **Points of Interests.**

- The Lord had given the two Prophets, the two witnesses great power to be able to minister to the people. No doubt, fear of the Lord would play a part in their witnessing.
- They had power to stop it raining until they decided to have it started up again. They had power to turn water into blood. They had power to cause all manner of diseases and plagues to come upon the people and the earth at their will by God.
- These two witnesses were there to speak and prophecy to the Jews, but as they spoke no doubt that some of the Gentiles would hear them, and the words that they spoke could and would have an effect on the lives of those that heard the word of the Lord spoken.
- Great authority was given to these two Prophets to bring about God`s will.

**When it is time that the two witnesses have finished the work that the Lord wanted them to do in the time period, called, The Great Tribulation, where they witnessed to the Jews and any Gentiles that would listen to them speak, God then allowed something else to happen that would cause the whole world to be amazed.**

**God allowed the two witnesses to be killed by the beast of Satan, only to raise them up again when the Lord God wanted them to come back to life and be the final demonstration of the power of God on earth and then he called them both up again to heaven.**

### **Revelation. 4;7-10.**

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of that great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

### **The Message Bible says.**

And when they have completed their witness, the beast from the Abyss will emerge and fight them, conquer and kill them, leaving their corpses exposed on the street of the great city

spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, the same City where their Master was crucified.

For three and a half days they will be there, exposed, prevented from getting a decent burial, stared at by the curious from all over the world.

Those people will cheer at the spectacle, shouting, Good riddance and calling for a celebration, for these two prophets pricked the conscience of all the people on earth, made it impossible for them to enjoy their sin.

#### **Points of Interests.**

- After they had finished witnessing and doing the task that the Lord had appointed them to do, the beast from the Abyss came and overcome them and destroyed them.
- Their bodies lay in the streets dead for 3 ½ days without being moved.
- The people rejoiced over their death.
- The people were merry and sending gifts to one another, so glad that the two prophets who convicted them of their sin were dead. Now they could enjoy their sin.
- The powerful words that were in these two prophets and the incredible things that they did in God, not only frightened the people but also convicted them of their sin.

**Now it was time for the Lord to demonstrate his absolute power over death and sin, by raising up his two servants, Moses and Elijah, in front of the whole world.**

**This was beamed around the whole world by all the world media, seeing the two prophets of God laying dead in the streets. Now it was time to shock the world again by their resurrection.**

**God also showed the world who he was, the great I am, by causing the whole world to see them, Moses and Elijah, ascend up into heaven in a cloud.**

#### **Revelation. 4;11.12.**

And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them that which saw them.

And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

#### **The Message Bible says.**

Then after three and a half days, the living Spirit of God will enter them. They are on their feet, and all those gloating spectators will be scared to death.

I heard a strong voice out of heaven calling, Come up here and up they went to heaven, wrapped in a cloud, their enemies watching it all.

**I believe that the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah, going by the similarities of the things that they accomplished while they were on earth and what the two witnesses will be able to do during the great tribulation period when they are there to be witnesses to the Jewish nation.**

**Now we have two different situations here regarding Moses and Elijah.**

**Elijah was translated up into heaven. We find this mentioned in.**

**11 Kings. 2;11.**

And it came to pass as they still went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

**Elijah did not die before he went to heaven but was translated before Elisha and the Lord God himself.**

**Moses was a whole different ball game with a little twist to go with it. The scripture says that Moses died, but I believe that the body of Moses became lifeless, hence dead, but his spirit was alive in the Spirit as his eyes were not dim, nor his natural force abated. Therefore, the natural body was placed in the ground by God, but his spiritual Body went to Serve God on his mountain. Exodus. 3;12.**

**Deuteronomy. 34.1. and 4-7.**

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan.

And the Lord said unto him. This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor; but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day.

And Moses was 120 years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

**The Message Bible says.**

Moses climbed from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah facing Jericho. God showed him all the land from Gilead to Dan.

Then and there, God said to him, This is the land I promised to your to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with the words I will give it to your descendants.

I have let you see it with your own eyes. There it is. But you are not going to go in.

