

END OF THE AGE

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INTRODUCTION

In the life of Jesus, he spoke of many revelations and prophecies. He prophesied about his second coming, and the signs that would precede that event. Some of his prophecies he spoke to the general masses, while others he shared with just a chosen, select few.

In my second book, "Thy Kingdom Come," I wrote about the prophecy Jesus gave to the Apostle John which is contained in the Book of Revelations. This prophecy was given after Jesus had passed on from his physical life, and entered into the spirit. His mission accomplished, all that was left was to give to his last disciple his final prophecy. The entire message was filled with all manners of symbolism. The four horsemen, the two beasts, the woman and the dragon, the trumpets, the bowls, etc.

For that is how the spirit speaks to all of us, through symbolism. Dreams and visions which are subject to various interpretations.

Yet before taking on the spirit, Jesus was alive and well in the flesh for over 33 years. And because Jesus of Nazareth was in the flesh, he could speak in plain language. Jesus did speak to his closest disciples about the end of that age, and the one that would follow thereafter. And unlike his prophecy contained in the book of revelations, this time he spoke in common language for all to understand. This prophecy is known as "The Olivet Discourse," because it was given to his disciples on the Mount of Olives, which overlook Jerusalem.

The Olivet Discourse is contained in two of the four gospels in scripture, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Gospel of Luke. This book will focus on the prophecy recorded in the Gospel of Matthew.

The prophecy was given during the last week of Jesus' life. A week that will be talked about unto the end of time. Or at least, until the end of this age. I will begin this commentary as Jesus and his disciples enter Jerusalem for that fateful final week of Jesus' life, which changed all of human history.

Jesus instructs his followers to “Keep watch,” of the signs of the ending of our present age. This book will help you do just that.

I will use the King James Version of the Bible for my quotes of scripture, beginning with the 21st chapter of Matthew, and continuing on to the end of that beloved Gospel. Verses of scripture shall be in italics, with the words of Jesus in bold italics.

Let’s take a journey through the final week of Jesus’ life on Earth. From his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to his crucifixion. It was the end of the age for ancient Israel, and the beginning of the age of the Church. An age which will last 2,000 years and be concluded at the second coming. An appearance which will lead into the 1,000 year Golden Age. When the lion shall lie down with the lamb.

Matthew 21

*And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethpage, unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, **Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.** Matthew 21: 1-3.*

Bethpage is known as the “house of figs,” located on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives. It is located in between Bethany and Jerusalem. It is in Bethany that Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. And where he will spend his nights relaxing, after his long, hazardous days in Jerusalem.

By the time he reached Jerusalem, It had been an exhausting three and half years for Jesus. His mission began as he turned thirty years of age. It was agreed to beforehand between himself and the Father that he would not be allowed to preach until his thirtieth birthday. And then once reached, he would be baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, and begin his mission that would forever change the world. He knew his mission all along, yet he had to tarry until he was thirty. It was the will of the Father, and the Son would never depart from his Father’s will.

Jesus was the product of an agreement begun by the prophet Abraham and the Father, that all the world shall be blessed through Abraham’s seed. A plan of redemption laid down long before the foundation of this world, even long before the Big Bang that scientists theorize over. That the Father, the Creator of all worlds, would become flesh, and therefore save all of humanity, which in turn would save all of creation. Yet the Father had to choose from whom he would become flesh. After a test of trials, he chose Abraham’s line to be from whom he would appear.

Once baptized by John, who in Heaven is known as the Soul Elijah, Jesus would then proceed to fulfill that which he was sent here to do.

Two Apostles joined him immediately upon his baptism, Philip, and Andrew. They did so because John instructed both to now follow Jesus rather than himself. The Baptist knew that once he had baptized his cousin Jesus, his mission was fulfilled. Therefore he sent his two closest disciples away. Two friends of his who had been with the Baptist for over three years. He told them through bitter tears that his time was over, and the long awaited for Messiah would now be their teacher. That he had done all he could to prepare them for their mission with the Lord. Despite many protests, Philip and Andrew did as was commanded, and followed their new teacher.

From the river Jordan, Jesus, and his two newly found disciples, Philip and Andrew, travelled to Bethsaida, and Capernaum.

At these two cities, Philip and Andrew would lead Jesus to the next four Apostles. Andrew recruited his brother Simon, whom Jesus had nicknamed Peter, and Philip recruited his best friend Bartholomew. Besides Peter and Bartholomew, their fishing partners, the brothers James and John, were also recruited for this mission.

After staying in these two cities for a few months preaching, Jesus and his six disciples left for Cana. The reason they travelled to Cana was that Jesus was to be married to the one whom would be known as Mary Magdalene. This is very controversial, and not many people believe this, but nevertheless, it did happen. Jesus was a married man, and by the time of his death, he had one child (Joseph), and another on the way (Judah). While in Cana, the group recruited the Apostles Matthew, and Thomas.

From Cana, Jesus and his now eight disciples went onward to Nazareth to pick up three more followers. Jesus' half-brothers James (the Just), Simon (the Zealot), and Jude. Later on after Nazareth, Judas Iscariot would join the list to complete the Apostles at twelve. All twelve of them selected by the Father beforehand. Eleven of them to be followers, and the final disciple, Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus, which allowed prophecy to be fulfilled.

Now that Jesus had his full complement of Apostles, he could then truly begin his mission. A mission that will be talked about long after Heaven and Earth have passed away. A mission planned from the mind of the Father, at the foundation of the Universe.

Three years and many miracles later, they would finally head to Jerusalem to fulfill the mission Jesus had agreed to before he became flesh. To become the sacrificial lamb sent forth as God, from God, to redeem all of mankind. Not just for this planet, but for the entire universe.

The sacrifice would have to occur during the Passover week, as was the custom of the Jews. There could be no other time of the year for it, it would have to occur during the holiest week on the calendar. Therefore they arrived on a Sunday, March 29th, 33 AD. Once they had come within sight of Jerusalem, Jesus sent Philip and Bartholomew to go retrieve an ass and a colt so that prophecy be fulfilled.

It was Philip, who unlike what many others think, was the true treasurer of the group. He was the disciple in charge of provisions. He took his sidekick, and best friend Bartholomew with him.

It was evidence of the supernatural that Jesus would know what the owner of the ass and the colt would say. That the owner would ask the two apostles what they were doing. The answer to give the owner was that *“the Lord hath need of them.”* With that answer, it was obvious that the owner was another disciple of Jesus. That once Philip asked for the ass and the colt on behalf of Jesus, the owner would have no objections whatsoever. Permission was therefore granted.

It wasn't prearranged, it was just that Jesus knew beforehand what the owner would say.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. Matthew 21:4-7.

The prophet spoken of here is none other than Zechariah. In the ninth verse of the ninth chapter Zechariah wrote, *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”*

When Philip and Bartholomew returned with the animals, the disciples had no idea which of the two that Jesus was to ride on, the mother or the colt? So they decided to dress up both animals with their outer garments.

Jesus selected the colt because no man had ever ridden him. He chose an animal which had a virgin back. Despite the fact that the colt had never been ridden, nor broken, it offered up no resistance to Jesus. The reason for this is because he had complete and total dominion over all the animals of the Earth. He instructed the colt, and it obeyed his every word. This is a quality of Jesus that is not spoken of very much, that he could communicate with animals. Another supernatural quality of our Lord. The animal kingdom obeys his every word, as did this chosen colt.

One thing to clarify before we get too deep into this manuscript, is that there is written in the scriptures of two distinctive qualities of the Messiah. A humbled, suffering Messiah, and a conquering one. One that would suffer for our sins, and another that would rule the nations. The Messiah that was represented by Jesus is the humble, suffering Messiah. One that would arrive to Jerusalem on a donkey, and be sacrificed as the Lamb of God during the Passover week. Not the conquering Messiah that would arrive on a white horse, destroying God's enemies, such as the one spoken of in the Book of Revelations.

This is the very reason the Jews missed their visitation. At the time of Jesus' arrival, they were patiently waiting for the conquering Messiah. The anointed one who would throw off the yoke of the Roman Army.

The Jews were a conquered people ever since Pompeii put Jerusalem under siege in 63 BC. His conquest spelled the end of Jewish independence, and Judea became a Roman province. It had been 93 years since then, and the people of Judea had about enough of Roman authority. They thirsted greatly for their chosen savior, their prophesied Messiah.

All Jerusalem waited for their prophesied Son of God to liberate them from their Roman masters. The time they felt, was at hand. Yet it was a different Messiah that visited them. One who would take on their sins, and put them on his back.

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. Matthew 21:8.

As Jesus was approaching the capital city of Jerusalem, thousands of people were there to greet him. A massive crowd, “*great multitude*” awaiting the arrival of the chosen one. Yet a peculiar thing was also happening behind him. There were also thousands of people who had followed him from Bethany. This was due to the last, and perhaps greatest miracle Jesus had performed. He brought Lazarus back to life just days beforehand. In doing so, word had spread of this great miracle through the countryside like wildfire. As you can imagine it would.

This was all done by design, planned before Jesus even took on flesh.

The Father wanted to make sure that his Son would be greeted by a great multitude, therefore he saved his greatest miracle for last. For how could anyone but the Messiah bring someone back from the dead? A lot of people were asking these questions, and wanting answers. “Who but the Son of God could bring someone back from the dead?” Especially one who had expired for four days, such as Lazarus had. This created a great sensation within all of Judea. The crowd figured that the only miracle left for Jesus to do was to throw out the Romans, and proclaim himself “King of the Jews.” Thousands gathered to witness this event that many Israelites down through history had longed to see.

In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus had shown the world his awesome supernatural powers that lie within him. The power over life and death. Such a miracle couldn’t be remembered by any of the Israelites. Certainly, this must be the Messiah, they reckoned. Who but the Son of God could perform this miracle?

All along the roads, people were throwing their garments, along with branches of palm trees on the road, celebrating the coming of the King of the Jews. They literally paved the road with branches. It must have been a spectacle of the ages to be able to witness this grand event.

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21:9.

The bible loves using the word, “multitude.” It’s used 243 times in scripture. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines multitude as, “the state of being many. A host, a great number.” Therefore a “great number” of people went out of the city to meet him. As well as the “great number” of people who were already following him. With that being said, my guess would be that there were tens of thousands of Jews all crying out, “Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Apparently Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem created quite a commotion among the populace of the people, which of course was multiplied due to it being Passover week. A week where for the most part, the entire population of Israel would gather at Jerusalem to celebrate the oldest holiday of the Jews. A time of celebration, when the Lord “passed over” the Hebrews, and struck down the first born of every Egyptian roughly 1400 years prior. The most celebrated holiday of the year for the nation of Israel.

The Passover is the oldest religious holiday in the world, still celebrated to this day.

A key in this verse is “Son of David.” This is paramount to the crowd identifying Jesus as the long awaited Messiah. Allow me to explain why.

The Son of David prophecy was written in the second book of the prophet Samuel. The seventh chapter, and the verses 12 and 13, are as follows;

“And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

This prophecy was directed toward King David. That someone from his line would rule forever. So when the crowd started chanting, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were naming Jesus as the man being named in this prophecy. In other words, the Messiah, the Son of David.

Yet the bloodline prophecy goes back much further than King David.

Abraham was also given a prophecy concerning a future Messiah which would come down through his bloodline. It’s covered in the twelfth chapter and third

verse of Genesis, it reads as follows; *“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**”*

This verse in Genesis is one of the first verses in the bible that speaks of an anointed one chosen from a special bloodline, but it’s far from being the last. From Abraham, to David, to Jesus, the prophecy of the bloodline had been foretold for thousands of years. But the nickname for the Messiah has been “The Son of David,” since the time of that great King.

The Messiah would have to come from the line of Abraham, and then King David. It makes one wonder if there is something special about this holy royal bloodline. Was their blood different than everyone else’s? Was it set apart? Was there a special gene in Abraham’s DNA that set this man apart from everyone else that was passed on down through the ages to King David, and further on to Jesus? Food for thought. Perhaps one day science will find this special gene.

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? Matthew 21:10.

Imagine the scene if you can. Tens of thousands, (if not more), of people chanting *“Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”* Blessings, glory, and honor being paid tribute to this humble man riding into town on the back of a donkey.

The noise would be the same as that at a football game when the home team scores. In other words, it would be extremely loud to any of those not paying attention to what was going on. It would have been deafening. Heaven itself, with all its glorious angels would have heard it.

I would love to be able to go back in time, to that day when Jesus made his triumphal entry into the City of David, being called the Son of David. It would have been a sight for the ages.

It would have definitely got your attention, and made you look in that direction. Your next response would be to turn to the person next to you and ask, “What are they all shouting about? Who is this on the back of a donkey? And why are they praising him like he’s the Messiah, by calling him the ‘The Son of David?’

Everyone within earshot of this scene, (which would have been the entire city), would have witnessed one of the greatest events in all of human history. Perhaps 100,000 people witnessed this glorious event. It would have been something on par as Caesar returning to Rome after conquering a nation. Thousands lining the streets saluting the conqueror in a March of Triumph.

*And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.
Matthew 21:11.*

Well that would have answered your question, if you had asked your neighbor what the uproar was all about. Unless you lived under a rock for the past three years, you would have immediately known who everyone was shouting about.

Jesus the prophet from Galilee. The man who had been creating quite a sensation throughout the Galilean region for the last three years. The same type of sensation created by John in Judea and the Jordan region, for three years prior to that.

The man who had fed the five thousand with miraculous fishes and loaves. The man who had brought a child back from the dead. The man who had healed a countless number of lepers, walked on water, healed the blind, cast out demons, and many other miracles.

The reputation of this prophet from Galilee preceded his entrance into Jerusalem. The city had talked about Jesus since he began his ministry. They had patiently waited three and half years for Jesus to pay homage to the City of David. But like his predecessor John the Baptist, Jesus had avoided Jerusalem at all costs. He knew beforehand that once he entered Jerusalem, the authorities would arrest him.

But now it was time for his mission to be fulfilled. It was time for the Messiah to enter Jerusalem, and offer up the heavenly sacrifice.

It was time to fulfill prophecy.

*And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, **It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.** Matthew 21:12-13.*

So what is the first thing Jesus does as he enters the holy city and the temple? He creates an uproar by overthrowing the moneychangers and the temple merchandisers. Of course! Now that he is in Jerusalem, and since he knew his own destiny, there was no point in him hiding in the shadows anymore.

This act of rebellion by Jesus simply astounds me.

Imagine the scene. Thousands upon thousands of Jews praising Jesus, calling him the Son of David. People throwing palm branches into the streets as he arrives. Shouting to the heavens, thanking God for their deliverance. The entire city watching this man's every move, wondering what he will do next.

Three years Jerusalem has awaited the arrival for this well talked about prophet from Galilee. Three years they have patiently waited for this Son of Man to make his appearance. And the first thing Jesus of Nazareth does upon entering the city is to create a riot.

He, along with his apostles, rush to the tables of the moneychangers and start toppling them over like a strong wind toppling over houses, smashing them to bits.

He took a whip and boards, and proceeded to unleash his fury on those whom would sell the Father at a price to the faithful followers. Chasing them out of the temple, thereby cleansing it before he could make his entrance into this most holy place. Shouting at them in the process, "**It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.**"

A den of thieves. Harsh words from the Son of God. Such was the state of the organized religion of Judaism at the time of their visitation from their Messiah. Yet sadly, such was the case in Jerusalem at this time.

It was all big business to the High Priests of the Jewish faith during the time of Jesus' visitation. A certain percentage of each transaction was kicked back up

to the Sanhedrin. So for every sacrifice that was offered to the highest at the temple, the Priests were getting their cut. In other words, God for sale.

It was big business then, as it is big business today.

Take a look around organized religion of today and what do you see? The same thing that infuriated Jesus on that day, infuriates the Holy Father today. God for sale. In other words, place a donation into the offering plate and you will be forgiven. Can you think of anything more blasphemous than that? I surely cannot.

Just send us your donations, and you will be rewarded in heaven. Never mind that some of these televangelists are living in ungodly huge mansions. Just send us your donations, and God will forgive you.

From John the Baptists living off of locusts, honey, and prayers in the desert. To Jesus riding into his Kingdom not on a white stallion, but a humble mule. These are the images of holy men. Not an image of a 13,000 square feet mansion fit for a king.

Jesus and John didn't come into this world to make money, but to preach the holy word of God. They didn't come into this world to live in mansions off the backs of the poor, but to give salvation for those who believed in them.

You cannot serve two masters, nor can you ride two horses. One must choose to either serve mankind, or serve yourself. Such was the message of the Lord.

Jesus came into Jerusalem to serve the humbled masses, not the high priests who were simply interested in lining their own pockets on the backs of poor widows. Sadly, this serving of selves on the backs of the poor still hasn't changed in two thousand years. It still remains.

I will go on about this in future verses of this Gospel. It makes my blood boil to see God for sale, yet it continues to this very day. Nor will it change until the return of the Son of Man. Then, and only then, will this practice cease to exist.

Far too many people equate spiritual success with material riches.

Something for us all to think about as Jesus was driving out the money changers, and thieves of the temple, thereby cleansing it so he could enter into it. This passage changed my entire perception of Jesus, let me explain. Growing up, I always thought of Jesus as someone who always “turned the other cheek.” Someone who wouldn’t dare be angry at anyone or anything. Surely, someone who would never lose their temper.

Yet this scene tells me otherwise. Here we have an irate Jesus at the established church of his day. It sounds to me that he was apoplectic over the practice of selling doves so that poor widows can make an offering to God. It makes me wonder how he would perceive the church of our day.

Also, when we look at the multitude of pictures of Jesus, they tend to be a bit shall we say, “Effeminate.” One rarely sees Jesus as a “Man’s man.” One doesn’t see many masculine images of Jesus, yet he was the son of a carpenter. I’m quite confident that he had the hands of a working man, a builder.

Yet here he is, throwing many people out of the temple so he could cleanse it. Grabbing a whip and scaring the hell out of everyone there, causing a riot at the temple, and the city. Jesus didn’t shrink from a fight, he stared the enemy in the face and threw them out of his Father’s house, cleansing it so that he can enter into it.

Speaking of riots, why didn’t the authorities arrest him at the time? The answer is simple and quite obvious. It is because there were thousands of Jews who would have laid down their lives for him during his entry into Jerusalem. It wasn’t time for the authorities to do their bidding. That would come later in the week, under the cover of darkness, when he was alone with his apostles. Arresting him in the middle of this mob would have been suicide for the priestly authorities and temple guards, and they knew it. And so did the Lord. His time wasn’t quite yet for his mission to be fulfilled. They would have to wait a few days, when there wasn’t tens of thousands of loyal followers with him.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
Matthew 21:14.

Once he cleansed the temple of the evil doers, he could get down to his business of glorifying the Father through his miraculous works. He had to throw the evil out first, and then he could do his Father's work. It couldn't be done until evil was at first removed from the temple, then the temple would belong to himself and his followers. He had to first cleanse the temple of the enemy, and only then could Jesus get down to business. The business of the Father.

Once Jesus entered into the temple, he found himself a place to sit so that others could come to him for his blessings. A long line of followers came to him one by one so that he could heal them. None were turned away.

He gave sight to the blind. He made the lame walk. He cured the lepers. On that day, and every other day down through history, he turned none away that came to him.

This is very important to remember.

Jesus would never turn anyone away that comes to him. No matter the problem, he will heal you, and he will do it fully. When he is through with you, there will not be one spot nor blemish left in you. Never would the Son of Man turn anyone away that comes to him to be healed, no matter the sickness.

This applies in both a spiritual and physical sense. No deformity is too great for Jesus, as he rules over all that appears to come up short. So when a person says to themselves, "No, my sins are too great for the glory of God to heal," think again! The greater the shortcoming, the greater the glory to heal that shortcoming. And remember this always, no sin is too great for the Creator of the entire universe!

Jesus, as the Father incarnate in the flesh, rules over all. He has the power over all things, both seen and unseen. An important fact for us all to continually remember.

And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, Matthew 21:15.

Imagine the scene for a moment. Jesus healing everyone both great and small. Long lines of people being healed by the man who has come to heal the world. People ecstatically running, and jumping around after they've been healed. Shouting out praises to God for delivering them from their infirmities.

Blind men who have never been able to see, now receiving the gift of sight. Cripples walking, dancing, and shouting to anyone who would listen to them. Telling everyone in the temple, and the streets of Jerusalem that Jesus was the Son of David, therefore naming him as the Son of God. Miracle after miracle performed on this day in the City of David by the Son of David. Hours of healing at the greatest healing service of all time. No other day in history approaches this day for physical and spiritual healing. Jesus must have healed hundreds, if not thousands of people on this extraordinary day.

Just how would the authorities of the day view all of this? With jealousy and insecurity. After all, Jesus with his actions, was threatening to take their power away from them.

The high priests and the scribes had a stranglehold on the religion of Judaism for quite some time. My guess is dating all the way back to the time of the rebuilding of the second temple, more than four hundred years prior. Who knows, it may even go back much further than that.

They told the people what to drink, what to eat, how to bathe, and so on. They had complete control over the masses of Judea, and here was this Galilean prophet threatening to unravel everything. This they just couldn't yield to, not to some upstart from the backwaters of Galilee.

It upset very greatly those whom were in power at the arrival of the Messiah into Jerusalem. Bringing thousands of followers with him, knocking out their source of income with the toppling of the moneychangers, and then healing the sick.

All their power was on the verge of being lost. It was at this moment in time that they began their plans for the elimination of this so called "Son of David." He had to be removed, or they would be.

*And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?** Matthew 21:16.*

Jesus knew their thoughts. Another supernatural power that he possessed, the ability to read minds. He proved this by turning to them and saying, **“have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?”**

When he uttered these words, he was referring to all the children who were running around, dancing and praising the God of the highest, at the sight of all the miracles that were being performed on that very day in the temple.

The scripture that Jesus was quoting was none other than the second verse in the eighth chapter of the Book of Psalms. It is written therein, *“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.”*

This Psalm, along with half of the other 150 Psalms, was written by King David himself. With apologies to the wonderful Meta physicist William Shakespeare, King David was, and is, the greatest poet of all time. A man whose words will last through to eternity.

In regards to this Psalm, King David was referring to the innocence of little children. A spiritual quality of perfection, found in all children who are led in praise by the spirit of God.

Have you ever thought to yourself who is speaking out of the mouth of children before they reach the age of consciousness? Before they reach the age when you start having your memories? My opinion is that the Holy Spirit is leading little children at that stage in their developments. In my mind, that is what is meant when it is said that out of the mouth of babes thou has perfected praise. But it is up to each and every one of you to reach your own conclusions on this matter.