Moses died there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of God, just as God said. God buried him in the valley of Moab opposite Bethpeor. No one knows his burial site to this very day,

**Moses was called by God after his death to serve and worship God on Gods mountain, so the spirit of Moses ascended to God and did not remain in a holding place in the earth called paradise, unlike any other believer that died prior to Jesus on the cross.**

**Any of those believers that died before the time of the cross get priority to meeting Jesus at his second coming.**

**1 Thessalonians. 4;16-17.**

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which remain are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**The Message Bible says.**

The Master himself will give the command. Archangel thunder. God's trumpet blast. He will come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise. They will go first.

Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh. We will be walking on air. And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master. so reassure one another with these words.

**This is the scripture that tells us that before Moses even delivered the children of Israel from Egypt, even as God was talking to Moses at the burning bush and telling him what the Lord wanted him to do and Moses was questioning the Lord saying, I cannot do this, I cannot speak. Get someone else.**

**The Lord then said to him. When you have delivered the Children of Israel from Egypt, you shall come and serve me, God, upon this mountain.**

**Exodus. 3; 12.**

And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

**The Message Bible says.**

I will be with you, God said. And this will be proof that I am the one who sent you;

When you have brought my people out of Egypt, you will worship God right here at this very mountain.

What we see with Moses and Elijah is this. Moses died but his spirit ascended up to the mountain of the Lord so that he could serve and praise the Lord God. That was God`s desire.

This means that the lifeless natural body of Moses was placed in the ground by God, but his spiritual body ascended into the presence of the Lord, where Moses has and will serve God, until it is his time for the spiritual body of Moses to return to the earth and God shall raise up his earthly body which is still here on earth for the Spirit of Moses to inhabit so that he can do the job that he has been called to do in the Great Tribulation with his other called brother in God, Elijah.

Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind. Elijah did not die but he was caught up in a whirlwind into heaven.

The natural body of man cannot survive in the presence of the Lord in Heaven so Elijah must have put on a new spiritual body for the time that he has been in the presence of the Lord.

So when they, Moses and Elijah, both return to the earth at the time of the great tribulation, they shall both be a spirit manifested into their own natural bodies so as to be able to do the tasks that the Lord God has assigned to them to do in the period of time known as the Great Tribulation. That is to win the Jews back over to the Lord. If any Gentiles hear the word of the Lord and decide that to get to heaven, I need to have my head cut off, then that is a bonus.

#### Similarities between Moses and Elijah.

- Moses declared the word of the Lord and the Law was accepted by the people.
- Moses faced Pharaoh with the Word from God.
- Moses brought the 10 plagues upon Egypt, and because of the word that Moses gave unto the children of Israel, none of the plagues affected the children of Israel.
- According to the word of the Lord, these plagues will fall upon the world again during the Great Tribulation.
- Elijah was a Prophet and he and his office was accepted by the people.
- He was a man of God that the Lord used to cut of rain in the earth for a period of 3 ½ years, and again at his word unto the Lord, Elijah caused it to rain again.
- This will happen again in the Great Tribulation where the rain will cease to fall, by the words that Elijah speaks to the Lord at the time.
- Both men at some stage received inspirational and divine intervention on a mountain, both, by, and through the fire of God, and other aspects of the Lord our God. God spoke to **Moses in Exodus. 24;16-18** and revealed his Glory unto him out of a cloud that appeared to be a devouring fire unto the people. **Elijah in 1 Kings. 19;8-18**. The Lord reveals himself to Elijah after the presence of a fire, by a still small voice.
- Both men fasted for 40 days and 40 nights before the Lord. **Moses in Exodus 34;28**. And **Elijah in 1 Kings. 19;8**.
- Both men felt to erect altars unto the Lord and saw the fire of God consume the sacrifices that were laid there. **Moses at Mt. Sinai. Leviticus. 9;23-24**. The offerings were consumed by God`s

fire. **Elijah was at Mt. Carmel in 1 Kings. 18;38.** And the fire of God came down and consumed everything that was on the Altar. The offering, the stones, the wood, the dust, and even licked up the water.

- Both men were required by the Lord to visit wicked kings who were not happy with them, and they persecuted them. **Moses went to Pharaoh. Elijah went to Ahab.** Both Kings felt uneasy and uncomfortable around these men of God.
- Both men of God divided the waters. **Moses at the red sea in Exodus. 14;21. Using his staff.** And **Elijah at the river Jordan with his mantle in 2 Kings. 2;8.**
- Both men were translated into the heavens by the Lord. **Moses who died according to the scripture and had his body buried, but his spirit was translated into the heavens. I have heard some say that he, Moses, was actually raised from the dead.** That can be depending on how you look at things. **Deuteronomy. 34;5.** We find in **Jude. Vs.9.** That Michael the archangel was disputing against the devil while contending for the body of Moses. **Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind. Found in 2 Kings. 2;11.**
- Both of these men of God had young men or successors that were trained up under them, so that they could follow in their footsteps. **Moses had Joshua who divided the river Jordan. Joshua. 3;13-17.** And **Elijah, had Elisha who used the mantle from Elijah to part and divide the river Jordan. 2 Kings. 2;13-14.**
- Both men of God saw the awesome power of God consume their enemies by fire. **Moses in Numbers. 16;35.** Saw 250 men consumed by the fire of God. **Elijah in 2 Kings. 1;10-12.** Fire came down from heaven and consumed the fifty.
- Both Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. **Matthew. 17;2-3.**
- Both men. Moses and Elijah appear as witnesses of all that they saw of Jesus, when they had been with him, in the Great Tribulation, and this is found in. **Revelation. Chapter 11.**

**These two men who the word of the Lord declares to be witnesses must have been around during the special events that affected Jesus while he was on the earth in order for them to be able to see and tell the people in the period of time known as the Great Tribulation, what they have seen and heard concerning Jesus Christ and him crucified while he was walking on the earth.**

**The new Testament records these special events.**

**Matthew. 2;1-2.**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King; behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying, Where, is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen this star in the east and are come to worship him.



### **The Message Bible says.**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah Territory, this was during Herod's kingship. A band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the east. They asked around, where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews?

We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We are on a pilgrimage to worship him.

### **Points of Interests.**

- The message Bible describes them as scholars, not Shepherds.
- They were asking around, looking for this special newborn King of the Jews.
- A star in the heavens can mean a messenger or ministry from heaven.
- The east in scripture speaks of the presence of God, so these individuals came from the presence of God.
- In Jewish history, there is no record that there were 3 individuals looking for the baby Jesus, despite that fact that there were 3 presents.

### **Matthew. 2;11-12.**

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

### **They, Moses and Elijah, were there at the birth of Jesus.**

### **Points of Interests.**

- The star from heaven showed them where to go. Ministry from God.
- They went into the house and as soon as they saw the baby Jesus, in their spirit they knew it was he whom they had been searching for.
- They presented the child gifts of great value as they bowed down to worship the King of Kings.
- Here is one example of two men seeing and hearing the baby Jesus at the time of his birth. **A great witness that will be shared and spoken of in time to come.**

### **Matthew. 4;1-11.**

This the story of how Jesus was tempted of the Devil, and he, Jesus, used the word of God to destroy everything that Satan said.

When the Devil left as recorded in **Vs 11** it declares that angels or messengers came and ministered unto him.

**Vs. 11.**

Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

**The Message Bible says.**

The test was over. The Devil left, And in his place, angels. Angels came and took care of Jesus.

**A witness to the authority of Jesus and the word of God overcoming the things of the Devil.**

**Another great witness to behold and be able to share about.**

**The Transfiguration of Jesus, as Moses and Elijah were there with Jesus as they spoke and shared about the coming sacrifice that Jesus was about to make on the cross.**

**They would have encouraged him and also they were able to bare witness of what took place as well as becoming witnesses themselves of what took place, so that they, Moses and Elijah would be able to witness to the Jewish nation during the Great Tribulation the fact that they were there encouraging Jesus concerning him being crucified on the cross for the atonement of all sins for all of mankind if they, mankind, wanted to accept it.**

**Luke. 9;28-31.**

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias. [ Elijah ]

Who appeared in glory and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem!

**The Message Bible says.**

About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John and James along.

While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became blinding white.

At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah, and what a glorious appearance they made.

They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

**Points of Interests.**

- Jesus took Peter, John and James with him up to a mountain to pray.