And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. Matthew 21:17

After what I'm sure was an exhaustive first day for Jesus in the city of Jerusalem, he returned back to where he came from the day before, Bethany. One may ask themselves, why Bethany? Because that is where his good friend Lazarus lived. Jesus needed to be amongst friends and family, to get the energy that he would need for this very trying week. Jesus needed to get out of Jerusalem, because he knew that his enemy was already plotting his assassination.

On his first day in Jerusalem, Jesus made several bold statements to the religious authorities of that day. He rode into town on a donkey in front of throngs of excited people throwing palm branches on the road, thus fulfilling prophecy. He threw out the crooked moneychangers, thereby ending, (at least for the time being), the priests selling God to the general public. Which thereby cleansed the temple. He then ministered to, and healed thousands of followers of their afflictions. Jesus showing the public, and the authorities, his awesome healing powers. Showing Jerusalem that he was indeed, the Son of Man.

He was far from being through with these authorities, as we shall see.

At nightfall, it was time to rest. He then trudged along with his twelve disciples into Bethany to have supper, and gather unto himself some much needed rest and relaxation. For it would be a very busy week for our Lord. A week that would never be forgotten by humanity.

Jesus was already building his church. It was valuable time for him to spend with his friends, and closest associates. He knew that his time was short, and the more time he spent with them, the better their chances for their upcoming missions. Time spent to teach the kingdom of heaven to those who would spread his message upon his departure from this world.

*Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, **Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever.** And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! Matthew 21:18-20.*

Here is Jesus, for the second time in two days, showing his temper. He was hungry, his stomach growling, and this tree had given him no fruit. It had come up empty in his time of need. He therefore cursed it, withering it away into nothingness. And it had happened instantaneously! Right before his Apostles eyes!

Not only was this a physical death to the tree, but a symbolic death to anything that doesn't bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven.

I once had a near death experience after a horrific car accident, which fractured my neck, cheek, jaw, and nose. Basically rearranging my face. Sometime after the wreck, as I lay in the ditch on that cold, March night, I began looking down on myself.

There I lie, all banged up, my breathing stopped. Me looking down upon myself! I was quite literally dead! Not something one easily forgets!

Immediately, I felt a sense of weightlessness. Of an indescribable peace and serenity I haven't felt since that night. It was a feeling of complete totality of my being. I felt like a living God having total clarity in all things.

I looked to the North, and there was a tunnel which led to a great light. I looked to the South and saw a spiral of total blackness. Something which resembled a vortex circling a black hole.

I felt myself being pulled in both directions. The light, then the darkness.

I received a message from a Saint who had lived centuries before. And then I regained consciousness on an operating table at the local hospital.

My point of this very brief explanation of my experience is that when one passes, all the good that they have done, all the help that they have given to others, all the fruit that they have given birth to, will be attracted to the light. While all the darkness that you have created will be attracted to that swirling object which resembles a black hole.

Part of me wanted to go one way, while the other part wanted the opposite.

I believe with all my being that if I were to continue on with my experience, I would have lost that part of myself that had not given fruit to the swirling darkness. To the abyss.

The good works would have drawn themselves to the light, while the dark works would have went towards its home into the abyss. It is the same for each of us. That which doesn't bear fruit will be sucked into the abyss, while that which is of the light will move into the light.

This tree produced no fruit for the Lord, therefore it was rendered into the darkness. Very symbolic imagery for those with eyes to see, and ears to hear.

The fact that the tree died instantly shocked the apostles. The reason it did this, and the reason that all of his other miracles happened instantly was due to Jesus faith. It was 100% complete in that the Father would grant to him whatever he wished for.

I once wrote in my first book, "The Great Awakening," of a formula for prayer.

The formula speaks of an answered prayer being determined by two opposite parts, which determine the speed at which a prayer would be answered. These parts are determined by faith that your prayer would be answered, and its resistance, both inner, and outer that it wouldn't.

If one has faith that your prayer will be answered, then despite whatever resistance you may have, your prayer will be answered. The speed at which it happens is determined by your faith. If one had 100% faith such as Jesus had, then it would happen at once. When your faith begins to lower, then the prayer will be determined by how much resistance there is to that prayer.

This is one of Lucifer's tools, which is resistance to belief in prayer to the Father. Either you don't believe that the Father will answer you, or Lucifer will set obstacles in your path, creating resistance.

For those who are a threat to Lucifer's realm, such as Jesus was, then resistance will be 100%. Therefore, for your prayer to be answered, your faith had better be 100% in order to overcome that massive amount of resistance.

The greater the threat to Lucifer and his demons, the greater the resistance. The greater the faith needed to overcome that resistance. Jesus, having massive faith in the Father, overcame all resistance. Which is what he meant when he said, ***“Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*** John 16:33.

One would think that after three years of miracles, his followers would start getting used to this. After all, hadn't he raised Lazarus from the dead just two days prior?

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. Matthew 21:21.

Two key words in this verse. Faith, and doubt.

Faith, as I've just discussed, is paramount in having your prayers answered. It is a belief that goes beyond just a simple believing in the Father, but an absolute knowing that the Source and Creator of all things will grant you your fondest desire, and greatest wish. This is the greatest leap for any believer. To go from a belief to a knowing. To go from a belief that this chair that I'm sitting on will hold me up, to an absolute knowing that it will. When one reaches this stage of our spiritual evolution, miracles do happen on a daily basis. I talked extensively about these two qualities in my first book, "The Great Awakening."

Faith is gift that goes far beyond belief. It is a knowing deep within oneself that we are all children of the living God, and that the Holy Spirit within us will grant us our wishes. It has to be 100% for this process to work, as I've discussed.

Doubt on the other hand, is our greatest enemy. Not only do we doubt our abilities to create miracles, but more importantly, we doubt the Father as well.

Yes we pray in earnest for whatever we desire, but doubt gets in the way. Besides fear, doubt may be our greatest obstacle in life to overcome. We can pray until the end of time, but if we doubt that our prayer will be answered, then it won't be. It's just that simple. We just don't see ourselves as worthy enough to receive the Father's many blessings.

In order for one's prayers to be answered, doubt must be removed.

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22.

Notice that it doesn't say some things, but *all* things. Which means that this message is absolute. Whenever Jesus says, "all things," he is giving you a spiritual law. The spiritual law of knowing. Cross the bridge of doubt from belief to knowing, and all prayers will be answered. Know ahead of time, that your prayer has already been answered before it was even asked. For the Creator knows all things, and what you desire and need ahead of time. Merely say "thank you," and it is sufficient unto the Lord.

Jesus mentions the word "prayer" in this verse. Prayer is simply connecting with the Holy Spirit of God. Allow me to explain:

When one goes "within," you are connecting yourself to that aspect of yourself that is of the divine. That part of you created in the "image and likeness" of God.

A person can do this through meditation, contemplation, and outright verbal prayer. Each of these will connect you to your source. The more one does this, the more fluid these exercises in divinity becomes. Until finally, we all achieve the Christ consciousness that Jesus possessed within himself.

The most powerful energy in the universe is prayer. The gates of hell cannot stand against it. The most powerful of enemies, including Lucifer himself, is repulsed by prayer.

Speaking of Lucifer, this is his entire mission, to keep us from connecting with our source. To keep us from receiving the divine located within us all. He will travel far and wide to accomplish this mission.

Fear, doubt, and deception (which we will get into later), is his greatest allies. He wants to show us all that we are unworthy of God's grace and love. That none of us deserve to be called children of God.

He will attempt to use every trick in the book. Yet remember that you are perfect the way you are, thanks to what Jesus did for us all during his final week at Jerusalem.

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority? Matthew 21:23.

It's Monday, and Jesus' second day in Jerusalem. After creating quite the ruckus in his first day in Jerusalem, he arrived to teach to the masses yearning to hear the word of God.

I can picture the scene. Throngs of people packed into the assembly to hear what this prophet from Galilee had to say in regards to the kingdom of heaven. Hanging on to his every word, soaking in each syllable.

Jerusalem at the time was a spiritual desert. The religious authorities had no knowledge of the kingdom of heaven other than what had been passed down to them through Moses and the prophets. There was no new information to be gained from them. In many ways, it resembles the church of today. Priests and preachers, quoting chapter and verse with no new spiritual knowledge to fill the empty voids of the people's consciousness. Teaching words etched in stone, instead of a living, breathing Holy Spirit.

For decades, Judea had become a spiritual wasteland. Filled with ritualistic observances, choking the spirit. Religious laws, filled with legalistic tendencies were the norm. The people were ripe for a spiritual renaissance.

Then along came John the Baptist, filled with fire from the Holy Spirit, preaching a message of repentance, and change. Telling those with ears to hear to open up their hearts, for the kingdom of heaven is suddenly upon you. Spending three years preaching along the River Jordan, quenching the spiritual thirst of the masses. Preparing the way for the upcoming Messiah who will fill their hearts with God's message of love, mercy, and forgiveness.

John, being an enormous threat to the legalistic religious authorities of that day, had to be dealt with accordingly. Yet by the time of his martyrdom, his mission had been fulfilled. He had prepared the way for his cousin, Jesus of Nazareth.

These same religious authorities who dealt with John, were now having issues with Jesus. They asked themselves, how could this upstart with no formal religious education dare teach to the masses of the kingdom of heaven? How could he preach as if he had the blessings of the Father?

The same thing will happen very soon, when history repeats itself.

Imagine two men from some part of backwater America preaching the same revolutionary message that Jesus and John spoke of. Showing up on stage wearing blue jeans and sandals, filled with the Holy Spirit. They would be immediately shunned by the religious community. Questions would be asked, such as “Where is their college degree?” Or “Where did they get their formal educations?” “Look what they’re wearing!” “These men need a haircut!” How about this one, “Who gave them their authority to preach?”

They would be shunned by the religious, and accepted by those whom thirst after the Spirit of God. History repeating itself.

As if the Holy Spirit needed to go to university. It can enter whomever it desires to, it needn't permission from the religious authorities.

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, **I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.***
Matthew 21:24.

Here it comes. The inevitable chess match between the religious authorities against this upstart prophet from Galilee.

Jesus had the advantage because he knew their every thoughts, and what motivated them in their speech. He knew that they would try to use the laws of Moses to try and trick him into saying something that would turn the people against him. Yet those high priests of Jerusalem were way out of their league. They had no chance against the Son of God, as we shall see.

Religious authorities verses the Holy Spirit. Want to place a wager on whom will win this battle?

*The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, **Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.** Matthew 21: 25-27.*

Jesus had them, and he knew it.

One can see the religious leaders huddled together trying to sort this problem out. Arguing, and debating with each other what their next move was to be. It was a dilemma that they had no answer for. For these were the same men that condemned John the Baptist at his every turn. The same authorities who had tried every trick in the book to catch the Baptist in saying something that they deemed blasphemous, so that they could arrest him.

Yet herein lied the problem. John's popularity amongst the common every day Jew was enormous. He was considered a prophet! The first prophet to come along in hundreds of years! People flocked by the tens of thousands to hear this modern day Elijah of the desert. A man who was extremely loved by the people, and hated by the authorities because of his massive influence, especially in regards to the zealots.

John the Baptist was a spiritual oasis in a Judean desert.

One word from John would have caused a Jewish civil war, his influence being so great. But that wasn't what his mission was about. He was assigned by the Father to prepare the way for his Son. Not to bring about bloodshed.

Back to the dilemma of the Jewish priests. In front of a multitude of Jews, the religious authorities were put in their place by this free thinking, uneducated (by their standards), hippie from Galilee. The embarrassment must have been enormous. One can hear the laughter of the people 2,000 years later. In the end, they wouldn't answer Jesus' question, nor would he answer theirs. A brilliant move. He had them on the ropes, and he wasn't about to let them off easily. He pressed onward with his assault on their authority.

But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. Matthew 21:28-31.

This is a very spiritually powerful parable spoken by Jesus, aimed at the religious authorities. He was comparing the learned religious with the second son. Telling them that even the tax collectors and prostitutes, the first son, would know God long before they would.

How could the uppity and arrogant priests not be insulted by this? Jesus was putting them even lower than what they considered the spiritually hopeless. The unclean was raised up even higher than they were. They must have burned white hot with anger over his words. Especially considering the size of the audience that was listening to his words of condemnation.

Yet he left a way out for them. All they needed to do was repent, and all would be forgiven. These are words that all need to remember. That no matter what your past was, you can always change and enter into the kingdom of heaven. No sin is too great for the God of this universe. These words should remove any guilt that one may feel, keeping us away from the glory of the Father, and his eternal dominion of love and light. Joyful words indeed.

Also notice that he didn't condemn them to hell. He just said that the harlots and publicans would go into the kingdom of heaven before they would. In other words, they would be the last in line.

For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him. Matthew 21:32.

Jesus tells all who were listening where John the Baptist came from. By way of righteousness. The prophesied Elijah who was to come first. Clearing the way for the Messiah, making his paths straight.

Many Jews thought John was the Messiah, until he denied it. He merely told all that he was there to prepare the way for the one who would come after him. *"...Whose shoes he was not worthy to unlatch..."* (Luke 3:16).

John gave the religious leaders the chance to repent, and enter into the kingdom of God, but they refused. Like the Egyptian Pharaoh who refused to free the Hebrew slaves, The Father put it into their hearts to reject John the Baptist, so that Jesus' mission could be fulfilled. It was all part of God's plan of redemption.

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: Matthew 21:33.

This is a symbolic parable describing the nation of Israel, and the religious authorities that God put in charge of that nation. It's a story showing the relationship between God and his chosen people. The householder in this story is none other than the Father himself, the God of Abraham. How, beginning with Adam to Noah to Abraham to Moses, he created a holy bloodline from which he would eventually become flesh. It was his plan in the beginning that out of this race of people, he would enter into the body, and redeem mankind.

He (planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower). In other words, he sowed the seeds for a new nation of people on the planet. He then carefully groomed those seeds in order that they can produce the finest fruit.

He established this nation through a covenant beginning with Abraham and his descendants. He did this beginning in the twelfth chapter of Genesis, in the second and third verses of that chapter. *"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**"*

In that covenant with Abraham, God promised a mighty nation, and out of that nation, all families of the Earth would be blessed. This proclamation by God to Abraham may be the greatest verse in all of scripture. It outlined God's plan to

Abraham. From his seed, the savior would appear. The Father chose this man out of the many from which to come forth.

Hundreds of years later, out of Abraham's seed, Moses appeared. Unfortunately by then, the descendants of Abraham were slaves of the Egyptian people.

The Father appeared to Moses in a burning bush, and outlined his plans for the liberation of this *nation* of Hebrews. *Exodus 3:2 to 4:19.*

Once the Hebrew nation was liberated by God, Moses returned this nation to Mount Sinai, where the Father gave Moses his laws which would be used to guide this nation. These laws assigned a tribe of priests, beginning with Moses' brother Aaron, for which to guide this chosen race of people. The husbandmen in this parable are these priests.

The parable then states that the householder (God), then let the vineyard (the nation Israel), out to husbandmen (the priests). Then the parable states that God leaves, and goes off into a far country, leaving this nation in care of the priests.

And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. Matthew 21:34.

As stated in the parable, God has gone off into a far country, and put priests in charge of this mighty nation. While being away, he allowed the husbandmen to be in charge of this vineyard that he had planted.

But now it was time for the harvest of his vineyard, and God desired the fruits gathered from it. The fruits in this parable are symbolic for the good works and deeds of this nation.

It was the Father's plan to raise up a mighty nation from the seed of Abraham, and be shining example for the rest of the world to follow. This nation would follow God's laws, and bring forth peace, harmony, and justice to all people

of the world. Beginning with Israel, and spreading worldwide, it was God's plan to redeem the Earth from the enemy. It was the plan of the Father to take back from Lucifer what had been stolen from mankind. To redeem his children who had been robbed by the enemy.

Redemption of humanity on Earth has always been God's plan. He would use this nation to fulfill his desire to bring mankind to an era of peace and harmony on Earth.

He planted a vineyard (Israel), he left it to husbandmen (the priests), and expected fruit (redemption of mankind), from this vineyard. So he sent forth his servants to the husbandmen expecting the fruits of the vineyard.

Now we must ask ourselves who are these servants that are spoken of here? Who are the servants of the householder? The servants of God? The servants sent to gather the fruits produced from the vineyard?

They are none other than the prophets, God's servants to all of mankind. His messengers in the flesh, sent to the nation of Israel to gather forth its fruits.

Sent to the nation to warn of impending doom, if they dare not change their ways. Messengers sent to proclaim the word of God to everyone from kings to slaves. Those chosen by the Father to speak for him to the masses. Serving as intermediaries to humanity with messages from the divine.

Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 18 describes a prophet as *"I will put my words in their mouths, and they shall speak unto them all that I shall command them."*

Prophets can either speak the word of God, or they can act it out as demonstrated by the prophet Jeremiah buying a clay jar and smashing it in the Valley of Ben Hinnom in front of the high priests, declaring that God will smash the nation of Judah beyond repair the same way the jar was smashed.

The householder (God), sent his servants (the prophets), to the husbandmen (the priests), to gather his fruits from his vineyard (Israel).

And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Matthew 21:35.

God sends his prophets to the priests to give them his word, and to collect their fruits. So what is their reward for that? Beatings, killings, and stonings. In other words, death in the flesh. Such is the reward for one chosen by God to speak his word.

Uplifted in heaven, condemned on earth. Such is the life, burden, and destiny of a prophet. ***“Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.”*** Luke 4:24.

Prophets are always the targets of persecution. None are exempt from this bounty. I can give you numerous examples of what happens to prophets when they prophesy to the masses.

So you say you want to be a prophet?

Jeremiah was attacked by his own brothers. Beaten, put into stocks, and proclaimed as a false prophet. Later on to be stoned in Egypt.

The family is usually the first who turns on a prophet. The reason being is that they grew up with them, and saw them as ordinary everyday people. In which they are, until they receive a vision, and then everything changes for them. Once a prophet receives their calling, all bets are off. The gates of hell itself will oppose you at every turn. The resistance to your message will be massive.

Zechariah was slain between the altar and the temple.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was tortured and killed in the temple by the temple guards, for refusing to give the location of the infants John the Baptist, and Jesus.

John the Baptist was beheaded.

Isaiah was sawn in half by the King Manasseh.

Ezekiel was martyred in the land of the Chaldeans because Ezekiel reproached them for worshipping idols, instead of the Living God.

Micah suffered martyrdom by the hand of Jehoram, prince of Israel, son of Ahab.

Amos was tortured unto death by the priests of Bethel.

Joel was continually beaten in the head with a staff until he died.

Habakkuk was stoned to death in Jerusalem.

Ahijah was slain by a Lion.

Joad was also slain by a Lion.

Daniel actually survived being thrown in a den of lions.

And the list goes on and on.

Such is the fate of those chosen by God to give his message to the priests, and kings.

Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. Matthew 21:36-39.

Finally, after the priests and kings killed off all of God's chosen prophets, he sent forth his Son, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. After all his servants had been killed by those wishing to usurp God's power, the Father became flesh, and himself went to the vineyard to gather up the fruit.

The Father himself became flesh, fulfilling the prophecy given to Abraham so long ago, and preached the kingdom of heaven to the authorities. The final prophet sent to the nation of Israel.

But the priests wouldn't have any part of that. They wished to keep the fruit of the vineyard for themselves. The husbandmen figuring that if they killed the

heir to the vineyard, they could keep it all for themselves. They could keep all the power of the people to themselves.

And that is what it is all about, isn't it? Power! The high priests and authorities didn't want to share any power, not even with the Son of God, so they slew him. As religious authorities do with all the prophets, and messengers of God who challenge their authority.

The husbandmen didn't want to share in any of the fruits of the vineyard, not even with the son of the householder of that vineyard. They only wanted the power over the people who could benefit from the vines of God's message. They put a stranglehold on whom would enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Absolute power doth corrupt absolutely.

When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? Matthew 21:40.

Jesus then turns to the high priests and asks them this question. What will God do to those whom he put in charge of his vineyard, his people, his nation Israel?

Those whom beat, stoned, and killed the prophets, and then killed his Son. Messenger after messenger was sent to them to try to correct the error of their ways, but they would have none of that. They considered all of them a threat to their authority, and thereby murdered them. Many in a rather vicious fashion.

The religious authorities of that day couldn't bear any criticism aimed at it. Not even if it came from a prophet. Do you think our religions of today are any different than those whom ruled in the days of Jesus? My opinion is no, they would act in the same manner. My reason for this is that power of yesterday is the same as power of today.

Imagine if you will a certified prophet, a messenger of God, a holy man criticizing the churches of today. Telling them that if they didn't change their ways, then doom would come upon them. What do you think the reaction of the church would be? The first thing they would do would be to try to discredit that

messenger. Attempting to convince the masses that the messenger was a “false prophet.” That the people needn’t hear the words of this prophet sent from the Almighty. At best, that messenger would be ridiculed, and scorned. At worst, killed. Such is the life of a prophet sent from God.

They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Matthew 21:41.

The priests had no idea that Jesus was using them as the husbandmen in this parable. Amazing when you think about it, but they were completely clueless as to whom he was referring to.

They condemn themselves with their own answer.

The priests of the temple say that the householder (God), will destroy the husbandmen (the priests), and replace them with others, so that the fruits of the vineyard (the spirit through good words and deeds), can be brought forth.

This would be fulfilled in 70 AD at the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. The temple was destroyed, and the priests either killed, or sent into exile away from Jerusalem. The householder came back to his vineyard and destroyed the husbandmen, handing his vineyard over to others for its care. That way God could enjoy the fruits of his vineyard.

*Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?** Matthew 21:42.*

Jesus was quoting the 118th psalm when he gave them this passage of scripture. Another psalm written by that great warrior poet, King David. Now some may say that this is an anonymous psalm written about King David, yet I disagree. This is a psalm written by King David about the heir to his throne, the Messiah. It was written by David in reference to Jesus of Nazareth.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

In any great building, the first stone laid for its foundation is always the corner stone. King David was referring to Jesus as being the stone, rejected by the priests, who became the corner stone for a new movement of faith which would change all of mankind. This act is glorious in the eyes of the kingdom of heaven, and it was planned out before the beginning of time and space.