- As he prayed, his face and his clothes all changed, and the glory of the Lord covered his face and his clothes, and they all became blinding white with the righteousness of God being revealed.
- Two men or messengers, come angels, appeared unto him and talked with him as they encouraged him in what he was facing as he was about to go to the cross, to bare all the sin of the whole world upon himself, even though in him was no sin.
- Again, this would end up to be a great witness story to the Jewish nation in the Great Tribulation period, being able to share with the Jewish people in that time period what they said unto Jesus and what he said, as well as what the heart of Jesus was experiencing with all that he had to bear.

**After the death of Jesus. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been laid and she saw two angels in the tomb, one at either end of the slab where the body of Jesus had been laid, and they spoke to her.**

**She did not recognize that it was the resurrected Jesus standing there until he spoke to her and called her by name. John. 20 ; 16.**

**John. 20;11-14.**

But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulcher.

And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because, they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

**Here I believe that it was Moses and Elijah who are the two angels in the tomb where the body of Jesus had been laid, and they spoke to Mary as she was crying and searching for the body of Jesus after he died on the cross.**

**Points of Interests.**

- Mary, being a type and shadow of the new testament church, was searching for her Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that he had died, and did not know where she could find him.
- How much searching do we as an individual do, in establishing an intimate relationship with our Lord?
- When she looked into a place that she thought he may have been. He was not there. But she saw two angels who I believe to be Moses and Elijah. The two witnesses.
- The two angels asked her why she was crying, **{ implying, that there was no reason to be upset, }** and she replied they have taken the body of my Jesus away and I do not know where they have taken him.

- Mary asked the angels, or, the two witnesses, where do I find my Jesus?
- After Mary had said this, she turned around and Jesus had found her, knowing that she had been enquiring as to where to find the person of Jesus.
- As Jesus spoke to Mary, she did not recognize that it was Jesus but instead she thought that he was the gardener, and it was not until he, Jesus, called Mary by her name in **Vs. 16**, she recognized Jesus as the resurrected Savior.
- **John. 10;27.**  
Says that. **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**

**When Jesus spoke his final words while he was on the earth. He spoke of the Holy Ghost who was about to come and give them power and authority, like they had never known before, which would allow them to become great witnesses for God and the word of the Lord all over Jerusalem and Judaea and in Samaria and into the uttermost parts of the earth.**

**And after he had spoken this, they beheld Jesus being taken up in a cloud and there were two men standing there in white apparel, who told them that you shall see Jesus come as he has gone, in a cloud and full of glory.**

**Acts. 1;9-11.**

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel.

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**Points of Interests.**

- After Jesus had told them about the power that the Holy Ghost was going to give them. He left this earth for heaven and disappeared out of sight.
- While everybody was looking in shock- horror at what they were seeing there appeared two men standing with them in white apparel, with speaks of the righteousness of the Godhead.
- They talked with the men that were there and said unto them, that this same Jesus which you have seen him go and disappear into the heavenlies, shall also appear in the same manner in a cloud.
- The Cloud speaks of the presence of the Glory of God.
- **Again, I believe these two men to be Moses and Elijah.**

**I have mentioned 5 things which I believe have significant importance to the two witnesses in the book of Revelation chapter 11, and how they can be witnesses to the Jews. This is very unlikely unless they themselves were here on earth at some important events that Jesus was involved in, so that they**

could witness as to what had happened at these events to the Jewish nation while they are in that period of time known as The Great Tribulation.

They, Moses and Elijah were present at the following events.

- They were present at the Birth of Jesus Christ.
- They were present when Jesus overcame Satan when he was being tempted.
- They were there at the transfiguration of Jesus and were even called by their names at this event.
- They were present at the resurrection of Jesus, after he rose from the dead.
- They were present at the ascension of Jesus Christ as he rose in a cloud and disappeared into the heavenlies.
- **Moses and Elijah will be present in the Great Tribulation to witness to The Jewish Nation of Jesus Christ and him Crucified. The Messiah.**

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. What is God going to give his two witnesses and for how long?

**Revelation. 11;3.**

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2. Who is stopping all the demonic forces from invading the earth?

**11 Thessalonians. 2;7-11.**

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3. There is no salvation in the Great Tribulation. So any believers that are there have to do what for their souls to be saved?

**Revelation. 20;4.**

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4. Who are the ones that come out of the Great Tribulation?

**Revelation. 7;13-15.**

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5. List some of the things found in **11 Peter. 1;3-5 on page 76.**

6. What are we to do to follow Jesus?

**Matthew. 16;24.**

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7. If any man hurts the two witnesses. What happens?

**Revelation. 11;5-6.**

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8. Who, by what you have read are the two witnesses and why? What similarities are there with History?

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9. What happens when the two witnesses finish their testimony?

**Revelation. 4;7-10.**

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10. What happens when the two witnesses lay dead in the streets for 3 days?

**Revelation. 4;11-12.**

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11. What happens here at the Rapture?

**1 Thessalonians. 4;16-17.**

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12. What was Moses to do after he led the people of God out of Egypt?

**Exodus. 3;12.**

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13. When Jesus was born. Who came to see him?

**Matthew. 2;1-2.**

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14. Why do you think that Moses and Elijah had to be at important events?

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# The Book of Life

## What is it?

There are several references in the scripture referring to **The Book of Life**, 2 of them refer specifically to the Lambs book of life. This being **Jesus Christ, as the Lamb**.

Most of them are found written in the book of Revelation, indicating that those names that are written in The Lambs book, actually, are called and belong to God.

This book has all the names written from before the foundation of the world, of those individualities that are called and chosen of the Lord.

I have found 14 actual references to a book or names that are written in heaven.

### **Exodus. 32;31-33.**

And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them God's of Gold.

Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

And the Lord said unto Moses, whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

### **The Message Bible says.**

Moses went back to God and said, this is terrible. This people have sinned, it's an enormous sin! They made Gods of gold for themselves. And now, if you will only forgive their sin, but if not, erase me out of the book you've written.

God said to Moses, I'll only erase from my book those who sin against me.

### **Points of Interests.**

- The Leader or pastor had Identified that the people had created a great sin and made false gods of adultery and false worship.
- Moses said, if you will forgive them, great, but if not blot my name out of your book, not theirs, I take responsibility for the sin that they have committed.
- The Lord said to Moses, whoever it is that does sin against me, I will blot their name, not yours out of my book.
- We as an individual must take responsibility for any sin that we commit.
- Even way back then, Moses new of the book in heaven that held all the names of the saved and redeemed.

In this Psalm, David pours out his heart to God about all the issues in his life, and those that continually come against him. But he does mention one thing concerning the revelation of God's Word.

**Psalm. 69;28.**

Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

**The Message Bible says.**

Strike their names from the list of the living; No rock carved honor for them among the righteous.

- Because of how David was treated by non-believers, David wanted no part of them.
- David said. God do not in any way give these people any honor whatsoever.
- Let them rot in hell.

**Daniel. 12;2.**

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time, thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

**The Message Bible says.**

That's when Michael, the great angel-prince champion of your people, will step in. It will be a time of trouble, the worst trouble the world has ever seen.

But your people will be saved from the trouble, every last one found written in the Book. Many who have been long dead and buried will wake up, some to eternal life, others to eternal shame.

- Michael our angel and prince, will stand up for his people.
- There shall be a time of great trouble like there never has been or ever will be again. The tribulation of 7 years and then The great tribulation of the last 3 ½ years. **Daniel. 12;7. The final half of the 7 years of tribulation.**
- Everyone of us that has accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior shall be saved.
- Those that have passed away before us are going to wake up. The believers will be saved, and the non- believers will not be saved but shall receive eternal damnation in hell.

**Malachi. 3;16-17.**

Then they that feared the Lord, spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book or remembrance was written before them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

**The Message Bible says.**

Then those whose lives honored God, got together and talked it over. God saw what they were doing and listened in. A book was opened in God's presence and minutes were taken of the meeting, with the names of the God fearers written down, all the names of those who honored God's name.

God of the Angel, Armies said, They're mine, all mine. They'll get special treatment when I go into action. I treat them with the same consideration and kindness that parents give the child who honors them.

Once more you'll see the difference it makes between being a person who does the right thing and one who doesn't, between serving God and not serving him.

**Points of Interests.**

- There are those that fear the Lord.
- These people that fear the Lord will get together and talk about him.
- The Lord will hear and see this and write a book of remembrance with all the names of the people that love the Lord.
- The Lord says that these people are mine, and he will spare them, and I will give them special treatment, says the Lord.

**Luke. 10; 17-20.**

Notwithstanding in this, rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

**Philippians. 4;3.**

And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life.