The Father became flesh in the name of Jesus, knowing beforehand that he would be rejected by those in authority. But by this rejection, he also knew that eternal life would be given to anyone who believed in him. That eternal life is what is glorious in the kingdom of heaven. The Father knew that a new movement of faith would spring forth at the death of his Son, and it is glorious in his eyes.

The angels shouted for joy at the rejection of the Son of Man. Knowing that that act would usher in a new age of spirituality which the gates of hell wouldn't be able to stand against. Amen.

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Matthew 21:43.

Here is a prophecy given by Jesus to the chief priests, telling them that their power will be taken from them and given to another, so that God's fruits can be gathered. The temple shall be destroyed, and the priests shall be scattered amongst the nations. Israel would be destroyed, and the Jews sent to the four corners of the earth. Because the priests wouldn't listen to the Father's servants, the prophets, whom he sent to them.

The second part of this passage of scripture speaks of the corner stone. It speaks of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David. It says that whomever falls on this corner stone shall be broken. This applies to physical and the spiritual. It applies to both men, and those fallen angels known as demons. Whomever shall try to break this stone, shall be himself broken. Whomever tries to take on the Son of God, Jesus, will be destroyed. This is a message sent straight to Lucifer and his band of followers, both men and demons.

And whomsoever the corner stone shall fall upon shall himself be ground into powder. This message has multiple meanings.

Firstly, the stone fell upon the chief priests. He ground them into powder with his message which conflicted with theirs. They spoke of the letter of the law, while he spoke of justice, mercy, and forgiveness. They spoke of legalistic religion, while he spoke of a liberating spirituality. They spoke of do's and don'ts, while he spoke of freedom. His message of the forgiveness of all mankind broke through their message of condemnation. His rock thoroughly destroyed them. And the people were more receptive to him than they were the priests.

The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Son of God. Jesus will annihilate Lucifer with his message from the Father.

This also applies to the future.

A battle is brewing between those forces of darkness led by Lucifer, against the forces of light led by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. An archangel verses the Creator. I will speak of this in great detail in the 24th chapter of Matthew, later on in this book. Jesus here prophesies what will happen to those arrayed against his forces, they will be ground into powder. So be it.

And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet. Matthew 21:45-46.

Finally a light bulb went off inside their heads, and they realized that this whole parable was spoken in regards to themselves. This enraged them to the point where they wished to have him arrested. Which of course is what they did to all the prophets. Arrest them and have them killed. But there was one major obstacle in their way, which was the thousands of people surrounding Jesus, whom all perceived Jesus as a prophet sent from God. They had the same problem trying to arrest John the Baptist, because he was loved by the masses. Therefore John had to be arrested in the cover of darkness, where Lucifer always does his dirty deeds.

In front of thousands in the temple, Jesus had challenged the authority of the priests. He made fools of them with this powerful parable of the householder, husbandmen, and the vineyard. But he wasn't quite done with them yet. His condemnation of the church of that day was far from being complete.

I've often wondered what Jesus would think of the church of our generation. Would he condemn them as he had done to these religious leaders? My opinion is yes, for they have a lot in common with the elders of Israel. As we shall see in the upcoming passages of scripture.

Matthew 22

*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. Matthew 22:1-3.***

The king in this parable is the Father, the Creator of all things. The son in this parable is Jesus himself. The servants are the prophets, preaching the word of God. They can also apply to the saints, who've for the last two thousand years have been preaching the kingdom of heaven to this world. The bride is those followers of Jesus, who are known as the church.

First, the king sends his servants to them *“that were bidden to the wedding,”* the house of Israel. Telling them the good news of redemption. His servants tell all willing to hear that there is a way to the kingdom of God. A way of salvation to the masses for those with eyes to see, and ears to hear.

His servants come back to the king with news that those whom were invited to this wedding had rejected the king's offer. Apparently they had better things to do.

Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. Matthew 22:4.

The king decides to give the people a second chance, sending forth other servants, different than the first. In other words, since the first prophets were rejected by the high priests, he sent a second group instead. Once again, they were rejected.

The Father had prepared this wedding from the foundation of this world. He has made preparations for the wedding feast since time immemorial. As spoken of in this verse, *“all things are ready: come unto the marriage.”* But once

again, the people had better things to do than to go to the wedding feast of the prince. His servants, the prophets, were once again rejected.

But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. Matthew 22:5-6.

Those invited to the wedding of the king couldn't be bothered. For one reason or another, they had better things to do than listen to the word of God. They reckoned to themselves that they already had the Laws of Moses, they didn't need any prophets telling them that they were in error.

Feeling threatened by these servants, these prophets of God, those whom were invited to the wedding feast, slew them. They stoned, tortured, and killed them all.

Such a lonely life it is to be a prophet of God. A servant of the Most High, who chooses God above all things, even above their own families. A prophet knows that when they receive their calling that they will be rejected by men. They will be mocked, scorned, tortured, and finally, when all else has failed to stop them, killed. It's a lonely road one travels who follows the Father with all their heart, and soul. Yet in the end, their reward will be great in the kingdom of heaven.

Once again I have to wonder what would happen if a modern day John the Baptist were to appear upon today's scene. Any guesses? I believe it's easy to surmise that he would be scorned, mocked, and ridiculed by the church authorities. After all, how dare this long haired, sandal wearing hippie threaten their authority.

It's pretty much the reception these "Jesus freaks," filled with the Holy Spirit, standing on street corners, preaching the word of God, get treated. Today's church would rather listen to a man in a Brookes Brothers suit, preaching in one of those ridiculous mega-churches. It's safe to say that Jesus and John the Baptist would be scorned by today's church that swears that they follow him.

Imagine it for a moment. One of those mega-churches is filled to capacity, heightened with anticipation, awaiting the guest speaker. On to the stage walks John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit, preaching repentance to those whom

believe there is no need to repent. How do you believe he would be treated? I've got a good idea, and so do you. He'd be ushered out in record time.

Imagine Saint Peter's square, filled with capacity, awaiting a man whose robes must have cost a small fortune. Instead, a man whose hair has never been cut grabs the microphone and tells the flock that they need to repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand. How do you think he would be received? The security guards would be on him in a second, arresting him, and throwing him into their prison. Or cast outside of the city, and declared a troublemaker.

When it comes to religious authority, time doesn't change very much does it? What applied during the time of Jesus of Nazareth, applies today. Prophets are never accepted by the religious, until after they die. Servants of God preach the message of the kingdom, became slain, and then are revered. This happened during the time of ancient Israel, I'd wager it would happen today with the same results.

But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Matthew 22:7.

And this is exactly the end result. In 70 AD, forty years after Jesus issued this prophecy, the Romans put Jerusalem to the torch. Titus and his armies laid waste to the city and the temple, and according to the historian Josephus, killing 1.1 million Jews, (Josephus, the Jewish Wars). Modern historians dispute this number, claiming far less. Nevertheless, there were at least tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of Jews slaughtered at the fall of Jerusalem. It was a genocide that wouldn't be surpassed against the sons of Abraham until another 1875 years during World War II. What a tragedy.

Something extremely important in this verse to notice. It says that the king (God), sent forth HIS ARMIES. Now that makes me wonder. Is God saying that the armies of Rome, which annihilated Jerusalem, and ancient Judea were his? That he used these pagan armies to destroy his chosen people? That he used an army that worshipped numerous Gods to destroy the sons of Abraham? Indeed it does say that.

This is something extremely important to remember, because it will happen again.

God has used, and will use again, the enemy to purge his chosen people. He did this when Assyria laid waste to the ancient northern kingdom of Israel in the 8th century BC. He did this when Babylon laid waste to the ancient southern kingdom of Judea in the 6th century BC. And he did this when Rome destroyed Jerusalem in the 1st century AD.

But he doesn't stop there! After he uses these enemy armies to do his bidding, he then in turn destroys them! Assyria was routed by Babylon, which was routed by Persia. And Rome was ransacked by the Visigoths and others. Amazing, to say the least.

The Father purges his people, and then annihilates those whom he used to do the purging. This seems to be a common trend of his.

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. Matthew 22:8-9.

The king then withdrew from Israel, and had his servants go out to the four corners of the earth through Christianity. Inviting not just the Jews, but for all to enter into God's kingdom. It was now the time of the Gentiles.

It was the end of the age of ancient Israel, and the beginning of the church age. Time to invite not just the Jews to the wedding, but for all to be invited.

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. Matthew 22:10.

It was custom in the ancient world to invite everyone to the marriage ceremony of royalty. A prince was about to be married, therefore the king wanted everyone to attend it.

Beginning with the apostles, and continuing on for the next nearly 2,000 years, the message of the kingdom of heaven was spread throughout the entire world. Prophets were replaced by saints as millions, and then billions, were called upon to enter the wedding between the Son of God, and his church.

The king, proud of his son the prince, wanted everyone to attend the wedding. God, proud of his son Jesus the Christ, wants everyone to attend. Everyone is invited to the wedding ceremony.

It says in this verse *“Both good and bad.”* In other words, it didn’t matter what a person’s past was, all were invited to attend the wedding. As long as they received the message of the Christ, they were invited to attend. This speaks volumes to me.

How many times in our lives did we feel unworthy to receive God’s gift of redemption? Speaking for myself, I’ve had numerous times in my life that I felt unworthy of God’s infinite love. It doesn’t matter, God will keep returning to us, asking us to attend the wedding of his Son. We are all worthy. Don’t ever forget this point. The kingdom of heaven has room for us all, both great and small. Amen.

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 gnashing of teeth. Matthew 22:11-13.

In ancient times it was a custom for the king of a wedding ceremony to pass around robes to all his attendees. If someone didn’t have a robe that was worthy of a ceremony such as this, one would be provided. That way even the poor would feel comfortable in the setting of a wedding ceremony, and the feast that would follow afterwards.

The robe here is symbolic for the Holy Spirit whom enters into anyone who accepts Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. When someone asks Jesus to come into their life, a miracle occurs. Immediately, one is filled with the Holy Spirit of the Father, and they become a new creation. Once this occurs, no matter what happens in their future, the Holy Spirit will never leave you nor forsake you. You've been purchased by the blood of the Lamb of God.

The scene is set, the marriage is ready. The groom, being Jesus Christ, and his lovely bride, the church. I can imagine it will be a scene for the ages. Only God knows how many will be in attendance. It will be a feast for the ages, planned by God, and his glorious angels, from the beginning of time.

The king greets all his guests. One by one, he warmly hugs all those who showed up for the wedding supper between his beloved Son and his bride. Considering the number who will be in attendance, this may take some time.

Finally, he approaches a man who isn't wearing a robe that was furnished to him at the entrance to the banquet hall. Now this must have surprised the king, since robes were provided to all those in attendance. Each robe provided by the blood of our Lord Jesus. So he asks the man, "Where's your wedding garment that I provided for you?"

The man is speechless, he has no answer for the king. He must have thrown his robe away. There is no Holy Spirit to be found within the man.

So the king has the man removed from the wedding feast. For everyone must wear a robe, provided by the king for the wedding of his son. The King must have felt insulted that the man tried to enter his son's ceremony without a proper robe on. Therefore, the man is bound and cast into "outer darkness."

Finally, it says that there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Let me explain something I learned from my near death experience I received in 1996.

The swirling, black hole that I witnessed was the abyss. As Jesus calls this place, "outer darkness." And that is exactly what it is, complete and total darkness. The blackest black that you can possibly imagine. That part of ourselves

that is covered in darkness will eventually be sucked into the abyss. The part of us that is negative will be thrown into this place of no light.

When one passes from this world, and moves into the next, we will see two places. One is a world of light, and the other is a world of darkness. Two opposite, and equal products of each other. They are dependent upon each other. You can't have right without left, male without female, up without down, and light without darkness. Therefore you can't have a world of light, (heaven), without also having a world of darkness, (the abyss). The part of you that is negative and dark will be sucked into the abyss, and the part that is positive and light will travel to the kingdom of heaven. You can't have one without the other, it's a physical and spiritual law of the universe. For something to exist, its opposite must also exist. In other words, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

This doesn't mean that you are condemned to hell for eternity, as some would lead you to believe. It simply means that your soul will be purified, and that part of yourself that didn't give up the fruit will be cast aside.

For many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14.

He ends this parable with a wonderful eternal truth. *"Many are called, but few are chosen."*

I'm going to rephrase this with, all are called, but few choose themselves. For it is written, and I will cover this in the 24th chapter of Matthew, that the whole world will hear the message of the kingdom of heaven. Every ear shall hear the message of God's redemption of mankind from God's prophesied two witnesses, but I'm getting ahead of myself. You'll have to take my word that every person on the planet will hear the message of love, forgiveness, mercy, and redemption. I will explain this in more detail later on in this book.

Few are chosen. I'm sure you're asking yourselves, what does Jesus mean by this?

These are those whom have taken it upon themselves to spread the message of the kingdom of heaven. Those, whom despite all the persecutions from the enemy, trudge forward. Those whom believe with all their heart that the only

answer in this world is Jesus, and his message of hope for mankind. Those whom have forsaken all for the kingdom of heaven, as the prophets and saints have done before.

To be chosen means to follow the Christ, forsaking all things. To follow the teachings of Jesus, and turn one's back on the God of this world, Lucifer. It means to stick to one's guns when times are tough. To never forsake Jesus, even at the point of physical death.

Those chosen are considered sacred in the kingdom of heaven. They have given up all, and never wavered. You'll be well rewarded for your efforts if you choose to follow this narrow path.

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. Matthew 22:15.

Here come the religious lawyers, looking to spring a trap for Jesus. Which is a fool's errand, considering the fact that Jesus knew more about the scriptures and spirituality, then all of them combined.

Keep in mind that while all this is happening, there are thousands of attendees at this debate. The religious scholars on one side, and Jesus of Nazareth on the other. So far Jesus is destroying their knowledge with the wisdom of his parables. The priests are becoming desperate, so they call upon their lawyers, the religious scholars.

And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Matthew 22:16.

The high priests and religious authorities of the day send in their hired guns. They send in the "Herodians."

So we ask ourselves, who are these "Herodians?" These Herodians were Hellenistic Jews who combined Judaism with elements of Greek culture. A political party who were highly favored in the era of King Herod. Knowledge of the scriptures was their forte. These were the types who followed the letter of the

law, but missed the heart of the law. They favored knowledge over spirituality. Extensive learners who believed that the mind was the key to all things, and the heart and soul basically forgotten. Many of the scribes of that day were Herodians. Educated men who would strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

They at first try to butter him up with flattery. Telling Jesus that he is true, and teaches the God in truth. That Jesus doesn't care what the opinions are of any man. Basically trying to get on Jesus' good side before they try to lower the boom on him. A lawyer's trick.

Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? Matthew 22:17.

Boom! Those scholars think they've got him. One can see them giving each other high fives for asking Jesus this question. They believe that if Jesus says yes it is lawful to give tribute to Caesar, then the people will see him as another man who is more loyal to Caesar than to God. One who is a friend to the Romans.

I'm sure also in the audience were the temple guards, and some Romans, also listening with interest at the answer of Jesus. For his answer could condemn himself if he answered in the wrong fashion, which is what the Herodians were hoping for. If he answered that it is not lawful to give unto Caesar, then the Romans will perceive him as someone who is committing treason against Rome. A revolutionary, telling the rest of the Jews that they needn't pay the taxes to Rome. That they needn't give any tribute nor pay taxes to Caesar. In other words, to call for the Jews to rise up in revolution against Rome. Which of course, wasn't Jesus intentions at all.

*But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, **Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?** Matthew 22:18.*

He knew what they were up to. They were attempting to trick him into saying something treasonous, but he wasn't about to go for their lawyer's tricks. I can see him thinking to himself, "Why are you guys trying to set me up? Don't you realize that you hypocrites are in way over your heads?"

He decided to play along and amuse them.

Shew me the tribute money. And they brought him a penny. Matthew 22:19.

He took the penny and turned it over, looking at both sides of it. He sees an image of a man on one side, and various symbols of Rome on the other. Jesus, being completely ignorant of currency, or Roman politics asks a question.

*And he saith unto them, **Whose is this image and superscription?** Matthew 22:20.*

This goes to show us that Jesus could care less about Roman politics or currency. He didn't even know that an image on a Roman penny was that of Caesar. I find this incredulous.

It tells me that Jesus didn't carry any money with him. He lived off of the charity of others. His mission being financed by those such as Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, and Salome, to name a few. He was also financed by his own family in Nazareth. In any case, money didn't matter to him, as he knew the Father would provide for him. Such was the complete and total faith of Jesus of Nazareth.

*They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, **Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.** When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way. Matthew 22:21-22.*

Thoroughly beaten by Jesus, the Herodians left him, and went their own way. His answer had confounded these lawyers of religious doctrine. Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and give unto God that which is God's. Amazing wisdom with this answer of his.

Jesus separated the two, Caesar's and God's possessions. He divided the physical with the spiritual with this answer. The ruler of this world, with the ruler of all worlds.

We are all obligated to do certain things we don't enjoy in this life, such as paying taxes, our electric bill, and so on. These are things in this physical world that belong to Caesar. Unless one lives off the grid out in the middle of the woods, there is no way to get around these necessities. We can reduce these obligations, but as long as we are alive on this planet earth, we will all have to pay Caesar his share. In the days of Jesus, he was telling the Jews that they must give unto Caesar that which is his, therefore pay your taxes to the Romans. I'm quite sure that the zealots, those whom hated the Romans and wanted to overthrow them, didn't want to hear this message of conformity. By answering in this fashion, Jesus had avoided the trap set forth from the Herodians.

He also said to give unto God the things that are God's. These are things of the Soul.

The things that are God's are prayer, meditation, and contemplation in the spiritual sense. Also loving God, loving your neighbor, and loving yourself.

Observing the commandments of God.

In the physical sense, these are doing well unto others. Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. Giving freely to those less fortunate than yourself. Giving of yourself to charities of those in deep need.

Spreading the message of the good news that the kingdom of heaven is here, within each and every one of us. And helping those to release their God given powers within themselves. That the day of salvation is at hand through the Holy Spirit of the Father.

An entire book can be written about this subject, but I've touched on just a few items that each of us can accomplish. There are many things that we can do to inherit treasure on earth, and in heaven. Ask the Lord Jesus to show you the way of salvation, and he will put forth in your path things to accomplish. I guarantee it. Mine wasn't put forth to me until I reached the age of fifty years. You need not wait that long.

The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Matthew 22:23-28.

Here comes the next group of hired guns, meant to silence Jesus. First we must find out who these “Sadducees” are.

These are those whom were well connected in Judea during the time of Jesus. They occupied many political, social, and religious offices. These are the types of people who would be appointed to powerful positions of authority. The upper class Jews. In modern day’s terms, the Sadducees would be compared to all the positions that the President of the United States would appoint. In other words, the cabinet.

One of their roles was to maintain the temple, therefore it’s not surprising to me that they entered into the debate that was going on between Jesus and the religious leaders. After all, hadn’t he just toppled the moneychangers? These are those who received a cut from that. There was a lot of money at stake.

Like the Herodians before them, the Sadducees tried to trip Jesus up by asking him a loaded question. Quoting from the laws of Moses, they asked him about a widow who went through seven brothers because for some reason or another, they all kept dying on her. The reason they asked this question is because the Sadducees didn’t believe in any life after death. They didn’t believe in the resurrection of the spirit after it leaves the physical world.

Like the Herodians, they figured they had Jesus with their question. They thought they would expose Jesus as some kind of fraud from Galilee. Also, like the Herodians, they weren’t ready for his answer.

*Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. Matthew 22:29-30.***

The Sadducees, assuming that if there was a life after death, it must be similar to life here on earth. That there must be marriages in heaven like there are here in the physical world. They were sorely mistaken.

He corrected them, telling that when people pass away from this world, they enter into the other as spiritual beings, like the angels are. That doesn't mean that they turn into angels, as some people believe. It means that their bodies transform into spirit from flesh. They begin vibrating at a much higher frequency, one that is indiscernible for those left here in the physical.

I know a bit about this subject that I wish to pass on to the reader of this text.

Some, but not all of us, are assigned angels. The name of mine is Samuel, who works under the archangel Michael. At this point in my life, I'm quite confident that I've driven him crazy. I tend to do things my own way, instead of the way that I should. I keep him on his toes, as he has repeatedly told me. I'm a rebel, and a wild card, so I keep him quite busy. Despite myself being a born renegade, he still loves me, and always will, just as Jesus does.

Angels are assigned to us at birth. The Father appoints them their missions, and I'm sure that when Samuel was assigned to me, he must have let out a rather large sigh. Knowing that he would have his hands full with this one.

They are rather large beings, standing approximately nine feet tall. They are luminescent, transmitting light in all directions. A most beautiful creature that transmits love and healing to those that the Father allows them to. And this is key to them. They can only perform acts which the Father allows. Nor can they violate any free will towards the person they are assigned to. This is a no-no in the heavenly world. A violation that Lucifer and his band of demons have repeatedly violated. A violation that each of them will pay for in due time.

Getting back to angels, yes it is true, they all have wings. They are created with them. It's not as though some think that they have to "earn" their wings. They are given to them from the Father at the moment of their creation. They all

wear long white robes with golden belts at their wastes. Like humans, they are either male or female, not both as some have suggested.

Speaking of which, all of them were created at the same time, for they do not give birth to more angels, therefore there is a finite number of them. It may number into the millions, or billions, I've no idea. I haven't been given that number, nor is it a concern of mine how many there are. I just know there is a "multitude" of them, but not an infinite number of species of their race. Which is exactly what they are, a race of spiritual beings who were created to serve the will of the Father.

Getting back to what happens to a person when they pass away from this world. They become "spirit guides" for those they've left behind. I have two of them. My brother who passed away when he was 32 years old, and my grandfather (father's father).

Once a person leaves this third dimensional world, they enter into a higher dimension. Their body immediately begins to vibrate at a much higher frequency, leaving this world behind. It's like a fish jumping out of the net and into the ocean. Like a butterfly leaving the cocoon. The most liberating feeling you will ever experience. With my near death experience, I had a brief experience of this. An experience I will never forget.

Then we receive a "life review." Experiencing parts of their life all over again, except this time they experience from the perspective of everyone that surrounded you when that experience happened. In other words, you will feel the experience that you have caused others to have. So be careful in how you treat others. You will feel how they have felt when you caused them that feeling. All feelings that you have caused others to have, will return to you. This is what is meant by, *"as you give, so shall you receive."*

Once this is accomplished, you will return to the Source of all things, the Father. From there you will once again unite with the Creator of this Universe, and all others. You will be engulfed by the whole, entering into an all-knowing bliss that is indescribable.