**The Message Bible says.**

And Oh, yes, Syzygus, since you're right there to help them work things out, do your best with them. These women worked for the Message hand in hand with Clement and me, and with the other veterans, worked as hard as any of us. Remember, their names are also in the book of life.

**Revelation. 3;5-6.**

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

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

**The Message Bible says.**

Conquerors will march in the victory parade, their names indelible in the Book of Life. I'll lead them up and present them by name to my Father and his Angels.

Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the wind words, the Spirit blowing through the Churches.

**Revelation. 13;8.**

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.

**The Message Bible says.**

Everyone on earth whose name was not written from the world's foundation in the slaughtered Lamb's Book of life, will worship the beast.

**Revelation. 20;11-15.**

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

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

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

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**The Message Bible says.**

I saw a Great White Throne and the One Enthroned. Nothing could stand before or against the presence, nothing in heaven, nothing on earth. And then I saw all the dead, great and small, standing there, before the throne.

And books were opened, then another book was opened; the Book of life. The dead were judged by what was written in the books, by the way they had lived.

Sea released its dead, Death and Hell turned in their dead. Each man and woman was judged by the way he or she had lived. Then Death and Hell were hurled into Lake Fire. This is the second death. Lake Fire. Anyone whose name was not found inscribed in the Book of life was hurled into Lake Fire.

**Points of Interests.**

- A great white throne was seen, with the Lord sitting on it that no one could look upon.
- All the dead that ever had been on the earth stood before the Lord.
- There were some books opened that had everything than any man or woman had ever done written in them.
- Another book was open which was the book of life that had every Christian that had ever accepted the Lord into their life. Written in it.
- Every man and women were judged out of those books according to how they lived.
- Unless you had your name written in the Lambs Book of Life, you could not get into heaven, but rather cast into hell and the lake of fire for torment continually for the rest of eternity.

**Revelation. 21;27.**

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb`s book of life.

**The Message Bible says.**

They`ll bring the glory and honor of the nations into the city. Nothing dirty or defiled will get into the city, and no one who defiles or deceives. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb`s Book of Life will get in.

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. Moses knew of what in heaven?

**Exodus. 32;31-33.**.....

2. David knew of What?

**Psalm. 69;28.** .....

3. Daniel understood what when he saw the vision?

**Daniel. 12;2-3.**  
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4. Malachi knew that something was written. What was it?

**Malachi. 3;16-17.**  
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5. Why do we need to rejoice?

**Luke. 10;17-20.**  
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6. If we labour in the gospel. What can we expect to happen?

**Philippians. 4;3.** .....

7. If we overcome. What will happen?

**Revelation. 3;5-6.**  
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8. If your names are not found written in the Lambs book of life. What happens?

**Revelation. 13;8.** .....

9. At the Great White Throne Judgement. What happens?

**Revelation. 20;11-15.**  
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10. Who shall enter in unto heaven?

**Revelation. 21;27.**  
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# The Judgement Seat of Christ

## What is it, and what is its purpose?

**11 Corinthians. 5;10.**

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether good or bad.

**The Message Bible says.**

Sooner or later we will all have to face God, regardless of our conditions. We will all appear before Christ and take what's coming to us as a result of our actions, either good or bad.

**The judgement seat of Christ is a time of examination and reward.**

- We will meet the Lord in the air and proceed to the judgement seat of Christ at the given time appointed by the Lord.
- This judgement will consist of rewards for faithful service. There will be no condemning anyone. It is for the believers.
- The judgement will be about what we have done with Christ since he became our lord and savior, and how we have met the call that has been placed upon us from before the foundation of the world.
- The rewards will consist of crowns given to believers, based upon our faithful service to him. The rewards will be proportionate to our faithfulness, our zeal, and our passion in how we have put the things of the Lord before other things within our life since we have come to know Jesus, and him crucified.

**James. 1;12.**

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**The Message Bible says.**

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all side. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows it's true colors. So do not try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work, so you become mature and well developed, not deficient in any way.

**1 Peter. 5;4**

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**The Message Bible says.**

When God, who is the best Shepherd of all, comes out in the open with his rule, he will see that you have done it right and commend you lavishly.