Yet you will also keep your individual identity. You will become an eternal spiritual being filled with light and love. Yet you will never lose your experiences that you created while you were in the flesh. Your memory will remain.

So when Jesus told the Sadducees that during the resurrection that we become as angels, he was talking about us turning into spiritual beings. Transforming into our true selves, and returning home to our Father.

But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Matthew 22:31-32.

Here Jesus tells all with eyes to see and ears to hear that the Souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are not dead, but very much alive. As I previously explained, they merely left this world, and changed form. Evolving into a higher state of being.

I'm going to add something here that is controversial to many Christians, yet it is a spiritual fact. Once a spirit has returned to the Father, and united with him, it then has the opportunity to once again reincarnate into physical form. I have discussed this with much depth in my book "Archangel," when I wrote about six different lives of the Soul of Amos. Abraham was one of those spirits who was mentioned in that book. I mentioned in "Archangel" that a soul is a tree, and each life is a branch from that tree. It's a simplified way of looking at it, but the tree is a perfect example of each of us. No wonder Jesus used a tree as an example in so many of his teachings.

Reincarnation is a spiritual fact, and it's biblical if you look deeply into it. The best example I can give you of this is John the Baptist, and Elijah. It was prophesied by the prophet Malachi in his fourth chapter and fifth verse of his book, "*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*"

Furthermore, in the 17th chapter of this gospel of Matthew, in the 10th verse, the disciples asked Jesus about this very phenomenon. "*And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must come first?*"

Jesus answer confirmed that John the Baptist was the prophesied Elijah, beginning with the eleventh verse of that same chapter, "*And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto***"

you, That Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.”

Proof positive that John the Baptist was the Prophet Elijah. Same soul, two different bodies. And by the way, Elijah will come again in the form of the two witnesses spoken of in the eleventh chapter of the Book of Revelations. But I'll cover that when we get to the 24th chapter of Matthew, further on in this book.

And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine. Matthew 22:33.

The Sadducees, like the Herodians were thoroughly defeated by Jesus. It wasn't very wise of them to debate doctrine or scripture with the Son of Man. They gave it a worthy effort, but in the end, they came up short.

The crowd of thousands could only sit in silence and be thoroughly amazed at this doctrinal knowledge of Jesus. I would wager that they were getting a kick out of watching this prophet from Galilee give those religious authorities their "come-upping's."

Speaking of which, have you noticed that Jesus had quite the tendency to challenge authority? He wasn't one who would simply obey orders and walk away. This is a valuable lesson for us all. When you aren't sure of what you are being taught, you have permission from Jesus to ask questions, and challenge what you are being taught. After all, you would only be following his example.

By removing the moneychangers on his first day in Jerusalem, and challenging those religious authorities on his second day, Jesus wasn't about to sit idly by and allow those in charge to teach a false doctrine. An important lesson for us all.

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Matthew 22:34.

Round three. First the Herodians, then the Sadducees, now it was the Pharisees turn to challenge Jesus of Nazareth.

Okay, so whom are the Pharisees? They were a religious political party whom was in constant conflict with the Sadducees. The Pharisees, unlike the Sadducees, believed in life after death. The Sadducees, like the Herodians, were in favor of Hellenizing the Jews. In other words, making them a Greek form of Judaism, and the Pharisees were against this. The Sadducees emphasized the important of worship at the temple, while the Pharisees favored a rabbinic form of Judaism. One other difference was that the Sadducees recognized the written Torah, while Pharisees also recognized the oral traditions of Judaism.

The Sadducees were more of the upper class Jews, while the common people tended to favor the Pharisees.

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Matthew 22:35-36.

Once again the religious authorities were trying to trick Jesus. They were trying to make Jesus choose between the Commandments of the Law, so they could debate him on this subject. They figured that if Jesus picked one over all the others, then they would be able to trap him into saying that the others would therefore be considered irrelevant. Jesus saw through their trap and answered them perfectly.

*Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.** Matthew 22:37-40.*

Jesus lowered the boom on the Pharisees with this answer. He gave them an answer that they couldn't possibly dispute. He answered in a way that included all the commandments of the laws of Moses. Ingenious, to say the least.

He answered in a way that every Jew that was within earshot of his words could agree with. Loving God is the greatest commandment, no one would dispute this. It was in those days, and it still stands today. There wasn't any way the religious leaders were going to argue this point. Especially not in front of thousands of loyal Jews.

Then Jesus offers up the second greatest commandment, loving your neighbor as you love yourself. Wisdom for the ages.

If the entire world followed this commandment, what a glorious paradise we could create together. If we loved each other as we love ourselves, all crime would be eliminated overnight. There wouldn't be a need for any military for any nation. Hunger would end, greed would evaporate, and we would all work together to make this world a better place.

When we love each other as ourselves, we will finally usher in the kingdom of heaven on earth. After the second coming, this is how Christ will teach us to become our true selves, and help us to fulfill our unlimited potential. God willing, I can and will write a future book on this subject. There is much to be said on this subject.

Loving God first, and then loving your neighbor as yourself. In these two greatest commandments hang all the laws and the prophets. In other words, that is all one needs to know. All one ever needs to remember. The entire Bible can be condensed into those two greatest commandments.

Love your God, and love your neighbor. If you remember nothing else from the teachings of Jesus, remember those commandments.

*While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, **What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?** They say unto him, *The son of David.*
*Matthew 22:41-42.**

After the Herodians, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees, had all grilled Jesus with questions and came up short, it was now Jesus turn. Time for this prophet of Galilee to stump those religious leaders, and shut them up forever.

Their answer, “Son of David,” comes from a prophecy from the prophet Nathan given to King David which is contained in the second book of Samuel, chapter 7, in verses 12 and 13. *“And when they days be fulfilled, and thou shall sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.”*

A prophecy given which states that the Messiah shall proceed from the line of David.

First Jesus will perplex them with a question, and then, for the third time in two days, lose his temper.

*He saith unto them, **How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? Matthew 22:43-45.***

Jesus quoted another wonderful Psalm of David. The 110th Psalm to be precise, and I quote, *“The Lord says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet...”*

There is something within the question Jesus posed to the Pharisees which is extremely important. Noticed that he said that David was “in spirit” when he wrote this Psalm. He was IN SPIRIT when he had this vision of God the Father, telling God the Son, to have a seat while he destroyed his son’s enemies.

In the spirit. What does it mean to be in the spirit?

It means that he was so filled with the Holy Spirit that King David had a vision of something that was going to happen 1000 years into the future. He witnessed the Lord Jesus resurrecting himself and ascending to the Father’s throne in heaven. And what was the first thing that the Father told the Son? To have a seat and relax, it’s my turn now. My Son, have a seat, I’ve got this.

Jesus sits at the right hand of power, the Almighty Creator of the universe, and according to Jesus, King David was a witness to this. By the way, like Abraham

before him, King David was also another branch from the tree of Amos. A very sacred soul in the kingdom of heaven.

Getting back to the question that Jesus posed the Pharisees, he had them in quite a dilemma over this. If the Messiah is the prophesied "Son of David," then how can David call him Lord? The answer is quite simple. That the Messiah would come from the sacred holy royal bloodline of King David. So when they said 'Son of David,' it was in reference to his seed. The same holy seed that began with the prophet Abraham, and then to King David from the tribe of Judah, and from David to Jesus of Nazareth.

David in his vision calls Jesus, "my Lord." The Lord (God the Father), says to my Lord (Jesus the Son), to have a seat, while I make your enemies my footstool.

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions. Matthew 22:46.

Apparently the Herodians, Pharisees, and Sadducees had enough of debating with this prophet from Galilee. They were thoroughly defeated by his wisdom and knowledge of the scriptures in front of thousands of faithful Jews.

Yet he wasn't done with them yet. They had pushed him to the point of Jesus once again losing his temper. He begins a tirade against those religious leaders that I'm quite sure pushed them over the edge. If they hadn't planned on murdering Jesus before this, I'm quite certain they will once this castigation of them was over.

Jesus then turns his attention to the crowds, speaking about their religious leaders. The same condemnation toward the religious leaders of those day still apply to religious leaders of today. While he is condemning them, think to yourself this question, *are our religious leaders the same as those of yesterday? Do our leaders have the same problems they had?* I'm confident you'll find your answer in the words of Jesus.

Matthew 23

*Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.** Matthew 23:1-3.*

The religious leaders sit in Moses' seat, but that was then. In modern times, the Christian religious authorities sit in Jesus' seat. In other words, they were then, and are appointed now, to lead the flock of sheep. And to instruct the masses on how to live a Godly life. So if they tell you to observe something, do it. But do not follow their example, because they are hypocrites. Follow the commandments, and lead a Godly life. But when it comes to following their example, shy away from that.

How many times down through history have religious leaders been condemned for acts that they themselves condemned? Far too numerous to mention.

Do what they say, but not what they do. These are Jesus' words of condemnation toward the religious authorities of that day. Do they still apply today? You better believe it. Do as they tell you to do, because they are quoting from the laws of Moses, but do not follow their actions, because they themselves don't follow the laws of Moses. Hypocrisy.

Deep within ourselves, we all know right from wrong. Each of us who are filled with the Holy Spirit of God are led by a moral compass within. It's a "gut feeling" that tells us which path to follow. If we listen to this, then generally we are on the right path of righteousness. It doesn't mean we always follow this path, each of us being fallible, yet when we stray, the Father will guide us all back on track through the power of his holy angels.

For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. Matthew 23:4.

When he gave them the laws of Moses, it was never the Father's intention of laying heavy burdens on the masses, making life all the while more difficult. Yet that is what was witnessed in the times of Jesus, and what we witness today.

Binding heavy burdens, like a ten percent tithe.

Abraham, in praise of the Father, decided to give the high priest Melchizedek ten percent of everything he owned, (Genesis 14:20). His first fruits. He performed this act *voluntarily and willingly*. No one told Abraham that he had to give ten percent to the high priest of Salem. He gave up his best ten percent because he was praising the Father. He wanted to give unto this holy man to thank the Father for all that had been given him.

The church has legalized the acts of Abraham so that they can get their "fair share." They wanted their cut. It didn't matter if they were poor widows with orphans, they demanded their ten percent.

Abraham gave in spirit, while they demand by the law.

So the poor family, after scraping and scrimping just to pay the rent, feels guilty because they can't come up with the ten percent so that the religious teacher of that church can drive a Mercedes. Ask yourself this question: How often have you sat in church and the wealthiest person there is the preacher? I can think of several. Is this what Jesus and John had in mind?

Passing the collection plates in huge "mega-churches" so that they preacher can add on to his 15,000 square feet mansion.

Checkbook spirituality. God for sale, and all it will cost you is ten percent, and the kingdom of heaven is yours! Can you think of anything more blasphemous? Is that why Jesus was crucified, to make religious leaders rich? Is that why the Father gave Moses the laws for the children of Israel to live by, to make religious leaders rich?

People living in squalor, while the church bank accounts swell. This is just one of the heavy burdens, there are several more. An entire book can be written of all the “do’s and don’ts” that the church have laid on the people down through the ages, choking the spirit. Instead of writing that book, let us continue on with Jesus condemnation of those religious leaders of his day.

But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. Matthew 23:5-7.

When one sees these leaders at charity events, ask yourself why are they there? Well to be seen of men, of course! I’ll tell you now, they have their reward. They show up to their charity events in a Lear jet, make a speech, and then hop back into their jet, and travel back to their mansion.

They would have gotten a far greater reward in heaven if they had remained anonymous.

Read this passage and think of any religious ceremony involving the Church of Rome, the Orthodox churches, or the mainline Protestant churches here in the United States. Does this passage of scripture apply to them? I see one of these ceremonies, and think to myself, *“Look at all that money they are wasting for their apparel! Look at all the extravaganza! How that could be used to benefit the poor! People are starving in this world, and all I see are crowns of gold!”* This is truly a materialistic church age that we live in.

And oh, do they love the titles! With some of these religious leaders, they aren’t enough letters in the alphabet to follow their names! Ask yourself, are they being humble when they place all those letters after their names? It doesn’t seem like it to me. All those letters mean the same thing, “teacher.” When one has a PhD, it means a doctorate. A teacher, which is what the word “Rabbi” means. A teacher. But Jesus has an answer for that title which we will learn in the next verse of scripture.

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. Matthew 23:8.

One is our teacher, Jesus the Christ, and we are all brothers. This is a powerful verse that tells us two things. That the ultimate authority in all things is our Lord Jesus, and that we are all equal, being brothers. Therefore no one should set themselves above anyone else.

To all those in authority I tell you this, one is our master, Jesus the Christ. That means we only have one master, and one teacher, which is our Lord. That doesn't mean that God won't appoint mentors in our path to help us find the way. He does this often. But when it comes down to the final authority, check those teachings with the words of Jesus, and you'll have your answer.

This will fly in the face against those whom are power hungry and wish to control the masses. Those whom try to control every aspect of your liberty, purchased by the blood of our Lord. Remember this, these power brokers weren't on the cross at Cavalry, Jesus was. The Father gave us to him as his reward.

The words of Jesus are the final authority.

The second part of his statement is that we are all brothers. This should stop any of us from boasting about how great we are. We are all brothers, and we need to treat each other in that respect. From the President of the United States to the homeless veteran sleeping under a bridge in the pouring rain, none of us are better than any other. It matter not our wealth nor works, we are all children of God.

And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
Matthew 23:9-10.

We have but one God, and one Father. No one else rules us but him, for there are no other Gods. And Jesus called him "Our Father, who art in Heaven." (Matthew 6:9). If Jesus calls God "Our Father," well then that is good enough for me to call him by the same name.

In my opinion, the term "Father" here applies as meaning the Creator of all things, both of the light, and of the darkness. You cannot have one without the other, and God did create the three Archangels, Michael, Lucifer, and Gabriel. The

angel of light, and the angel of darkness, and the angel of love. The Father, through these three beings, created all things, both seen and unseen.

For the Father is one who creates, and oversees all things through the power of his angels. Spiritual beings with one purpose, to perform the will of the Father.

And the Creator of all things is our Father who is in heaven, as stated in the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus also tells us here that we are not to call anyone "master," for we have only one master, who is the Christ. So we are not to call anyone teacher, for we have only one teacher, who is the Lord Jesus, the Son of the living God. His message here is simple, we have only one God, who is our Father in heaven, and only one teacher, who is his son, the Lord Jesus.

So how does Jesus teach us? Through the power of the third part of the trinity, that part of God known as the Holy Spirit. The spirit who teaches us through the words of Jesus, and the spirit of Jesus. Meditate on the words of Christ, and the Holy Spirit shall lead us in all things. This is how God the Father teaches us, through the power of his son's words. Amen.

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. Matthew 23:11.

Another powerful declaration from our Lord Jesus, as he instructs the people who are listening to him. Here he simply states that the true followers of God are those whom are at his service, and those whom serve others. You can always tell who is filled with the Holy Spirit, for their only desire is to serve others. A true mark of a follower of Jesus is those whom only wish to be of service. They're filled with the Holy Spirit, and they wish to help others in that respect. Only so that those being served can reach the same level of fulfillment that those serving have reached.

This is the true sign of a follower of the Lord Jesus, one whom serves not themselves, but others. They don't live for the benefit of themselves, but so that others may be served. This can be accomplished in a multitude of ways. All one

has to do is to look around. Myself, as a veteran, I tend to lean that way, serving fellow veterans in need. But that need not be your calling.

The Father, through the Holy Spirit, will lead us all in a direction of service. Some may be more apt to serve in a capacity of helping the homeless. Others may help special needs children, while others may yet serve as helping the elderly. The list is endless. Just listen to the spirit within you for your calling, and Jesus will guide you in this respect. Your reward will be great in the kingdom of heaven.

On the other hand, never set yourself up above others, for by doing so you set yourself apart from them, and Jesus in a previous verse called us all brothers, making us all equal. No man is greater than any other in the eyes of the Father. We are all his children, and are all equally loved, despite our shortcomings.

Do you love any of your children less than any other? Neither does the Father. Even the black sheep, renegades, and rebels, are loved as much as any saint. Therefore never judge any of the Father's children, for we know not his plans for them.

By serving others, we serve the Father, for they are his children. Always seek to serve, and I hope and pray that this book is a service to you.

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matthew 23:12.

Here is Jesus answer to all whom praise themselves above others, to all who declare themselves greater than their fellow brothers. If one exalts themselves above his fellow man, he shall be humbled before the kingdom of heaven. Therefore humility is the key. We are told to humble ourselves before our fellow man, and we shall receive great rewards in the kingdom of heaven. Yet do it not for the rewards we will receive, do it because humility is the greatest quality of the spirit.

The exalted shall be humbled, and the humble shall be exalted. A prophecy which shall be fulfilled at the second coming of Christ consciousness unto mankind. When the Holy Spirit of God, and the heavenly host shall raise up all

those whom have served the Father. These are words to remember when times get difficult in one's life.

There will come one who will exalt himself above all others, but I will get to that later. Do not be deceived by anyone who exalts themselves above their fellow man.

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matthew 23:13.

A rather condemning passage of scripture against those religious leaders whom praise legalistic religion against the spirit of God. Those whom God left in charge, has come up short on teaching the people the way to the kingdom of heaven.

They have shut up the kingdom of heaven from men who wish to enter. They've done this by bowing down to the letter of the law, and violating the heart of the law, justice, mercy, and forgiveness. They've taught that the commandments of God are written on dead stone, instead of in the hearts of men.

They study each and every word of God, and miss the entire message. Theirs is a doctrine of do's and don'ts, instead of loving God, and loving your neighbor. Theirs is a doctrine of laws, while Jesus was a doctrine of ultimate love.

I've heard before that religion is man-made, while spirituality is God given. This is true for all spiritual movements that men have gotten their hands on. They turn them into religions.

Moses gave to the children of Israel guidelines for them to live by. That if they wrote those passages into their hearts, then sin would be removed from the sons of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And those children, through the course of time, turned it into a religion.

Jesus gave us guidelines for us to live by. That is we wrote these into our hearts, then sin would be removed from all those that follow him. But like the Hebrews of old, we have turned it into a religion. Choking the spirit of God.

It seems to be a natural tendency for us to take a gift from God, and turn it into legalistic laws of do's and don'ts. What a shame.

I'm sure if we all think hard enough, we know of those whom know the Bible chapter and verse, but miss the entire message. They can quote every law in the books, but look down upon others. Pray for them, so that the Father can open their eyes to the truth.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Matthew 23:14.

The religious authorities took advantage of the poor widow's ignorance of the laws to claim their possessions, devouring them. This is the same thing that governments do today. Have you ever heard "Ignorance of the law is no excuse?" This is what the religious leaders did to the poor. They didn't pay their taxes because they couldn't afford it, therefore they lost everything they own. Sounds familiar doesn't it?

And because they did this, they will be damned for it. For the Father is a friend to the widow, and the poor. And an enemy against those who use power to take from those who have little.

It also says here that "*for a pretence make long prayer.*"

So while they are taking their possessions, they are making long prayers supposedly for the victim. These deeds are performed in the name of utter darkness. The whole idea then, and today, is a money grab against those whom have little, and cannot fulfill their obligations when it comes to taxes.

I've sat in churches listening to "long prayers" from those on stage about the obligation of paying a ten percent tithe to audiences of the poor. It's absolutely shameless. Those whom cannot give what the preacher has asked, end

up leaving the church with a guilty feeling that they haven't fulfilled their obligations to the Father. According to our Lord Jesus, these preachers shall receive the greater damnation. Therefore, never make one feel guilty for being poor, and never take their possessions away because they couldn't fulfill the law's obligations. In this respect, our governments and our church leaders have a lot to answer for.

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

For those of you that say Jesus never lost his temper, you need to keep reading his condemnations of these religious authorities. Rather biting isn't it?

This shows the effort of those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven, and those religious authorities attempts to stop them, and then convert them to their own beliefs. They'll travel far and wide shutting up the kingdom of God from those who wish to enter.

For me, this began at Sunday school. A child begins to ask certain questions concerning the teachings of the church, only to be met with scorn and criticism. Told to "shut up and just listen." After all, how dare a child begin to question his teachers? I've heard the words, "We've been doing this for a long time, and we know what we're talking about!" Or, "we've been teaching it this way a long time, and you just need to adapt to our ways." In other words, they've been wrong a long time, and they aren't in the mood for any new input from some upstart who is being led by the spirit. This type of attitude was common then, just as it is common today.

How many of you have felt the same way? Asking legitimate questions in regards to Jesus, only to be told to sit down and shut up? Finally, we give in to the authorities, and according to Jesus, making ourselves twice the children of hell as they are. The spirit leads us into a certain direction, only to be stopped by those religious who are threatened by our newfound independence.

Once when I was a child, first discovering the spirit, I was in the middle of the ritualistic, "stand, sit, kneel," of that Church. After about twenty minutes of this,

all I wanted to do was sing to my Lord. And being a rebel, this is exactly what I did. I started singing Hallelujah! Glory to God in the Highest! From the looks I received from everyone, you would have thought I just shot the Pope!

Here I was, a child, led by the Spirit, singing to my Lord. And told to shut up, follow along, until finally I was led out of that Church. I'd wager that I was doing the will of the Father on that day.

Hell here is separation from the Father, at least our perception of it, for the Father will never leave us nor forsake us. Just as we would never forsake our own children. To be a child of hell means that you have voluntarily separated yourself from the Father. This is done of our own volition. Our minds have told us that we aren't worthy of the Father's infinite love. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? Matthew 23:16-17.

Blind guides, a perfect description of the religious leaders of that day, and the same applies to today. For what is greater, the temple or the gold within that temple? The temple of course. This applies to the temple both here on Earth, and in the kingdom of heaven.

It is true, there is a temple within the kingdom of heaven. And an Ark of the Covenant within that same temple, where the Father resides. In spirit, I have seen it myself. The temple on earth is an exact replica of the temple in heaven. It is where we are all heading when we enter into the Father's kingdom. As one enters into the temple, we proceed until we reach the sacred Ark of the Covenant, where the Father's seat is. The ark on earth is a replica of the ark in heaven. They are the same dimensions.

When one approaches the ark, a feeling of power encompasses your soul. It is an indescribable feeling of joy, peace, and power. A feeling that I'll never forget. I look forward to having that feeling again when I enter God's throne.

But the point here in this passage is that what is greater, the temple or the gold within it? We all know the answer, there is nothing greater than God's temple. Jesus here is trying to correct their theologies.

And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Matthew 23:18-22.

Here Jesus tells us what is the most sacred in the kingdom of heaven, and here on earth. He is basically telling us that the greatest is the throne on which the Father sits. Next is the temple where the throne of God resides. From the temple he moves outward to the altar, and from the altar he moves finally to the gift upon the altar. The throne, the temple, the altar, and finally the gift. He lists them in this order of which is the greatest. He begins with God the Father on the throne, and then moves outward from there.

But as I've just previously told you, the ark in heaven is his throne. The most sacred object in heaven, and on earth.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Matthew 23:23.

Paying tithe of mint, anise, and cummin. In other words, focusing on material things, and ignoring the weightier matters of the law, which are justice, mercy, and faith. Paying attention to the material, while ignoring the spiritual.

The church of yesterday, and the church of today are both guilty of this violation. Focusing on the material, and ignoring the weightier matters of the spiritual.

In the beginning of church history, they would gather in each other's homes and worship. The money collected was used to feed and house the poor, and to take care of widows. As the church grew larger, there was more money to be had, which was used in erecting buildings where the faithful would gather.

As time went by, more and more buildings were erected. Some of these buildings were gigantic structures costing the faithful an exorbitant amount of money. Don't believe me? Look into some of the Gothic cathedrals of Europe for your evidence.

As further time went by, the focus became on the buildings where the church would gather instead of those whom were doing the worshipping. The buildings became the church instead of those who were attending these buildings. So those buildings that were called "Church" became larger. Finally, we are at the stage of the "Mega-Church," where one could attend and listen to a rock concert, complete with 20 mega-speakers while praising the Lord Jesus. After all, nothing says thank you Jesus better than a rock concert. I say that with complete sarcasm.

They fleeced the flock in the times of Jesus, and they are fleecing the flock today. They have their reward.

Materialistically rich, and spiritually bankrupt. They've sold themselves for gold. Unfortunately, this policy won't change until the second coming.

Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Matthew 23:24.

Blind guides, how Jesus loves to use this term when describing the religious. Personally, I can think of no more accurate description of them.

They strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. What does this mean?

It means they take out their magnifying glasses, straining at every I that is dotted, and every T that is crossed, and miss the entire message. Do you know of anyone like this? I sure do. They can recite chapter and verse, but miss the whole meaning of a lesson.

In the past, they have used scripture to determine that an African-American didn't have a soul.

In the past, and the present, some churches have used scripture to determine that women shouldn't be leading a congregation.

In the past, they have used scripture for the right to torture those whom refused to convert.

In the past, they have used scripture for the right to wage war on each other, killing millions.

Scripture has been used for all sorts of abominations against God's children. The list could go on forever.

Unless of course, one has money, then all is forgiven, your salvation can be purchased. What a corrupted and contaminated world we live in.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Matthew 23:25-26.

Jesus continues his rant against the religious authorities, telling them they are clean on the outside, and full of corruption within. Another condemnation from our Lord and Savior.

Their outsides are wiped clean, while inside they are full of excess. Can you think of any examples of excess within the present day church? If you can't then you aren't looking very hard. I've already used the example of the mega-church as an example, yet that isn't the only one. As previously stated, if one were to travel the country going from church to church, you'll likely find in many of those churches that the richest person attending it is the preacher.

Jesus doesn't only speak here at the institutional level, but also to the individual. Clean the inside of your soul, and the outside will follow suit. Just because the church is corrupt doesn't mean we have to be as well. This is the

theme Jesus is trying to portray to the masses. Listen to those religious leaders, but don't follow their example, because within themselves, they are full of corruption. While their living in their mansions, and driving their Rolls Royce's, remember that your treasure awaits you in heaven that far exceeds theirs. This is the message of our Lord.

Jesus didn't live a life of excess, and neither should we. He was completely clean on the inside, setting a shining example for us all to follow. All we have to do is to merely follow his simple teachings, love your God, and love your neighbor. As he spoke earlier, all the laws and the prophets fall under those two beautiful commandments.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Matthew 23:27-28.

Continuing on with his tirade against the religious authorities. Here he is speaking of the beauty of tombs, beautiful on the outside, but within are full of dead man's bones and all sorts of corruption.

He's giving example after example of a corrupt religious institution. Of a spiritual movement founded by the Father and the prophet Moses, that have gone to hell and a handbasket. I wonder if the same could be said today. Would the original apostles of our Lord approve of the modern day church? I doubt it.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Matthew 23:29-32.

Oh how those in power love to kill the prophets of God. Those messengers sent from the Father to help correct the religious to see the error of their ways. God only knows how many prophets that the priests have killed.

And then once the prophets are martyred, and proven correct in the course of time, those same priests honor them. Isn't it ironic how the priests kill the messengers, and then honor them later once they are proven correct? In other words, let's make them martyrs, and then honor them. The truth is, the priests couldn't tell a false prophet from a real one because they were too steeped in corruption.

Not only did the Jewish priests make prophets martyrs, but so did the Catholic Church. The Lord only knows how many died during the Inquisition.

The Albigenses in the 12th and 13th century were killed for rejecting Rome, and placing the New Testament above the teachings and traditions of Rome.

The Waldensians between the 11th and 17th century. Believers who were killed for having their own non canonical Bible. Hundreds of Waldensian mothers and children were massacred in 1209.

Peter of Bruis, in 1126 was burned at the stake for rejecting Rome's traditions.

Arnold of Brescia was hanged and burned in 1155 for preaching the Bible.

Bishop Neumunster was burned at the stake in Hamburg, Germany in 1315.

Bradbe was roasted alive in a barrel in 1409.

In 1519, six men and women of London, were burned for teaching their children the Lord's Prayer.

William Tyndale was burned at the stake for translating the bible into English. This happened in 1536.

The list is endless, and it doesn't just cover the Middle Ages.

Imagine a scene today. A modern day John the Baptist approaches the podium and begins by railing against the Church, how do you think they would

respond to him? I'll tell you, he would be ostracized by the church for questioning their authority.

Priests and prophets have not, nor ever will get along. One group has the power, while the other group questions their authority. One relies on the law, while the other relies on the spirit. They are polar opposites.

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

Serpents, that how Jesus of Nazareth describes those religious leaders who hold the power of the laws of Moses. A generation of snakes, those are his words of condemnation.

He asks the question, "How can they escape the damnation?" Which makes me wonder, how can they? How can they escape the judgment that they themselves caused to happen?

This prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD to the religious leaders of those days when Rome sacked Jerusalem, destroying the nation of Judea. Forty years after Jesus issued these condemning words, his prophecy was fulfilled. My question is, how long will it take for his prophecy to be fulfilled against those church leaders whom killed the martyrs? It hasn't happened yet, but you can be sure that it will. It's just a matter of time before the Father destroys the corrupt church that killed his messengers. A sobering thought.

Yet there is one way to stop all of that judgment, and that is repentance. Let's see if our modern day church changes, or will it stay corrupt and await God's fury. Time will tell.

Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple

and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. Matthew 23:34-36.

This is a continuation of Jesus condemning the priests of the Jewish faith. A prophecy that was fulfilled in one generation's time. And as I have repeatedly said throughout this condemnation, the same applies today. Those corrupt church leaders are in for a world of hurt. I wouldn't want to be in their shoes when that happens, and you can bet that it will.

The use of the name Zacharias here is very interesting. Some think this man mentioned here is the Prophet Zechariah, because it lists his father as Barachias, whom he was. But I fall into the other camp that believes that Zacharias mentioned is the priest, and father of John the Baptist. Martyred for refusing to tell the authorities the whereabouts of the infants John the Baptist, and Jesus during an event that is called the "Massacre of the Innocents," which happened thirty years prior. The massacre was King Herod's idea of stamping out a prophesied savior to be born in Bethlehem. Therefore he ordered all children born in that city under the age of two to be killed. Jesus and John were number's 1 and 2 on that list to be murdered. So the temple guards sought out the only man in the world who knew the whereabouts of these two children of promise, and that was John's father, Zacharias. They tortured this old man to death, until he died. He kept mum, never revealing the location of Jesus, nor John to Herod's men.

I believe it to be Zacharias due to the spelling of his name listed here. It uses the "a" instead of the "e" that the Prophet used. Also because Jesus condemns these very priests for the act by saying, "*whom ye slew between the altar and the temple.*" Indicating that this was a somewhat recent event. Which it was.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Matthew 23:37-39.

First he condemns the city of Jerusalem to their fate, and then he prophesies to them, saying that he will return to that city when they say “blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.” In other words, when he does arrive at his prophesied coming, those are the exact words they will be uttering to themselves.

Jesus will be recognized by those in Jerusalem as the Messiah at his second coming. This passage of scripture prophesies it. Remember these words of prophecy.

How long has the Father sent prophets to the priests of the Jewish faith? It seems as though since the beginning of that spiritual movement.

How long has the Father sent prophets to the priests of the Christian church? Since the beginning of that spiritual movement.

Religion has destroyed many who came in the name of God. When will we ever learn?

Matthew 24

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. Matthew 24:1.

After that rather lengthy tirade against the priests and those in religious authority, Jesus needed to get away from the temple. After condemning them to their fate, he needed to rest and relax for a while.

The same thing happens to me. When I lose my temper at something, I then need to leave and get out amongst nature so that I can calm my senses. To be out in the forest so that I can once again, find my balance. I hate losing my temper, and I'm positive Jesus felt the same way.

He left the large crowd in the temple and went for a walk. He just had to get away from those whom hijacked his Father's spiritual movement which began with Moses. Only his disciples, his closest associates were with him.

Those disciples begged to show Jesus the other buildings of the temple. Hundreds of years in the making, you can bet that they were all proud of these magnificent structures, built mostly by King Herod.

Since the return from their exile in Babylon in the 6th century BC, the Jews had rebuilt Jerusalem into the Mecca that it became during the time of Jesus. It was indeed a shining city on a hill. The Jewish Roman historian Josephus described it as such, "To the stranger who suddenly came over the mountain, the Temple, was like "a snow-clad mountain for all that was not gold was gleaming white." An impressive sight.

*And Jesus said unto them, **See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.** Matthew 24:2.*

Jesus wasn't impressed. He foretold to them the destruction of the temple buildings that would soon follow. Not one stone left upon another. All shall be thrown down.

As previously stated, Rome would put Jerusalem to the torch in 70 AD. Forty years after this prophecy was given, it would be fulfilled. For those interested in the downfall of Jerusalem, read Josephus, "The Jewish Wars." The destruction of Jerusalem can best be described as genocide of a race of people.

It happened because the Jews didn't know the time of their visitation. First John the Baptist, and later Jesus, both warned them that this would happen. But like all prophets sent from God to give the people warnings and messages, both were martyred.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Matthew 24:3.

Jesus then left the temple buildings to go sit upon the Mount of Olives, and relax. It had been a long day of teaching the people, followed by condemning the priests. He just wanted to look out over the city of Jerusalem, and contemplate those things that were to come to pass.

As he was sitting there, enjoying the shade, the disciples came to him privately and asked him the question for the ages. *"When shall these things be?"* And even more importantly, *"What shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?"*

Jesus answer will be forever known as "The Olivet Discourse." Because here he will give unto his closest associates a lengthy answer of all the signs that shall accompany his second coming. He didn't speak these prophecies to the masses, he held them in reserve for his chosen few.

In my second book, "Thy Kingdom Come," I wrote a commentary of the Book of Revelations. In Revelations, Jesus was showing the apostle John all the signs that shall accompany the end of this age. Jesus was in the spirit when he did this, and like all messages that come from the spirit, this was done with symbolism.

The Four Horsemen, The Beasts, The Dragon, and the Woman, all are symbols. This is how the spirit gives us messages, by symbols. It can happen to us in dreams or in visions, but every time the spirit wants to send us a message, it uses symbols.

For instance, one of the symbols used in Revelations was that of a woman who was crowned with twelve stars upon her head. The woman represented Israel, and the twelve stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel. This is how the spirit speaks.

Since Jesus was in spirit, sixty years after his death when he gave that message to John, many symbols were used. But here in the Olivet Discourse, because he is in the flesh, and not spirit, he will use plain language for all to understand.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, ***Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. Matthew 24:4-5.***

Jesus looks over the twelve disciples, and begins. His answer to them is going to take some time.

The first and most important message from Jesus to his followers is to let “*No man deceive you!*” He speaks this first above everything else, therefore it must be paramount. Let no man deceive us.

Jesus says here that not a few, but *many* shall come in his name, deceiving *many*. How many false Christs have come down through the ages? Jesus answers many. Here is a list of a few of them:

Simon bar Kokhba. He founded a Jewish state listing himself as the Messiah in 135 AD. He was defeated in the second Roman Jewish war.

Moses of Crete. In 470 AD he proclaimed himself as the Messiah urging Jews to walk into the sea to Israel. Needless to say, that didn't turn out that well.

David Alroy. In 1160 he proclaimed himself the Messiah and urged his followers to defeat the caliph of Kurdistan. He ended up assassinated.

Solomon Molcho. In 1532 he proclaimed himself the Messiah, and ended up being burned at the stake by the Inquisition.

Sabbatai Zevi. An Ottoman Jew who proclaimed himself the Messiah.

Ann Lee. Considered herself the female equivalent of the Christ.

Bernhard Muller. He claimed to be the lion of the tribe of Judah.

John Nichols Thom. Proclaimed himself the Messiah in 1838.

Arnold Potter. Mormon charismatic leader who proclaimed himself the Messiah in the 1800s.

William Davies. Another Mormon, who proclaimed himself the reincarnated Jesus.

George Baker. A spiritual leader who proclaimed himself to be God.

Ahn Sahng-hong. Founder of the World Mission Society Church of God. Worshipped by members of that Church as the Messiah.

Sun Myung Moon. Founder of the Unification Church. Considered himself the second coming of Christ.

There are many others, but I won't list them all here. It's just too tedious to mention each, and every person down through history who has proclaimed themselves the Christ. I've only used a few examples, but you get the picture.

I wish to say something in regards to the deception that will come upon the whole Earth. The deception that will be orchestrated by Lucifer, who when he enters the body of his son, will deceive the whole world into thinking that he is Christ returned. It will be the greatest deception of all time. Let's give it a name and call it "The Grand Deception."

It is my belief that this is already taking place, allow me explain myself.

There is an extremely powerful movement going on in the world which has been labeled the “New Age Movement.” I’ve done extensive research into this subject, and I consider many of these “New Agers” to be my friends. I agree with a few of their philosophies, such as spiritual reincarnation, and that we are all children of God, and that we must start taking care of our planet. I also agree with them that the Holy Spirit of God is within us, thereby making us all children of the Father.

However, there are a few things I have against them.

They seem to be allergic to Jesus. Many of them don’t believe that Jesus is the Son of God. They shy away from his teachings and his prophecies. They see Jesus as a prophet, and a messenger, but that is where they stop. It’s my belief that when Jesus became baptized by John the Baptist, he was instantly filled with “Christ Consciousness.” From that point forward, the Father and he became one. In my opinion, this “Christ Consciousness” hasn’t happened since then. But it will again in the future, at the second coming. I will explain that belief later on in this book, as I have already explained in my book “Thy Kingdom Come.”

Many New Agers think that there have been many Christs down through the ages. Abraham, Moses, Krishna, Zoroastrian, Buddha, Mohammed, and others. However, none of them claimed that they were the Christ. They were indeed highly evolved spiritual beings in the flesh, yet they weren’t the chosen Christ. Although Abraham was told that the Christ would come from his seed, his bloodline.

Some believe that God is impersonal, just a being of pure energy with no preferences.

Make no mistake, God is involved in all aspects of every life created from the foundation of this Universe. The Father doesn’t just sit back like some sort of spectator watching how things all play out. God takes an active role in all things, constantly guiding us through with his holy angels.

The New Agers like to receive “channeling” from the spirit world.

Now don’t get me wrong, I also believe that the spirit world is taking an active part in the evolution of this planet. They receive orders from the Father, and they act accordingly. Never interfering in the free will of humans. And as far as

“channeling,” I’ve had some experience with this myself, yet mine is a bit different. Mine occur by way of visions and dreams, never as a result of trying to channel spirits from the other side. If spirits have a message to send to me, I will receive it. I need not channel anything.

I’ve had a near death experience, and I was shown things as a result of it.

I was touched by an invisible hand in 1986, and I’ve not been the same since. It was the hand of Jesus himself, and as a result of it, The Holy Spirit completely filled my body for three days. An experience one never forgets.

Yet their channeling is far different. They channel spirits from another dimension to come forth. Now herein lies the problem. Do you really know what spirits you are communicating with? Keeping in mind that Lucifer and his band of followers can act, behave, and look like beings of white light. They can behave as perfect imitators of angels. They see all things in the past and present, they can read your thoughts, so they know exactly how to respond to every question you ask of them. They are master manipulators, who know every weakness of a person who is doing the channeling. Be sure that he will use these weaknesses against you.

Yet one thing Lucifer doesn’t know of, which is the future. Only the Father knows the future, and whom the Father wishes to know of the future. Which are prophets, and namely angels that he uses as messengers to give his messages to the prophets. An example of this is when the Father gave his message to the archangel Gabriel to give to the prophet Daniel in the tenth and eleventh chapters of Daniel.

So when you are having a communication with spirits from the other side, test them. Ask them to prophecy to you. If they are accurate, then you are speaking with the Angels. If they aren’t, then you know who is trying to trick you. If they respond to you in a way of “We don’t know the future,” then chances are that you are speaking with the holy angels of the Father, for they are being honest. They don’t know the future, only the Father does. And whom the Father chooses to reveal it to. Namely, the prophets.

Also, watch how they react to the name of Jesus. If these channeled spirits are truly demons, they will shrink away from his name in horror. Or they will just

simply flee. That is because all spiritual beings, both good and evil, must bow down to the name of Jesus. The evil beings desire not to, so they flee instead.

Discernment is the key.

Many of these New Agers don't believe that evil exists. They tell you if they simply ignore it, then it will go away. That if they pay no attention to it, then that means that it doesn't exist. To me, this is their greatest mistake.

Evil does exist in this world, if it didn't, you couldn't have any good. For every action must have an equal and opposite reaction. To have up, you must have down. To have right, you must have left. To have light, you must have darkness.

The first three beings ever created by the Father were his archangels. Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer.

Gabriel is the Father's chief messenger. He is the angel of love.

Michael is the Father's angel of light. Commander of all forces of light.

Lucifer is the Father's angel of darkness. Commander of all forces of darkness.

You can't have one of these Angels without having the other two. They must exist as equal and opposite powers of each other. It's a Universal balance between these three extremely powerful beings.

Lucifer is behind this thought of evil not existing. It plays right into his hands, giving him carte blanche amongst the people. This 'love and light' crowd is on the right track, and we could create for ourselves a utopia, if Lucifer didn't exist in this world. But as long as he is in the world, there will be darkness in the world. And as long as there is darkness in the world, then the world is going to need saints who are willing to carry the sword, and the shield of Jesus Christ.

Many of these people that are getting caught up in the New Age Movement are just at the beginning of their spirituality. Babes in the woods. They are told that thoughts create your reality. The truth is that your actions do. The thought is the first part of creation, but not the last. First you have an idea, a thought. Then you speak your idea, your word. Then finally you do your idea, an action. Thus

creating what your original thought was, therefore co-creating with the Father. Who gave you the idea in the first place.

Another myth of the New Age is that they believe that life is effortless if you are on your spiritual path. If you get off your path, then you encounter resistance. This is nonsense. For those such as myself, who have encountered massive resistance, this is simply because Lucifer and his demons don't want my message out. Therefore, these demons have been creating resistance every step of the way. Yet I am on the right path.

When one has no resistance may be a sign that Lucifer approves of what you are doing, therefore paving the way for more deception. This is how some of these New Age authors have done extremely well. They encounter no resistance because he approves of their deceitful message. The authors make a fortune, people are deceived, and no resistance is encountered. Everyone is happy.

Resistance is the bedrock of spiritual growth. It means Lucifer isn't happy with the path you have chosen.

Ask yourself this question. How much resistance did Jesus and John the Baptist encounter? There is your answer. The greater the threat to Lucifer, the greater the resistance. This is why the prophets were slain.

The truth is I love many New Age Christians. We are their brothers. But don't be deceived, trust Jesus, and no one else. Certainly not some "guide" that shows up as a wolf in sheep's clothing. Telling you 90% truth and 10% falsehoods. Just enough to throw you off your path.

In the future, there will be a power play for creating a one world religion. This will be a feel good new age religion that will be enforced by the son of Lucifer. I fear that the first sheep that will be led to the slaughter are my New Age brothers. So be careful, weigh what this imposter has to say, against the teachings of Jesus. After all, didn't he tell us that only one is our Master, himself?

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:6.

It would require several volumes of books to describe all the wars that have come about since Jesus uttered this sentence. But he isn't talking about all of those numerous conflicts. Here he is specifically speaking of the wars that will happen that precede his second coming.

These wars are like setting a table before serving dinner. Making sure that everything is prepared before the main course is served. First the plates, the bowls, and the silverware are set out. Then the drinks are poured, followed by the appetizers that are set before those at the dinner table.

Or it is like going to a championship boxing match. Before the championship bout, there is always an undercard. You'll see the first boxing match, then the second, then the third, with each of these matches progressing in importance. Finally, you get to see the main event.

Here Jesus instructs us not to be troubled, "for the end is not yet." These are merely signs for us to be watching for. Conflicts throughout the world leading up to the main event.

Setting the table, awaiting the main course of Armageddon.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. Matthew 24:7.

I have some knowledge I would like to share with you about this war of nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

In the near future there will rise up two very powerful leaders in the Middle East. The prophet Daniel calls them the "King of the North," and the "King of the South." The King of the North will be a leader who leads a coalition of countries comprising of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Libya. The King of the South will be a leader who leads a coalition of countries comprised of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan. The King of the North shall be the Anti-Christ, the son of Lucifer, while the

King of the South will be the reincarnated Ishmael, son of Abraham. The table setting for these alliances has already begun. Let me explain.

I began a series of books in 2015 called the “Blood Royal” series, beginning with the first book of that series titled, “Blood Royal.” It’s a fictional series based on facts. In it, I speak of a man who is a child of the holy royal bloodline of Abraham, David, Jesus, and beyond. This man joins the United States Navy in the 1980’s, and in 1985 and 86, his ship embarks on a Mediterranean Cruise. While he is on this cruise, he unknowingly fathers three children. All of them prophesied in the scriptures. One of these children grows up to be the King of the South, the same mentioned by the prophet Daniel. One is a Nun who is warning Rome that if they do not repent, then disaster awaits that city. The other is a child who will be the grandmother to the chosen one. A child born on the same day as Jesus returns, who will be filled with Christ consciousness from birth. The conquering Messiah who will teach all nations.