**11 Timothy. 4;7-8.**

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;

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

**The Message Bible says.**

I have run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that is left now is the shouting, God's applause. Depend on it, he is an honest judge. He will do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.

**Romans. 14;11-12.**

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

So then, every one of us, shall give an account of himself to God.

**The Message Bible says.**

So where does that leave you, when you criticize a brother? And where does that leave you when you condescend to a sister? I would say that it leaves you looking pretty silly or worse.

Eventually we are all going to end up kneeling side by side in the place of judgement, facing God. Your critical and condescending ways are not going to improve your position there one bit. Read it for yourself in Scripture.

**All of the scriptures mentioned here, refer to believers, not unbelievers. The judgement seat of Christ, therefore, involves believers giving an account of their lives to Christ.**

**It will be from this account given that Jesus Christ will then determine, what rewards, if any will be given to the believer, then this actually says as to which of the three heavens we will inhabit for the rest of our eternal life in the heavens. The Jews believe in 7 levels of Heaven.**

**The judgement seat of Christ does not determine salvation. That was determined by the suffering of Jesus Christ for us on the Cross where he appeared on our behalf and took away all our sins.**

**1 John. 2;2.**

And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

**The Message Bible says.**

Here is how we can be sure that we know God in the right way; Keep his commandments.

**Romans. 8;1.**

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**The Message Bible says.**

With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being here for us aspect, no longer have to live under a continuous, low flying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

**We should not look at the judgement seat of Christ as God judging our sins, but rather as God rewarding us, for the lives that we have lived. Yes, as the Bible says, we will have to give an account of ourselves.**

**Part of this is surely answering for anything that we may have committed since believing on Jesus Christ. However, that is not going to be the primary focus of the judgement seat of Christ.**

**At the judgement seat of Christ, believers are rewarded based on how faithfully they served Christ.**

**There are many things in the scriptures whereby we might or could be challenged on.**

**Matthew. 28;18-20.**

The great commission might be another challenge also.

It is all about our relationship with the Lord, as well as making sure that we have met the challenge of the calling of God that has been placed on our lives.

There could be many things that any Christian might be asked of the Lord, but it does not concern our salvation. That was met on the cross long before this.

**This type of situation in the Hebrew is also known as The Bema Seat.**

- The Judgement seat in the Hebrew is known as the Bema.
- The word is also translated as court or Tribunal.
- It will be a seat that is elevated, so as to denote a place of Authority.

- Sometimes in a Christians life, he or she may think, or believe that they are going to receive something, but because of the way that they have conducted their life, by maybe not doing something for Christ that they have been asked to do, what they expected to receive did not happen and they receive a loss if you like.

### **1 Corinthians. 3;10-15.**

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

For other foundation can no man lay other than that is said, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble.

Every man`s work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man`s work of what sort it is.

If any man`s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man`s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.

### **The Message Bible says.**

I designed blueprints, Apollos is putting up the walls. Let each carpenter who comes on the job take care to build on the foundation. Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid; Jesus Christ.

Take particular care in picking your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you will be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous.

You will not get by with a thing. If your work passes inspection, fine; if it does not, your part of that building will be torn out and started over. But you will not be torn out; you will survive, but just barely.

### **Fire is a purifying agent that God uses in Scripture.**

### **John. 5;26-27.**

For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

And hath given him authority to execute judgement also, because he is the Son of man.

### **The Message Bible says.**

Just as the Father has life in himself, he has conferred on the Son life in himself. And he has given him the authority, simply because he is the Son of man, to decide and carry out matters of judgement.

**Hebrews. 9;27.**

And as it appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.

**The Message Bible says.**

Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. Christ's death was also a one time event, but it was a sacrifice that took care of the sins forever. And when he next appears, the outcome for those eager to greet him is precisely, salvation.

**Revelation. 22;12.**

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

**The Message Bible says.**

Yes, I am on my way, I will be there soon. I am bringing my payroll with me. I will pay all people in full for their life's work.

**Jeremiah. 17;10.**

I the Lord search the heart. I try the reigns, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

**The Message Bible says.**

But, I, God, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human, I get to the root of things, I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be.

**1 Corinthians. 3;8.**

Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

**Luke 19;12-27**

This parable is about a master of a house giving his servants money to invest while he went away expecting them to invest the money and have an increase when he returned. Upon returning he blessed and gave rewards to the ones that invested what he had given them and caused there to be an increase in what they were given.