What I’m attempting to get at is that this actually did happen. There is a son of Egypt, who will overthrow the present leadership of that country, and become King of the South. This man will then turn his attention to the prophesied King of the North, creating a massive Muslim civil war in the Middle East. This is the “Nation against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom” that Jesus is speaking of. A coalition of Persians, and Northern Arabs against the coalition of Southern Arabs and Egyptians. It will be a battle of the ages for the right to rule the entire Middle East.

Once the Northern coalition defeats the Southern coalition (Daniel chapter 11 beginning at verse 40), the King of the North will turn his attention to Europe. While there, he will burn Rome to the ground, which is prophesied in the eighteenth chapter of the Book of Revelations. I describe all of this in my book, “Thy Kingdom Come.”

These wars shall cause famines, and pestilences, as all wars do. The effects will be devastating.

Also it is spoken here of earthquakes in different places. As if the Earth herself is rebelling against this prophesied Anti-Christ. This counterfeit of Jesus whom will deceive the whole world. No wonder this period of history is referred to as “The Great Tribulation” period.

All these are the beginning of sorrows. Matthew 24:8.

Some translations of scripture use the word “Birth pains” instead of the word sorrows in this sentence. Birth pains is what I’m going to use, and I’ll explain why.

All these horrible events which are to occur before the second coming, are like the pains a woman experiences before she gives birth to a child. Each rising in intensity until finally, the child is born, and the pain forgotten. This is a perfect illustration for the events which will lead us to the end of this age, and the beginning of the next.

Before we usher in the kingdom of God, we must first usher out the kingdom of man. Which includes all the wars, famines, and pestilences associated with this present age of man. Removing every aspect of our shortcomings before we enter into the Golden Age, when peace will reign upon the earth.

These birth pains, sparked by the son of Lucifer, will be intense. All manner of evil shall come upon the Earth. It will begin as subtle and small. Then it will grow in intensity, until the final battle, when Jesus and the heavenly host rout all those opposed to his righteousness.

Jesus was not telling his disciples all this information to give them the spirit of fear, but to give them an awareness for themselves and the many who will follow. Keep watch for all of these signs, and know that he is coming, even at the door.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. Matthew 24:9.

This will be the final, and most brutal persecution of the saints of the Most High. A time of troubles, a time of testing, and a time of decisions.

For those of us alive during this time of tribulation, things will look extremely bleak. By standing fast in the name of Jesus, we shall suffer great persecution. It will seem as though the entire world will be against us. Because we are purchased by Jesus, and refused to waver in our beliefs in him, the entire world will hate us.

It will truly be a time of our faith being tested. A time of the falling away of the faith.

During these times, we will be required to have an implant placed within us. As the Book of Revelations tell us (Revelations 13), we won't be able to buy or sell if we don't have this implant, or "mark" as it's called in scripture. We will be considered outsiders, and outlaws. Cast aside by society in the name of efficiency.

They'll tell us, "It will make record keeping more efficient if we all have this implant." That we will be able to keep all of our records stored on this device. Our credit history, medical history, criminal history, and every other bit of data associated with us. The whole world will be under enormous pressure to receive this implant.

Don't give in. Remember that your salvation draws near.

It will be a time of decision for the saints. Shall they give up all material possessions by not accepting an implant place inside of them? Because that is what the authorities will require us all to do. If we don't bow down to the son of Lucifer and accept his implant, we will either be killed, or sent out as an outcast. At best we will only lose all our material possessions, at worst we will become martyrs. The valley of decision. Or as Jesus put it, ***"He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall save it."*** Matthew 10:39.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. Matthew 24:10.

Trust will be hard to come by in these future days.

This is what happens when one lives within a police state. During the days of Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union, the people had to swear allegiance to the state. No independent thought was tolerated.

The end result to this was that any people who whispered anything against the government, was rounded up in the middle of the night, and sent to concentration camps. All it would take was to utter one word of any sort of

disobedience, and the perpetrator would be carried away, never to be seen of again. This created a massive state of fear and paranoia.

People were constantly rushing to the government, and snitching on their neighbors in exchange for special privileges. Many times, just to stay in good favor of the ruling authorities. If one kept a steady flow of names of “dissidents” to the government, they could then advance in their own status. Therefore snitching was encouraged, enabling trust to disappear. This same environment will happen again in our near future. Prepare yourself wisely.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. Matthew 24:11.

During this future reign of terror, those whom will be reported are to be some Christians, some Jews, and some Muslims. Those whom aren't duped by the Anti-Christ. Those whom believe in the one God. In other words, the Abrahamic religions.

Lucifer will pull out all the stops. False prophets will arise and deceive many with “miracles,” but are nothing other than advanced technology. The technology of Lucifer and his demons.

While the Son of Lucifer is busy conning the whole world into believing that he is the returned Jesus, many false prophets will also be there to proclaim him as the Son of God. They'll be preaching from the rooftops, proclaiming the return of the long awaited Messiah.

Of these false prophets, there will be a main false prophet who will be the Anti-Christ's biological Uncle. Literally, the devil's advocate. This man will be the sorcerer behind many of these so-called miracles that the whole world will be witnessing. One of these miracles will be to bring this Anti-Christ back to life.

The counterfeit of Christ will suffer a head wound, and this main false prophet will somehow be able to heal him, bringing him back to life. This event will convince many that that this counterfeit is the real Jesus returned. Going so far as to mimic the very resurrection of Jesus. Don't be deceived by this, it's only advanced technology.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
Matthew 24:12.

Iniquity is listed in Merriam-Webster's dictionary as "the quality of being unfair or evil." Some of the synonyms are listed as corruption, debauchery, depravity, immorality, vice, licentiousness, and sin.

Iniquity is abounding in our day and age on a grand scale. Looking at synonyms such as corruption, immorality, and sin, you'd think that Jesus was talking about the United States government. A government that went from being "One Nation Under God," to no God allowed in any public institution.

A government which has made it legal for the slaughter of millions of children, yet to be born. A government that says that gambling is illegal, unless the government is in charge of it. A government that taxes its citizens to the point of bankruptcy, and then takes this money, and distributes it to its enemies. A whole series of books could be written about the corruption of this nation's government, but I will let others do the writing on that subject.

It's not only the United States government that is corrupt, but all of them are. There is not one government on this planet that serves the citizens of its country. All are at fault. Whether it be from monetary corruption, or not allowing its citizens certain freedoms, given to each human on this planet from our Creator.

It's not only the governments which are at fault, but many religious and financial institutions as well. The corruption from Wall Street, to Main Street, to organized religion is enormous. It reminds me of a passage of scripture from Isaiah chapter 5 verse 20. "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;*"

Jesus states here that because of this corruption, the love of many will grow cold. This seems to be a natural result of all the iniquities of our time period. People just don't give a damn anymore. We have become desensitized to the plight of others. We walk around, or walk over the homeless. Apathy ruling the day.

Turn on your nightly news and what do you see? Violence, corruption, and scandal. After all, those topics are good for ratings. Rarely does one see anything

positive on the news. So after time, and an onslaught of negative based news, people become desensitized. The love of many growing cold.

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

Jesus is telling us in this verse to hold fast, and don't let the bastards get you down. In other words, just because we are living in a world of darkness, we need not be consumed by it. We can still become the light on a shining hill, instead of falling into the abyss. We can help the poor, the homeless veteran, and the frightened teenager, instead of condemning them. As the world does.

Don't allow this world to get to you. No matter how far into the abyss we travel, as Jesus says, "*endure unto the end.*" As the Saints and Prophets have done before us. They never wavered, and neither shall we.

In today's world, it's easy to get caught up in all of this madness. Remember the words of Jesus, to stay faithful and endure. Also keep in mind that he prophesied all of this beforehand. So don't be troubled, just know that is prophecy in progress, and the end is not yet come.

One final thing to remember as the world goes to hell and a handbasket, is that The Father is in charge. When all seems lost, know that the script is being played out perfectly in order for our salvation.

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

This verse is related to the eleventh chapter of the Book of Revelations. It is as follows;

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy 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. 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: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. 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 the 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 an 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. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them 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; And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.” Revelations 11:3-13.

Rather compelling isn't it?

These two witnesses are the final two prophets sent by the Father. Like all prophets, they will end up becoming martyrs for warning the world of what is to come. But the point is, these two witnesses shall preach the gospel of the kingdom to the entire world. It is their commission to do this, the very reason they were born. With today's technology, this shouldn't be too difficult for them.

These two prophets will be the Soul of Elijah, come back to life. They've been born as twins, two physical bodies, sharing the same soul. Just as Elijah came back to life in the body of John the Baptist, to be the forerunner of Jesus, so shall these two be the forerunner for his return. Just as Malachi prophesied so long ago, *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Malachi 4:5.*

These two witnesses can be no one else. Elijah will return, and has already. As of this writing, these twins are already alive, born miraculously in the year

2005. With that being said, the second coming will appear, not long after their deaths. Therefore, the end of the age isn't that far off into the future.

Remember that I told you about a certain man who went on a cruise while in the Navy? About him fathering three children from that cruise, and one of them is the prophesied King of the South? Well that same person is also the biological father of these twins.

With that being said, you are probably asking yourself, who is this man who fathered these five children of prophecy? It is none other than Abraham reincarnated. For who else could it be but the man who began the holy royal bloodline? Because of an agreement made long ago between the Father and Abraham, that all the world would be blessed through his seed. Therefore it couldn't be anyone else but Abraham, the man who began it all, will finish it all. His children shall bring about the massive changes required to usher in the end of the age.

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. Matthew 24:15-18.

Now we must ask ourselves, what is this "abomination of desolation" spoken of by the prophet Daniel? It's simply the Anti-Christ standing in a holy temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Daniel 11:36 describes it perfectly. *"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done."*

He doesn't sound very humble does he?

Daniel 9:27 describes the abomination as follows. Here, the archangel Gabriel is addressing the Prophet Daniel. *"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it*

desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

Daniel 12:11-12 goes further; *“And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.”*

1290, and 1335 days sounds like familiar numbers. That’s because 1290 is exactly thirty days, or one month longer than the commission given to the two witnesses, which is 1260 days. So why the discrepancies? What is the angel talking about here when he lists these numbers to Daniel?

He’s giving the prophet a timeline of the events to precede the second coming of the Christ.

The timeline begins with a final peace treaty between Israel, and the many nations. Confirming a covenant with the many for one week, (Daniel 9:27). A week in the scriptures is symbolic for a seven year period, with one day equaling one year. In the middle of this seven year period, at the 1260 day mark, this Anti-Christ will kill the two witnesses. Thirty days later, at the 1290 day mark, he will stop the daily sacrifice, and set up the abomination that causes desolation. Which will be an image of himself set up in the temple. At the 1335 day mark, 45 days later, the angel states that there will be a blessing for those who’ve been able to endure this. It’s my belief that this is when the rapture is to occur, but time will tell.

Getting back to the passage in Matthew, Jesus message here is that we see this horrible thing, this abomination that causes desolation, then those who are in Judea are to flee to the mountains and not look back. When the Anti-Christ declares himself to be God, then everyone basically needs to run for their lives. For then will be the greatest tribulation that the world has ever seen.

And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Matthew 24:19-21.

It will be a time of terror.

Continuing on with what events shall happen after this imposter to Christ commits his ultimate abomination by declaring himself to be God. First, he declares that those in Judea (modern day Israel) are to flee to the mountains. Second, those on the rooftops are not to come down to take anything out of the house. Third, those whom are out in the fields are not to go back home for their clothes. In other words, stop what you are doing and flee for your lives.

Then he issues a warning. Woe to those that are pregnant, and those whom have little children who are being breast fed. This warning reminds me of the “Massacre of the Innocents,” when King Herod, in fear of losing his throne to a prophesied child from Bethlehem, had all children under the age of two murdered. His main targets being Jesus, and John the Baptist. Yet thanks to the faith of John’s father Zacharias, neither were ever found by Herod’s forces. Herod’s temple guards knew that the old priest Zachariah knew of the whereabouts of John and Jesus, yet he never uttered a word to them. They tortured him to death, but his faith held firm to the end. As I’ve spoken of before.

Could this verse in Matthew mean that the Anti-Christ will be looking for a prophesied child of Israel who will become the Messiah? By reading this passage, it seems that way. It wouldn’t surprise me if he issues a directive to kill all male Jews under the age of two.

The Father only knows what atrocities await for those who are in Israel.

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Matthew 24:22.

So who are the “elect” that Jesus is speaking of in this verse? Many see the elect as the Church. They argue that because we are presently in the church age (New Testament), and not the age of Israel (Old Testament), that the elect must be the church. This is a view I disagree with, and I’ll state my case why. It’s my belief that the elect here means both Jews, and Christians. The Father’s elect (Jews), and the Son’s elect (Christians).

The reason I believe it to be this are as follows:

One whom is elected is one whom is chosen, or selected. It is a person whom the Father selected for a specific purpose. That person was Abraham through the covenant that the Father made with him. The covenant began in the 12th chapter of Genesis verses 2 and 3.

*“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee** shall all families of the earth be blessed.”*

Also, in the 17th chapter of Genesis, from verses 4 to 11:

*“As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. **And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.** And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.”*

And finally, in Genesis 22 verse 18, God reiterates his promise to Abraham.

“And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou has obeyed my voice.”

Because of the covenant between himself and his God, the “elect” has always been Abraham, and his seed. This is true despite what any church may tell you. Some argue that Israel forfeited themselves when they rejected Jesus of Nazareth. But this covenant between God and Abraham is an *everlasting* covenant. And that all the world would be blessed from the seed of Abraham. Which is why the circumcision aspect of the covenant was important. It tells all that out of the bloodline of Abraham, the Messiah would come forth. They

circumcised the foreskin of the penis as a mark of the bloodline covenant. Jesus fulfilled the first part of this agreement.

Yet, the covenant didn't stop with Jesus. It's to be everlasting, therefore it never ended. Which is exactly why Abraham had to reincarnate, so that only he could bring about these children of massive change. There can be no one else but Abraham to be the Father of the chosen, the elect. There was no one else at that covenant with God, but him. An agreement that will last through the ages.

Through the blood of Abraham alone could any Messiah come forth. And let's be very clear about this, Messiah's are born, not made.

As far as Christians being the elect, they also are. Jesus commissioned the apostles to ***"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*** *Mark 16:15*. Thereby making the whole world, the elect. All are now chosen, thanks to the commission that Jesus gave to his followers.

In this verse Jesus said, ***"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."***

This tells me that the final seven year period will be cut short for the sake of Israel and the church, the elect. In other words, this Anti-Christ will try to outdo Adolph Hitler in his attempt to exterminate the Jews, and Christians. He will take over Israel, set up his image in the temple, and go on a killing spree the likes of which haven't been seen before. Not even from Hitler. It will be Lucifer's final attempt at the extermination of God's chosen people. But for their sake, the Father will cut those days short.

Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Matthew 24:23-25.

Jesus now takes his disciples back to before the Anti-Christ unleashes his full fury of atrocities upon Israel in particular, and mankind in general. To a time when

he is trying to deceive the whole world into believing that he is Jesus returned. Here is the real Jesus, once again explaining to his disciples about the “Grand Deception” that awaits those that are alive at the end of the age.

Once again, Jesus emphasizes that we need not be deceived. It seems the Lord can't bring this point up often enough. He begun this discourse with it, and now he repeatedly turns his attention back to it. Do not be deceived. Which means that the enemy will do everything in its power to see that you are.

This is another reason I believe the word “elect” is in reference to the Jews. Here Jesus states, “...if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” This means that the Anti-Christ will be able to do what he couldn't. Convince the Jews that he is the Messiah.

The Jews are a tough nut to crack. They don't just go for anyone who calls themselves the Messiah, they compare that person to the laws of Moses. They check the prophets, and make sure that whoever wishes to call themselves the Messiah, corresponds to them. With all that being said, this imposter will do a wonderful job at convincing the Jews that he is the anointed son of Abraham, son of David.

Which means of course that he is a Jew. For the prophets insist that he is. Not to mention the covenant made to Abraham, that all the world will be blessed through his seed. And the covenant with David, that the anointed shall come from his seed. This means the Anti-Christ's genealogy will be complete. From Abraham to David to himself. He will be a counterfeit in every way, shape, and form.

Great signs and wonders to deceive the very elect. In other words, “miracles.”

So we ask ourselves, how do they create these miracles? And specifically, what are they?

They will mimic the exact miracles Jesus performed, all the way up to raising the dead, as Jesus did with Lazarus. They'll feed the poor, cure the blind, heal the lame, and feed the 5000, as Jesus did. This deceiver will be an exact replica of Jesus, all the way to the facial features of him.

I saw this man in a dream. He looks exactly like the image that is found on the Shroud of Turin. Complete with the wounds. Except this man's hair is dark colored, while the real Jesus was red headed, as was Adam, Abraham, Moses, and David. There must be something within that bloodline that gives those of promise, red hair. A certain gene within the DNA that only the Father knows of.

So how will they be able to perform all these wondrous miracles to deceive the very elect? Through advanced technology. The type of which that is thousands of years ahead of our own. Let me explain;

For a long time there have been beings who have wanted two resources to our beloved planet. The planet itself, and those who inhabit the planet. The magnificent, and wondrous resources of this beloved planet, and the humans who occupy it. And this is why.

The planet that we call Earth, which others call Terra, is a rare jewel in the Milky Way galaxy. A veritable Garden of Eden in the middle of a bunch of lifeless rocks. Don't get me wrong, there are other planets in the galaxy which support life, but Earth is a diamond in the rough, a needle in the haystack.

Billions of species of life inhabit this planet. This oxygen rich environment enables species that grow from the ground, that can fly, swim, walk, and crawl. There are very few planets in the galaxy that can match earth for its life giving powers.

Therefore many "advanced" species in this galaxy covet this blue planet of life. Many of these species have technology that are light years superior to our own. They will use this technology to perform "signs, miracles, and wonders." They'll do anything to take control of our home planet, including making a deal with Lucifer.

In ancient times, the Jews of Israel didn't know what to make of these alien creatures, and called them "demons." Beings of spirit, who are able to travel in and out of our third dimension. Beings with advanced technology, who have used it to help shape the evolution of our planet. Using mind control techniques to influence mankind in a negative way.

We have been a species in bondage to these spiritually negative, but technologically advanced race of beings. This is the sole reason that Jesus had to

die on the cross at Jerusalem. To give mankind a way out of our dilemma. To give us “salvation,” from those whom wish to take our God given powers away from us.

The Father planned that the way to defeat the enemy, was to come in the form of flesh himself, and destroy them. It would be the only power in the galaxy that was greater than the enemies. The Creator of the entire Universe would have to inhabit flesh in order to annihilate Lucifer and his allies. Nothing else would do. Not even the power of an archangel like Gabriel, or Michael could defeat Lucifer. For all three are equal in power and stature.

Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. Matthew 24:26.

In other words, don't believe anyone who tells you that they are the Messiah.

I'd like to share a brief description of how I described the Anti-Christ in my book, “Thy Kingdom Come.” It reads as follows:

“Look for a ruler with strikingly good looks, extreme intelligence, passionate charisma, and the voice of seduction. Look for a genius with many inventions to benefit mankind. Look for a peacemaker that will make the most hostile of enemies wish to break bread with each other. Look for an orator that will make Martin Luther King Jr. look like an amateur. Look for a magician that will perform signs, miracles, and wonders to convince even those who've spent a lifetime of keeping watch for him. Look for a troubleshooter that can solve any problem, both great and small. Look for a healer that can cure disease and famine. Look for a man who carries spirituality in one hand, and technology in the other. Look for the perfect imposter of Jesus Christ.”

That pretty much sums up the qualities of the counterfeit Christ.

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matthew 24:27.

What Jesus is telling us all is that his coming will be sudden and dramatic. It will happen as fast as lightning flashes in the sky. Therefore, they won't be any of this foolish nonsense such as, "He's over here, or he's over there."

There won't be any time to prepare for his arrival, he will be a "thief in the night," coming when we least expect it. These are words to remember. If we remember nothing else from this discourse, we need to remember that Jesus' return will be sudden. Destroying all counterfeits.

For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Matthew 24:28.

Substitute the word "eagles" for "vultures," it's more accurate. In Israel, and the Middle East, the vulture is in the same family as the eagle. (Accipitridae family).

This will be the result of Jesus' second coming. Millions of carcasses lying all over the battlefield. And where there are dead bodies gathered, so shall the vultures gather. He just gave us all an image of what the battlefield will look like after his return. Complete and total annihilation, with the enemy left for dead on the battlefield. It will be an incredible feast for these scavenger birds of prey.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: Matthew 24:29.

This verse sounds similar to Revelations 6:12. "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood."

It also sounds like Joel 2:31. "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come."

Let's not forget Isaiah 13:10. "For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: The sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine."

In the Book of Revelations, this prophecy corresponds to the sixth seal. This will give us a time reference on when this event happens. The first five seals have passed. The first four seals are the four horsemen of the Anti-Christ, and the fifth seal is the assemblage of all the martyrs that this man has slain, for keeping the word of God. And then the sixth seal is opened, the sun becomes darkened, and the moon turns blood red. Which leads me to the little known, but all important, Blood Moon prophecy.

So I'm sure you are asking, what is this Blood Moon prophecy? Let me explain.

The Blood Moon prophecy is four successive blood moons in an 18 month time frame. A Blood Moon is caused by an eclipse which makes the moon the color of blood. The last one occurred as of this writing on September 27, 2015.

The last four times there have been four successive Blood Moons were during 1948-49, 1967-68, 1985-86, and 2014-15. Let's take a look at what events happened during these phase of the Blood Moons.

In the years 1948-49, after waiting for 1,878 years, Israel finally became a state again. Their long wait for sovereignty was finally over. The prophecy given by the prophet Ezekiel was fulfilled. *"... I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered..."* (Ezekiel 20:34).

In the years 1967-68, Israel faced extinction. But the Israeli's rose up to defeat the nations of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan in six days.

In the years 1985-86, this is the time period when a man, who was Abraham incarnate, traveled to the Mediterranean, and the Middle East. Once there, he unknowingly sired three children. One is Egyptian, who will be the prophesied "King of the South" spoken of by the prophet Daniel. Another is a Nun who has been sent by the Father to warn Rome of its upcoming doom. Last and most important, this man brought the holy royal bloodline back to Israel, so that the future Messiah will stem from. Three children who will create massive social, and political change to this world.

In the years 2014-15, this same man, whose children will change the world, learned from the Holy Spirit of whom he really is. That the name of his Soul is Amos, and that he has lived many lives in this world, all creating great change. In

successive lives, he has been Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elkanah, David, Shobach, Amos, Jeremiah, Gaius Gracchus, Zacharias, Philip, King Arthur, Charles Martel, Charlemagne, Saint Francis, Henry VIII, Edward de Vere, Samuel Adams, Abraham Lincoln, and John Kennedy. A rather impressive list, to say the least.

In this life, besides bringing the holy royal bloodline back to Israel and elsewhere, he is also the father of the two witnesses prophesied in the Book of Revelations, whom are twins who were miraculously born in 2005. This man has also been commissioned by the Father to write prophecy before the second coming. It's a commission being done with the help of this author.

The next succession of the Blood Moons will be in 2033-34. This will be the time period of the end of the age. The last of these successive Blood Moons will happen in September of 2034. Look for the second coming to happen in that time frame.

Besides this Blood Moon prophecy, there is another reason I believe that the second coming will happen during this time frame. And that is the Forty Jubilee prophecy.

Now you're asking, what is the Forty Jubilee prophecy?

First, I must explain that the Father loves the number forty in the scriptures. Especially when it means to wait on something. For instance;

It rained forty days and nights, while Noah was in the Ark. (Genesis 7:4).

Moses was in the land of Midian for forty years, before the Lord appeared to him via a burning bush. (Acts 7:30).

Moses was on Mount Sinai with the Father for forty days, writing down his laws. (Exodus 24:18).

The children of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years. (Numbers 32:13).

The Father delivered Israel into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. (Judges 13:1).

The Priest Eli judged Israel for forty years. (1 Samuel 4:18).

Goliath presented himself, and challenged the army of Israel for forty days. (1 Samuel 17:16).

King David reigned over Israel for forty years. (2 Samuel 5:4).

King Solomon reigned over Israel for forty years. (1 Kings 11:42).

King Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah for forty years. (2 Kings 12:1).

Ezekiel prophesied that Egypt will be scattered amongst the nations for forty years. (Ezekiel 29:12).

Jonah prophesied that Nineveh shall be overthrown in forty days. (Jonah 3:4).

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days. (Matthew 4:2).

After the resurrection, Jesus showed himself to his apostles for forty days. (Acts 1:3).

As I said, the Father is quite enamored with the number forty.

It's my belief that the crucifixion of Jesus happened in the year 33 AD. The event that ended the age of Israel (for the time being), and begun the age of the church. When that event happened, the Father's clock began. This clock will stop at the end of the forty Jubilee mark. So we need to know, what is a Jubilee?

A Jubilee is fifty years.

The children of Israel would work the land for forty nine years, and then give the land a year of rest. This year was called the Jubilee year, and would happen every fifty years.

So if we take the number forty, which is the Father's number for waiting, and multiply that by fifty, for the Jubilee, we end up with 2000 years. Which puts us at the second coming in the years 2033/34.

Which also puts us in the same time frame as the next Blood Moon prophecy.

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30.

So what is the “sign of the Son of man”? Is it a cross? Or something else?

There has been widespread speculation of this event, and what the sign of the Son of Man is. Personally, I have no idea. But I do know that he will return just as he left, as it is states in Acts 1:11. “...*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.*”

He will arrive with the clouds, escorted by the angels of the heavenly host. It will be a glorious sight that the entire world will witness. I had a dream a few years ago, in reference to the second coming, it went like this.

All the armies were gathered together, making war upon each other, when at once, thousands of golden orbs appeared in the sky. They seemed to be spaceships. And yes, because of their influence upon our atmosphere at their arrival, they came in the clouds. These ships were stationary for a 24 hour period, and then these ships re-tilted our planet. They positioned earth in more of an up and down configuration, instead of the present tilt that the earth now occupies. This caused a shifting of the poles, which created chaos throughout our planet, repositioning our continents.

New land appeared in the Atlantic, and Pacific. While some lands in America, Africa, Asia, and Europe were swept away by magnificent, thousand feet high tidal waves.

Once the earth recuperated from this repositioning, the climate around the world changed to more of a temperate climate felt worldwide. There were no more polar ice caps.

It’s my belief that this dream was the sixth seal, which makes the sun appear dark, and the moon to turn blood red. A shifting of the poles, which happens twenty four hours after the sign of the Son of Man appears in the sky.

In reference to this verse, my question is, why will all the tribes of the earth mourn? Why would they not be celebrating this event of the ages? Well, because at first, many will be frightened by these golden orbs in the sky. What humans don't know about tends to scare the hell out of us. Secondly, the pole shifting is going to create a massive amount of loss of life. So there will be widespread fear and panic felt throughout the globe.

This event will tell the world that we are definitely not alone in this galaxy.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:31.

This sound of the trumpet is Gabriel's horn. It's the musical instrument that he uses to call together all those angels who serve this magnificent archangel. A summoning blast that shakes the very heavens.

The apostle Paul had a vision of this event. He speaks of *"in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed."* (1 Corinthians 15:52).

My friends, Jesus is describing for us the rapture. It happens in the blink of an eye, before the golden orbs show up. The Lord gathers his "elect" from the four corners of the earth, and then, twenty-fours later, the earth is re-tilted. And when it does, the sun will appear black, the moon red, and the stars will not give their light.

This day is called, "The day of the Lord." The Lord shows up, gathers his elect from the four winds, and then the earth's tilt is shifted. With all the devastation that is to occur from the pole shift, there won't be an uproar of the rapture. It may go unnoticed by many. They'll have far too many other worries.

Another event happens during the day of the Lord. One in which will have massive future repercussions felt throughout the planet. A child will be born who will have from its birth "Christ consciousness." The type of consciousness that Jesus possessed after he was baptized by John the Baptist, when the Holy Spirit fell upon him like a dove.

This child will be a female, and she will lead this world into the golden age of peace. 1,000 years of humanity on earth being instructed by this child of promise. She will bring us into an age of righteousness, when the lion shall lie down with the lamb. She will be the female equivalent of Jesus, completely filled with the Holy Spirit of Christ consciousness.

I know many are saying, that this is impossible, that God is male! This is incorrect. Truthfully I tell you that God is both male and female. For “the Father” (a term that I use because Jesus used this name to call God), is the all. The up and down, the left and right, the light and darkness, the alpha and omega, and the male and female. For we cannot have one without the other.

The first Messiah, the suffering one who is Jesus of Nazareth, came as a sacrifice for many, and as a salvation to mankind. He will return to annihilate his enemies on that day of the Lord. But it is his female equivalent who will rule the golden age.

The man that I spoke of before, the reincarnated Abraham, sired a child in Haifa, Israel in 1986. Therefore, bringing the holy royal bloodline back to the holy land. It is from this line that this chosen child shall be born from. After all, Messiahs are born, and not made. She will be the Messiah that will “rule the nations.” Amen.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Matthew 24:32-33.

Jesus is telling us all to watch for these signs that he is giving us. He’s laid a step by step list of events that we are to be on the lookout for.

First he tell us not to be deceived by those who claim they are the Christ. For Jesus’ coming will be sudden, like the flash of lightning.

Second he tells us that there will be wars, and rumors of wars, but the end is not yet.

Next he tells us that there will be famines, earthquakes, and pestilences.

Then he states that Christians will suffer persecutions. And be hated by all nations, because we belong to him.

Then he goes on to state that false prophets will appear, deceiving many.

He then states that the love of most will grow cold due to inequity. He instructs us to endure all of this.

Then he says that the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to the whole world. This will be done via the two witnesses of revelations 11.

Next will be the abomination of desolation spoken of by the Prophet Daniel.

He then tells those that are in Israel to flee to the mountains. This is the great tribulation period.

Then Jesus once again reverts back to telling us not to be deceived. For false Christs, and false prophets will be hard at work, deceiving the whole world.

Then comes the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens, followed by the rapture, and then the pole shift of the earth.

Jesus uses the fig tree as a parable to all these signs. When its leaves are tender, you know that summer is near. So when we see all these signs, his return is imminent, at the door.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Matthew 24:34.

It's my belief that when Jesus referred to "this generation" shall not pass till all these things are fulfilled, he was speaking in reference to Israel becoming a state again in 1948, and capturing the city of Jerusalem in 1967.

If this is the case, then if you term a generation as forty years, then this would be inaccurate. If you use a lifetime of seventy years, then that would be true. Since the second coming will happen in the blood moon phases of 2033/34, this fits into the seventy year timeframe of the return of Jerusalem to the Jews.

Some believe that all these prophecies have been fulfilled, because Jerusalem fell to Rome in 70 AD, which is less than forty years after Jesus delivered this discourse. But Jesus didn't return in 70 AD, nor was there any rapture. Not to mention the sun being made black, and the moon red, and the stars not giving their light. Nor were the rest of these prophecies in this discourse fulfilled, such as the abomination that causes desolation.

The main point Jesus is making is to watch for the signs that he has laid out for us. When we see them happening one by one, then we all know that Jesus is at the door. And this time he won't be riding a donkey into Jerusalem, he will be on a white horse, bringing his sword of the heavenly host.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
Matthew 24:35.

No one can argue with this verse. The words of Jesus will last through to eternity. It's been two thousand years since Jesus uttered these words, and they are still going strong. It hardly looks like the words of Jesus will diminish any time soon in the future.

The words of Jesus are timeless, applying for all of eternity. Yet this applies to all of us, and let me explain how that works;

When we think, we send out a frequency to the entire universe. Our brain waves are transmitters tuned to a certain frequency that will transmit our thoughts through time and space. Our words work in the same fashion. We transmit our words out to the universe that travel into eternity. They never die. For we are all eternal beings, created by the God of the Universe.

Every thought, word, and deed, are sent out from us to the Universe. These frequencies of thought, words, and deeds are transmitted into time and space. They are never lost.

There are those on this planet who are sensitive enough to pick up on your thoughts, words, and deeds, from long distance. They are tuned in to the frequency that you are sending out, and their brains are sensitive enough to pick

up on even the most subtle of transmissions. These are “sensitives.” This gift given to them is from the Holy Spirit. They are “tuned in.”

Nevertheless, the words of Jesus, and ours, last into infinity.

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Matthew 24:36.

I myself have stated that the return will happen in the next series of four blood moons, and the finality of the forty jubilees. Which is mid to late September 2034. I have stated my reasons why. But I don't know the date, and the hour. Only the Father knows.

Jesus stated this passage of scripture while he was in the flesh. It would be interesting to know if he knows the date and hour now, since he is presently in the spirit, sitting at the right hand of power. Only he knows the answer to that question.

The angels of heaven don't know the future. They know everything about the past, and the present. I've learned this from my own guardian angel, Samuel, who has told me of this. About Samuel, I can't have my own thoughts to myself, without him challenging me about my own spirituality. It's taught me to control my thoughts. Or at least I'm trying to.

Nevertheless, the angels don't know the future, with the exception of angels who are used as messengers to give a certain message to a prophet. As was the case with the archangel Gabriel, and the prophet Daniel. (Daniel chapters 10 and 11).

The Father's modus operandi for the future are his prophets. (I keep using God in the masculine, because people are more comfortable with it, even though God is both male and female). He tells them the future, even when he withholds the knowledge from his angels. He does this in different ways. Some prophets receive messages via visions, and dreams. Others can be relayed through the angels. While with some, it's that still small voice that lets you know of the future. And once you've heard this voice, you know that you know. As for myself, I've experienced all three.

This three dimensional world, is like a 100 gallon sealed aquarium within a much larger swimming pool. We live in this aquarium, and as far as our senses are concerned, that is all there is to reality. There is nothing else but the aquarium. Yet that is far from the truth. In the fourth dimension and beyond, located within the swimming pool, the reality is far larger than just the aquarium in the middle of the pool. Those located within the pool can move over to where the aquarium is, and peer inside it. Yet those located within the aquarium, can't see beyond it, for it is sealed shut.

Those located within the aquarium are the physical reality of the universe. This is where we reside.

Those located outside the aquarium but within the swimming pool, are the spiritual reality of this universe. This is where the angels and demons reside. Once we pass away from this life to the next, we move out of the aquarium, and into the larger swimming pool.

Now with that in mind, there are times when someone can see outside the aquarium, and notice that there is a whole new world out there, within the swimming pool. These people can receive "messages" from that world, which they can then pass on to those within the aquarium. These people that are able to do this are the visionaries, and prophets. When one does receive messages from outside the aquarium, be careful that you aren't receiving messages from demons. As I believe many people are receiving today. Test your messages against the words of Jesus, and you'll find your answer. Be warned that demons can appear as angels of light, so be careful.

I know that the messages I received were from the Source of all things, because the angels Thomas, Samuel, and Elizabeth confirmed this for me.

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

What a perfect example of what will happen in our future.

Just as in the days of Noah, it was business as usual here on earth. The status quo was alive and well with all the “eating, drinking, marrying,” etc. Noah tried to warn them, but they weren’t listening to any of it. They couldn’t be bothered by his message of gloom and doom. Such is the fate of a prophet, no one ever believes you. Until it happens, then they make you a saint. Such was the fate of Noah.

I’m reminded by a verse from the prophet Amos. It’s from Amos chapter 3, verse 7. It reads, *“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”* This is how the father operates. He always warns the people first before he does anything. He always send a message first to a prophet before he performs judgment on anything. He always gives them a chance to repent first. Always!

Which is exactly what Jesus is doing in this discourse on the Mount of Olives. He is warning us of things to come, and giving us the signs in which to look for. Which means that for two thousand years since he issued this warning, we’ve had a chance to repent. Take a look around the world, does it look like its repenting? Hardly, its business as usual down here on good ole planet earth.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matthew 24:40-42.

Here he is reverting back to the rapture. The time just before the shifting of the poles. The time of the sixth seal of revelations, when Gabriel blows his mighty horn, and the angels of heaven collect all those who’ve been faithful to the Lord Jesus.

They should call it a “capture” instead of a rapture. For these are those who’ve been purchased by God Almighty by the blood of his son, the Lord Jesus. Despite the massive persecution against them, they stood firm. And for their perseverance, their reward will be the angels of God escorting them to heaven. The ones who remain will have to deal with a planet that is shifting on its axis.

It's the same as in the days of Noah. Those who were saved were taken into the Ark, and escaped the upcoming judgment. When Jesus returns, and his angels gather his elect, it will be like all those who are raptured are taken into Noah's Ark for safety. Away from the upcoming flood of events that await those whom are left behind.

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Matthew 24:43.

This is exactly why we must watch for these signs that Jesus has laid out for us in this chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. For those of us who are watching for the return of Jesus, and those signs to precede that event, we won't be taken by surprise.

Jesus' parables are amazing, his example's perfect. The thief here in this sentence is Jesus the Christ, come to take from the house what is his. He will come to steal the hearts and minds of men, away from the counterfeit. Like a thief in the night, he will come by stealth. But we won't be fooled, for we are watching the signs that signal his arrival. We know when the thief will arrive, therefore we will be spiritually ready, by watching the signs.

Those who aren't watching, will be like sheep being led to the slaughter.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matthew 24:44.

I can say this with absolute certainty, many alive today will see the return of the Son of Man. He's not that far away. The signs are falling into place.

First and foremost is the grand deception that is taking place amongst many followers. This deception is being orchestrated on many levels.

On the political side, the Anti-Christ will use the tool of socialism to control the masses. His forces will tell the populace that we need this brand of

philosophy, for the betterment of mankind. Under the guise of humanitarianism, they'll promote this agenda. It's already well underway in many countries throughout the world.

They'll tell you that only the government will be able to solve the problems that the world faces. From hunger, to employment, to economic inequality, only they will be able to solve this.

They'll promote the agenda of the one world government, being led by the United Nations. Any nation that doesn't follow along, and play by the rules, will pay the price through economic sanctions held against her. Countries that don't play ball will be left out of the economic equation.

They'll tell you that nationalism breeds lack of compassion on a massive scale, which was the case with Germany. What they won't tell you is that nationalism has already promoted freedom on a massive scale, such as the case with the United States.

Their agenda will be about control, and nothing else. It won't have anything to do with efficiency, which will be their argument. Controlling the hearts and minds of the population is their goal.

On the spiritual side, they'll promote a one world religion. The steps for this are already being put in place. As I've stated previously, the New Age religion that is being promoted is the first step to their goals. This religion will be 90% truth, and 10% falsehoods. Just enough to throw us off track.

They'll state that we are all one. Which we are, being children of the Father.

They'll state that nothing is real, lest you make it so. Which is partially true. There are many things real in this world that we have no control over.

They'll state that evil doesn't exist, lest we make it so. This is find laughable. Tell the Holocaust survivors that evil doesn't exist. The Anti-Christ will push this agenda very hard, for it benefits him to do so.

No matter what they tell you, wars will not disappear until the prince of peace arrives. This forced conformity by the Anti-Christ and his legions of

followers will not work. Once Jesus arrives, only then will the lion lie down with the lamb.

Back to the verse. Jesus says he will come at a time when we least expect it. Hold fast to this thought. That no matter how bleak things get for us in the trials and tribulations ahead, he will return, for he said he will, and I believe him.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Matthew 24:45-46.

Wise are the servants who wait for the Lord's return. Blessed are those whom look for him.

Giving meat in due season. This is Jesus telling us to bring forth the good fruits of the vine for him through good works, while he is away. Storing up our treasures in heaven, awaiting our reward. Spreading the message of the gospel of the kingdom to those who have ears to hear, and eyes to see. Giving the masses of people hope, when times look bleak. Helping the poor, disabled, special needs children, and a host of others. In other words, loving God, and loving our neighbor. His two greatest commandments.

Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. Matthew 24:47.

When Christ consciousness returns to this earth, rewards will be given. Those whom stood fast against the oncoming oppression, will be well rewarded during the golden age of peace on earth. God will do this by making us teachers of others. "His goods" in this verse mean his people. We will be rewarded by helping others to walk the path of the way of Christ.

Some people have different callings. Mine seems to be prophecy. For others, it may be service in helping others to see the light of justice, mercy, and forgiveness. Others are healers, while others yet are teachers. The Holy Spirit will

determine what is best for us all. Needless to say, it will be a glorious future that awaits those whom have the faith that Jesus will return.

But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 24:48-51.

How many times in our lives have we heard those who've told us that Jesus won't return in our lifetime? They say, "It's been two thousand years, he's not coming back any time soon." Statements like that are coming from those who aren't keeping watch for his return. They're not watching the signs, nor are they awaiting his return.

For nearly two thousand years the Church has awaited his return. That's quite a long time to tarry. A very long time for those whose faith is being tested to the limits by Lucifer. Many of the faithful's faith shall grow weak, and wither on the vine. They'll lose interest, and get caught up in the cares of this world. Material possessions will become more important than spiritual truths. They'll say they love their God, but they won't love thy neighbor. They'll preach the gospel, but they won't practice it. They'll sell God, and live in glorious mansions, while others hunger from lack of food.

These wolves in sheep's clothing will receive their reward on earth, but none will await them in heaven. Soon, after they've received their share of power and money, they'll begin to smite their neighbor. Holding themselves above all others, they'll look down on the children of God. They'll forget that it was God who gave them their possessions, and once that happens, Lucifer will have them in his grip. They'll become conceited, and no longer need any salvation. These are those whom will be taken by surprise at the Lord's arrival.

"Weeping and gnashing of teeth." What does it mean? Gnashing means to grind your teeth, or the chattering of them. It means one who is frightened to death of what awaits them.

I hate to preach fear, I'd much rather call it awareness. But I need to speak here and now about Lucifer, and his opinions of the human race in general, and the Jews in particular.

This archangel Lucifer, has opposed the Father from the beginning. Just as Michael is the archangel of all light, Lucifer is of all darkness. They oppose each other equally. In Lucifer's opposition to God, he attempted to thwart the Father's plan to create a Heaven on earth for his children. He did this by his favorite means at his disposal, which is deception. He deceived mankind into believing that we are less than whom we truly are, which are children of the Most High.

Once Lucifer accomplished this, he felt that he now had control over all humanity. Yet the Father had other ideas.

The Father chose Abraham from all others to create a holy royal bloodline, so that God could manifest himself from. Once God made his covenant with Abraham, his seed has been a target from Lucifer and his minions for millennia.

God redeems mankind by being flesh in the form of Jesus of Nazareth. A man from the line of Abraham. After Jesus is crucified, and ascends into Heaven, the Father orders all those who serve him to worship Jesus. Lucifer refuses, and his fury abounds at the thought of having to bow down to a human.

Lucifer then comes up with his own plan. He will also become flesh in the form of the Anti-Christ. When he does, his fury against the children of Abraham will be unleashed on a massive scale. So much so that those whom are in his possession will be "weeping, and gnashing their teeth" together. The same thing that Hitler did unto the Jews, except on a global scale.

The sons of Abraham have been a target of Lucifer's for a very long time. Their entire history is ripe with persecution from Lucifer. The bondage of Egypt, the captivity in Babylon, the destruction of Jerusalem, all the way to Hitler's final solution. Destroy the bloodline, and you destroy the promise. The enemy knows that the Messiah was to come from the line of Abraham. He knows that the future Messiah will come from the same line. It has to be that way. Because of an agreement between a man and his God, a long time ago.

I once asked the Angels Thomas, Samuel, and Elizabeth if Jesus was an answer to all our problems of the world. Their response was, "Jesus is the only

answer.” So if you don’t want to be “weeping, and gnashing your teeth,” then you need salvation from the bringer of salvation, Jesus of Nazareth. A man from the blessed line of Abraham.

Matthew 25

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten 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, they all slumbered and slept. Matthew 25:1-5.

Notice Jesus uses “kingdom of heaven” in this parable. He’s using it in the context of his second coming, so he is referencing that event to the kingdom of heaven. I find that very interesting. He’s stating that the “kingdom of heaven is like,” instead of saying the “second coming is like.” Which is what he is speaking of here. His return to gather his Church, his beloved bride. When Jesus prophesies, he loves to begin by saying, “The kingdom of heaven is...”

The bridegroom is of course Jesus, coming to pick up his bride. The virgins are the Church, waiting for their groom to appear. The lamps are their spiritual condition, which is their light. While the oil in their lamps are the Holy Spirit which gives the lamps their light. The more oil in their lamps, the brighter their light. The more Holy Spirit within each vessel, the brighter that person shines. We can all increase our Holy Spirit within each of us through meditation, contemplation, and direct prayer to the Father. Thereby increasing our light within us.