So it is with God. He has given us his word and Spirit to tell others about him.

At the judgement seat of Christ, we shall get our rewards for what we have done with Christ or the ministry of his word so that people could begin to know about Jesus Christ and him crucified, since we have heard and known of him.

**Romans. 10;14-15.**

How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

**The Message Bible says.**

But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they have not heard of the One who can be trusted. And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?

That is why the Scripture exclaims, A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things to God.

**Psalms. 62;12.**

Also, under thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy; for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

**Matthew. 16;27.**

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

**The Message Bible says.**

Do not be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it, the Son of man will arrive with all the splendor of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels.

You will get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift.

**Ephesians. 6;7-8.**

With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to me.

Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

**The Message Bible says.**

Servants, respectfully obey earthly masters, but always with an eye to obeying the real master, Christ. Do not just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do.

And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you are really serving God. Good work will get you good pay from the Master, regardless of whether you are slave or free.

**11 John. Vs. 8.**

Look to yourselves, that we loose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

**The Message Bible says.**

And be very careful around them so you do not lose out on what we have worked so diligently in together; I want you to get every reward you have coming to you.

Anyone who gets so progressive in his thinking, that he walks out on the teaching of Christ, walks out on God.

**Revelation. 3;11.**

Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

**The Message Bible says.**

I am on my way; I will be there soon. Keep a tight grip on what you have, so no one distracts you and steals you crown.

**When standing at the judgement seat of Christ, we will see what we have done for the Lord by faith. The judgement seat of Christ will reveal publicly the evidence of our faith by the works and deeds that we have done because of the salvation that we have received. Salvation and the faith in that salvation is shown openly by the evidence of our deeds and what we have done for the Lord while still on this earth.**

**This will reveal hopefully, how we have met the call that God has placed on our lives.**

**Romans. 2;6-8.**

Who will **render** to every man according to his deeds;

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life.

But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.

**In Summary.**

We can look at the wisdom of King Solomon in **1 Kings. 3;16-27.**

When two women brought a child to King Solomon, each woman was claiming that child was to be theirs, and asked King Solomon to make a judgement as to which of the women would receive the child by making a judgement.

He asked that a sword, [The Word ] would be brought unto him so that he would divide the child and give have to each of the women.

The true mother cried out and asked King Solomon not to kill the child but give it to the other woman.

King Solomon knew straight away that this woman was the real mother and decreed that the child should be given back to her as she is the real mother by the cry that was in her heart.

What King Solomon was looking for was not a deed that would prove who the mother was, but, that the child was already possessed by birth to the mother, hence the cry of the mother not to kill the child.

The heart of God is looking not for deeds that can be purchased in the judgement hall at the judgement seat of Christ, but will be looking for the work of our deeds to prove, that by faith, we have been birthed in Christ by the blood of Jesus Christ, and that has been the driving force and passion to see us do what we can do while we were on the earth.

The grace of God ever pushing us forward to show our faith by our works.



# Notes.

# Questions.

1. Who appears before the judgement seat of Christ and why?

**11 Corinthians. 5;10.**

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2. When we go through trials, what will it allow us to receive?

**James. 1;2.**

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3. What shall we receive when the chief Shepherd appears?

**1 Peter. 5;4.**

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4. What is laid up for me because of what I have done?

**11 Timothy. 4;7-8.**

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5. What will we need to do before the Lord?

**Romans. 14;11-12.**

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6. What cannot there be in our lives?

**Romans. 8;1.**

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7. What are we to meet in our lives?

**Matthew. 28;18-20.**

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8. What are we to be careful about?

**1 Corinthians. 3;10-15.**

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9. What comes after we die?

**Hebrews. 9;27.**

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10. How is the Lord coming and what is he bringing?

**Revelation. 22;12.** .....

11. What does God do?

**Jeremiah. 17;10.**  
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12. What shall we receive and why?

**1 Corinthians. 3.8.**  
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13. What does God render unto man?

**Psalms. 62;12.** .....

14. How shall the Lord come and what shall he do?

**Matthew. 16;27.**  
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15. Where are we to look and why?

**11 John. Vs. 8.**  
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16. What are we to hold onto and why?

**Revelation. 3;11.**  
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