Ten people are waiting for the second coming to appear. The actual number is many times more, this is just a number that Jesus is using in this parable. All of them have lamps, (their spiritual condition). Five of the people had no oil in their lamps, they have no Holy Spirit within them. The other five are filled with the Holy Spirit. Despite the many obstacles that this world presents itself to us, they’ve kept their lamps lit with the oil of the Holy Spirit.

Next, the ten people waited for 2,000 years, while the groom tarried, and took his time. While Jesus waited, the Church slept. While Jesus took his time and tarried, the Church went to bed. I’m sure they stayed awake for quite some time, but by the time he appeared, they were asleep. Which is basically the Church in our present time period, it’s asleep. Only a few are awake, awaiting his arrival.

Is this a reference to what Jesus thinks of this present day Church? Does he feel that we are asleep? Something for all of us to think about.

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. Matthew 25:6-10.

At midnight, the cry was made. This is Gabriel's horn, which will send off a blast that will shake earth, and the heavens, waking up the Church. The archangel's entire contingent of angels will be sent forth from one end of the earth to the other, gathering up the elect of Jesus.

The entire church rises up. From the first apostles, to those who are alive during the time of the second coming. The Father only knows how many there will be.

Many are filled with the Holy Spirit. Their lamps are full of oil, and brightly lit. Yet others' lamps have gone out, and are desperately seeking oil for their lamps. The Holy Spirit has departed them, and now they seek to replenish themselves. So they ask the believers to share their spirit with them. Yet they've run out of time for that, and those filled with the Holy Spirit inside them, tell the others to go to the marketplace to find some more oil for their lamps.

So those without oil leave to go buy more for their lamps. It says here in this verse that they go to the marketplace. Ok, so what is the marketplace where you can buy oil for your lamps? Since oil in this verse is the Holy Spirit of God, then there is only one place they can go, and that is to the Father himself. But once the clock strikes twelve, you can no longer purchase the oil needed.

The rapture will happen in a twinkling of an eye. So by the time these without oil come back from the marketplace, it will be too late. The door to the kingdom of heaven will be shut to them. They will not be allowed to enter the marriage, for the bride is already assembled by those filled with the Holy Spirit.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to 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. Matthew 25:11-13.

But that isn't the end of it. There seems to be others, who are wanting to enter into the marriage between the groom (Jesus), and his bride, (the Church). But like the foolish virgins, these also do not have any oil in their lamps. There is no Holy Spirit within them, therefore they are turned away.

So who are these other virgins that Jesus is speaking of here? These are those who immediately after the rapture, and the beginning of the pole shift, call out to God for help. These are those whom didn't give the Father a second thought until things starting looking extremely bleak. They are those whom also didn't fill their lamps with the oil of the Holy Spirit. According to Jesus, their call for help will fall on deaf ears. A sad tale for those whom didn't keep watch.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Matthew 25:14-15.

Once again Jesus begins a parable by saying, "The kingdom of heaven is..." Maybe it's me, but I find it fascinating how he uses parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. Instead of using plain language, he gives us colorful examples.

Here is Jesus using a parable to describe reincarnation.

We have a man who is getting ready to go on a long trip, and he doles out money to his servants, so that they can make money for him while he is away. He measures each out according to their abilities.

This is each soul entering their physical lives with certain talents, each according to their abilities they have accumulated from previous lives. One man five talents, one two, and the last has only one talent. The more they have developed from previous lives, the stronger they become in this life. The more talents they have accumulated, the more will be given them in the future.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. Matthew 25:16-18.

The man who entered this life with many talents, went and developed those talents, increasing himself. From his previous lives, he had accumulated many gifts of the spirit. He entered this life, and used those gifts to make his spiritual condition even stronger. Well done. It's my belief that this man was an old soul, who had lived many previous lives. Therefore he had many qualities, or talents to choose from.

The second man didn't have as many gifts as the first, but he also went out and increased his gifts, strengthening himself. He wasn't as strong as the first soul, but he worked just as hard, doubling his gifts.

Meanwhile, the third one went out and hid his talent, his gift. He didn't have very many gifts to begin with, and what he had, he hid away. He did absolutely nothing with the gift that the Father had given him.

What this parable is telling us is that the Spirit is like a muscle. The more we use it, the stronger it becomes. I'll give you an illustration of this;

There is a soul presently in this world who thousands of years ago, was a writer. He wrote many poems speaking of spiritual truths. Many of his poems became a part of the Holy Scriptures. He was given a great gift of writing, and he exercised that gift to the point where he became a great writer in that life. A writer whose words will never die. An inspiration to humanity, his words resonate to the essence of our beings.

This soul continued with life after life, increasing other talents as well. Such as leadership over a country through politics. He became a great king who will be forever renowned. His leadership abilities are a measure for all leaders to judge themselves by. He also became a prophet whose words are still read every Sunday throughout the world. His keen insight into humanity, and his long range vision were a positive in that particular lifetime.

Then, a few hundred years ago, he again took up the form of flesh. Except this time, once again, he became a writer. Because of his skills in that life so long

ago, writing became very natural to him. That spiritual muscle was already well developed before he took on the flesh. He once again exercised his gift of writing, and became the greatest writer in the history of the English language.

This is how the kingdom of heaven works when it comes to our spiritual gifts. The more we develop those gifts, the stronger they become to use in future lives.

Another example is a man who became a prophet thousands of years ago. His insight into the future was amazing. He had long range vision to the point where he could predict events that would happen hundreds of years later in this man's future. This man is also mentioned in scriptures.

Then the Father needed a prophet to announce the coming of his Son. After careful consideration, he chose this soul who had at one time been a great prophet. So when the man took the form of flesh again, prophecy became quite natural to him, and he fulfilled his mission of announcing the Son of Man to all of mankind.

Gifts that come naturally to us, are those whom we've practiced before in previous lives. It's like a muscle that needs to be developed and strengthened. When we pass from this life and move on to the next, we bring our essence and our gifts with us. We may lose our memory of that life, but our personality, which includes our talents, remain.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. Matthew 25:19.

This is what will happen when we pass from this world, enter the kingdom of heaven, and reunite with the Father. The Lord of the servants will reckon with us. There will be an accounting of everything that happened while we were in the physical. We shall pass through the life review, as I've previously discussed. We shall be strengthened by those whom we have helped, and weakened by those whom we have harmed. The gifts that we have used become stronger, while those we didn't will become weaker in our next life. It will be like coal being melted in the hot fire. The slag off of the edges will be worn away, but the coal remains.

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:20-21.

Let's go back to the example of the writer that I previously used. As wonderful a writer as he was thousands of years ago, he became even better in the life lived just a few hundred years ago. Because he had more to work with when he began that life. He had stored up exceptional talent in his writing ability long before he ever entered his first classroom that taught the English language. Once that happened, he knew he had an exceptional gift. The teacher of this child was amazed at his "natural" ability. The truth is he developed this talent from previous lives.

Some people say that a person has a natural ability at certain things. For instance, Mozart had a natural gift of music. That was due to previous lives lived of his, where he strengthened his already astounding ability to write and read music.

Take someone such as Leonardo da Vinci. He had several talents all condensed inside his soul. He could have used any one of a number of them, and be considered a genius in any one of a number of fields. He developed those talents ahead of time, in prior lives, and those talents were used instead of buried.

Imagine how well Albert Einstein will be in his next life in the field of science. What about Nikola Tesla? Or Thomas Edison?

In the field of prophecy, no one is better than Elijah, and the many lives he has lived since then.

In the field of writing, no one is better than Amos, and the many lives he has lived since then.

The person who began this life with five talents, received five more, because he strengthened and developed the talents that he already possessed. Therefore, in his next life, he will have at least ten talents to start with. Chances

are, by the time he is finished with that life, he could very well end up with twenty talents by the time his passage of that life is through. It's all about developing what the Father has given you. Find your talent, and develop that as far as you can take it. Or you may find a new talent that the Father has placed in front of you. The choice is completely yours.

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:22-23.

This servant didn't quite have as many natural gifts as the first. The reason for this is that either he hasn't developed his talents as much as the first, or that this person is a younger soul. Yet, this person is working very hard to develop that which was given him, which was limited to begin with. He doubled his gifts, which went from two to four talents.

This is a lesson for us all. We need to take that which the Father has given us, and develop those gifts into something even better. It need not matter from whence we began, as long as we work towards our goals, we will be well rewarded. Perseverance is the key here. It's like going to the gym every day to develop those muscles in which you possess. In time, your works will pay off. It's the same for any quality which each of us possess. In the end, we will all be well rewarded for our hard work. It need not matter that which we began with.

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. Matthew 25:24-25.

Here is a soul which only received one talent, or one gift at the birth of his physical existence. He began his lot with a very limited amount of resources. Maybe this person just has limited capabilities, or he was a brand new soul to this

physical existence. Either way, he was only given one talent from the Father, to see what this person would do with his lone talent.

The new soul lives his life burying what little talents he possessed. He did this out of fear of the Father. He proclaims that God is a “hard man.” That the Father reaps where he doesn’t sow, and gathers where he doesn’t straw. In other words, the man is stating here for all to hear that God receives the benefits of everyone else’s work.

Now I’m not positive that this is an accurate description of the loving Father that I know of. After all, we worship a God of love, and a God of understanding. Not to mention a God of total forgiveness. This parable is a rather harsh example of the Father, proclaiming that the Father just sits idly by while we work towards our objectives. He reaps where we sow. My guess is that Jesus is just declaring by illustration that the Father in all reality isn’t like this king in this respect. He’s just using an example for the reader to understand.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 25:26-30.

The Father basically chastises the man for not using the talent that he was given, and therefore gives his talent away to someone who will use this gift for the benefit of the Father.

This lengthy parable was written to show the gifts of the spirit, and how they may benefit us in life after life. How we must develop our talents or gifts, in order to strengthen ourselves, and thereby better able to serve the Father.

When a soul begins anew, we start with a completely clean slate. We have a concept of what life is like in the physical sense, yet we have no experience of it.

Nor can a soul ever know such feelings as love, joy, pain, and sorrow without setting foot in the physical. We know everything from a conceptual point of view while we are in the spiritual. Yet we can only have feelings about it when we join the physical, and experiencing these feelings.

This is the whole purpose of life in our dimension. To experience life in the physical, so we can have an experience of all things, instead of just a concept of it.

As we experience life after life, we develop certain attributes about ourselves. Certain talents begin to sprout. The choice is completely up to us, since the Father will never take our free will away from us. As we age and mature into the physical, we grow as a spirit. We begin to experience all things, sharing those experiences with the Father, as a gift from us to him. He treasures these experiences, and in return allows us to once again, return to life in the physical, his gift to us.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: Matthew 25:31.

Sitting on the throne of glory, what exactly does this mean?

What Jesus is describing here is his return at the sixth seal, when the sun turns black, and the moon red, etc. The time when the Church shall be raptured up, and then the shifting of the poles comes upon the planet earth.

He shall come in glory, and it will be a sight to see. Thousands of golden orbs orbiting the planet, turning loose the holy angels to gather his elect. Every eye on the planet shall witness this glorious event of the ages. It will cause joy to some, and fear to others. For those who've been awaiting the return, it will cause great joy. For those who have no idea what is going, it will cause widespread panic.

On the day of Jesus' arrival, the world will be on the brink of planetary destruction. The armies shall be gathered, one against the other. Sin will be rampant, and there shall be chaos in the streets. Humanity on earth will be on the edge of undoing itself. And then at the last moment, when the clock strikes twelve, then the Son of Man will make his appearance in the form of these

thousands of golden orbs appearing throughout the world. The angels from the golden orbs shall gather those who belong to Jesus, and then earth will experience a shifting of the poles. The event of all time known as the “Day of the Lord.”

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Matthew 25:32-33.

Many think that this verse pertains to Judgment Day. It is nothing like that. This is an account of whom will teach and rule, during the golden age of peace, and whom will not.

Once the rapture has taken place, then those whom rose by the power of the angels shall have their seat at the marriage supper. They shall celebrate the victory of their Lord, and enter into all their glory. Part of their reward will be to return to earth, once the planet has settled, to help set up the 1000 year golden age reign of peace.

They will teach during this age, and help humanity take a giant leap into our evolution. This will be the age “when the lion shall lie down with the lamb.” And “they shall beat their swords into plowshares.”

Those whom were not selected, shall be left here on earth to face the worst calamity of all time, the shifting of the poles. It will be a time of terrible distress, when the seas shall rise, and certain lands shall disappear. The greatest tribulation period this planet shall ever see. As you can imagine, survival shall be a daily struggle for those whom survived the pole shift. Food and fresh water shall be scarce. It will be a scene of panic that will grip those whom are left. All forms of civil society shall break down. Governments will no longer rule, as anarchy will hold its deadly grip on the masses.

The sheep will be spared this result, while the goats must pass through this horror.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Matthew 25:34-36.

It speaks here of inheriting the kingdom from the foundation of the world. So the Father had this all planned out from the beginning of time. This makes me wonder. Does he know ahead of time, who is going to accept the teachings of his son, Jesus of Nazareth? Of course he does, and he is the only one who does. So this begs the question, what about those whom don't accept Jesus teachings? Why did he bother to create them if he knew ahead of time, who they were?

It's because of the greatest gift of all, which is free will. And also due to the fact that even those who rejected Jesus will be accepted into the kingdom. So now you ask, how can they be accepted into the kingdom if they have rejected Jesus? Isn't this contrary to his teachings? No, it isn't. Let me explain.

Every one of us all children of God, even the most wretched. All of us take different paths to get to his kingdom. It's the same as our children. We all wish the best for them, but sometimes things don't go quite the way we planned. Some children will reach a certain destination far quicker than others will. Does that mean that we condemn those who don't evolve the way in which we would like them to? Of course not, we love all our children equally, and so does our Heavenly Father. We will lose certain parts of ourselves to the abyss, and I will get to that shortly, but our souls are preserved by the Father himself.

Here Jesus praises those whom have served humanity. They've fed the hungry, and gave drink to the thirsty. They've housed the homeless, and gave clothing to those who are naked. They visited the sick in hospitals, and also those who were in prison. They gave comfort to those whom needed it the most. He is telling us exactly how to live our lives, which is to be of service to others. In other words, as he expressed earlier in this gospel, to "love your neighbor." Take a glance around the world, are we loving our neighbors?

Love your God, love your neighbor. This is the Gospel of the kingdom of heaven. When we love our God, we are loving the Creator of the love, light, and

the darkness. When we love our neighbors, we are loving those which are the created. And since we are all children of the Creator, that makes us all one.

We are indeed, all one. This is a theme of the New Age, one in which they are correct. The Father, whom is the Creator, created all. Even the darkness, he created. It is our responsibility to bring light into the darkness, in order to heal it. When we do this, we ourselves are healed.

So his children are not sent to hell for not doing his will. This sounds more like a dictator than it does a loving Father. Yet, a part of them will be tried by fire, sent into the abyss. The part of them that lived in darkness, shall be sent into the darkness. Yet the soul remains.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? Matthew 25:37-39.

The righteous described here are those whom set themselves up above everyone else. These are the hypocrites with limited sight, whom sit in the upper seats, wearing the nice clothes, looking down on their fellow humans. These are the materialists who have gathered for themselves all the material goods they could lay their hands on, and have not shared their wealth with others.

They are taking Jesus literally with his statement. They don't see that he is giving them the message that we are all one, and we need to love thy neighbor. Their problem is that they see themselves separate from their fellow man. So they have no idea what Jesus is talking about. They wonder to themselves, "When did we see Jesus in prison?" "When did we see Jesus naked?" "When was Jesus hungry, and thirsty?" They have no idea what he's talking about. They have missed his message completely.

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40.

He's continuing on with the previous verse.

Here is the Father speaking through his son Jesus proclaiming that we are all one. That whatever we have done in the name of loving thy neighbor, we have done to him. This is some serious food for thought to those who think we are all separate from each other.

So how do we react when we see a homeless person on the streets? Do we walk around them, thinking they'll go away from our minds and be forgotten? Our consciousness won't allow it. I guarantee that if we have a loving heart, that image of that homeless person will stay with us throughout our day. Therefore it is best to help this person, in whatever way we can. For whoever does "*to the least of these my brethren,*" we have done to Jesus.

What about those whom hunger, and not just in the sense of food, what have we done for them? What about those whom hunger for righteousness? Do we judge them as the Pharisees have done here in Jerusalem?

What about those whom thirst, and not just for drink, but for knowledge so they can be liberated? Do we help fill up their cup?

Do we treat the homeless in the same way that we treat the man who drives a Mercedes?

Do we condemn those who've been sent to prison for making a mistake in their life? If so, then we also condemn Jesus.

We all treat our families well, but do we also give the same respect to strangers? We need to. That stranger may be an angel in disguise. The best way to help deal with all of this is to extend your family to all of mankind. Difficult when you think about it, but if enough of us did this, we could build for ourselves a paradise on earth. But the way the world is so polarized as of this writing, it's going to take an incredible amount of work to get there.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was

a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Matthew 25:41-43.

I've commented much on what happens when we pass from this world. There are two entities when one has cast off this physical body, and put on our spiritual one. When we've left the third dimension, and vibrated ourselves higher into a new realm.

I've spoken of my near death experience about seeing a bright white light, and an abyss. Each at polar opposites of each other.

When my near death experience happened to me, I felt being pulled in both directions. A part of me wanted to go into this abyss. This swirling black hole that seemed to suck all the energy from me. It craved the negative energy that was inside me, wanting to consume me. Another part of me was attracted to the light. This swirling ball of light seemed to be putting positive energy into me, fueling my spirit. A tug of war between light and darkness for my very soul. If I would have continued on with my experience, I believe I would have lost a part of myself to eternal darkness, and part of myself to eternal light.

It's my belief that Lucifer and his demons of darkness reside in the abyss. It's difficult to describe, but the energy from that abyss goes beyond negative, and into the realm of total darkness. Where nothing exists. It's a place where things die, and are consumed by this magnificent power that emanates from it.

When we produce negative energy, we fuel this abyss. The more negativity we create, the more fuel sent into the abyss, making it grow. The more negativity in this world, the larger the abyss becomes, creating more havoc throughout the world. We have to be very careful with ourselves in regards to this.

I tend to be someone who is very passionate for certain causes. If someone disagrees with me, I can become combative. This is creating negative energy between myself and the person I'm directing my energy towards. Whether justified or not. Does that mean that I need to be a sheep toward everyone and just lay my head on the chopping block? Of course not. I still need to keep my sword and my shield handy, but I need to watch how passionate I can become. Because I can bury people in arguments, and then there is absolutely no chance whatsoever for any middle ground once that is accomplished.

The bottom line is that we have to watch ourselves when it comes to directing negative energy at others. It only fuels Lucifer and his band of followers.

On the other hand, when we are creating positive energy between ourselves and others, we fuel the light. Just as in negative energy, I can become quite passionate in this respect as well. I am capable of releasing an enormous amount of positive energy toward someone else. This is an aspect of myself that I need to keep working on. Expand on the positive, and decrease the negative, and everything will fall into place from that point forward.

Or as in Jesus' words, "Love thy neighbor." Love your God, love your neighbor, it all seems to come back to that. With every problem in life, we can always revert back to that saying, if we but remember the words of our Lord.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:44-46.

As I've previously spoken, we are all one. And Jesus illustrates this message so beautifully in this wonderful parable. I've covered the separation of ourselves into the light, and into the abyss. Which parts of ourselves go in which direction. There is no need to cover this again.

Matthew 26

*And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, **Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.** Matthew 26:1-2.*

After Jesus delivers his prophecy of the end of the age, he delivers a couple of parables concerning the kingdom of heaven. Once finished with that, Jesus then drops a bomb on his closest followers with this revelation. They must have been in shock at the news of this prophecy. After all, wasn't he supposed to be the Messiah who would rule all nations? How then could he be betrayed, and then crucified? Wasn't he supposed to overthrow Rome and establish a kingdom of heaven on Earth?

A betrayal is a stab in the back by someone you trust. You expect resistance from your enemies, but when a friend does it, the wound cuts deep. I wonder if the Father had already revealed to Jesus whom the betrayer would be. It's my opinion that he had. This would allow Jesus to prepare himself emotionally and mentally for that fated result. I can think of no reason for the Father to keep the Son in the dark over this matter.

As alarm bells were going off, we can almost hear the objections of the disciples two thousand years after it happened. How can this be? With all the power at Jesus' fingertips, how could he allow the authorities to kill him? Surely Jesus could stop this, if it was his will to do so. Why would he allow this to happen? Surely Jesus had already shown the apostles that he had power over life and death, why then would he choose death? It must not have made any sense to those closest to him. The men who had spent three years of their lives with his man, developing an emotional bond that would be eternally felt. The words of Jesus to his closest associates must have been a crushing blow to them.

Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, And

consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people. Matthew 26:3-5.

Here are the forces of resistance, planning their evil deeds under the cloak of darkness. The chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people planning to murder Jesus. Those same people that Jesus destroyed in debates in front of thousands in the temple, embarrassing them. The chief priests, rulers of religious affairs. The elders, who were the judges in all civil matters. And the scribes, who were the lawyers of their day. All united to destroy this upstart prophet from Galilee, who threatened their power and livelihood.

The place where they all met was at the palace of the high priest, Caiaphas. The architect of this unholy plot. What I find interesting is that the high priest lives in a palace. This is the man who is supposed to serve the interests of the people. By owning a palace, it seems that he is serving himself instead.

In today's terms, how many religious leaders live in palaces fit for kings? I know of a few. Is this what the Father had in mind when he put religious leaders in place to be shepherds to his people? So that they could live in the lap of luxury while the common person suffers? I think not. They'll say, "The Lord has blessed us with all these material goods." Really? The Lord blesses with material goods? Hardly. The Lord blesses us by putting people in our path so that we can help them find the salvation they so desperately need. That's how the Lord blesses us. The more people we help, the more he will send. Guaranteed.

Those opposed to Jesus speak here that they need to kill him "subtly." That they can't do it on the "feast day," due to their fear of the people who believe that Jesus is a prophet sent from God. They know that during the feast day, there will be tens of thousands of Jews present who believe in Jesus. If they were take him during that time period, this would cause a riot in Jerusalem that could escalate into other parts of Judea. They couldn't take that chance. No, they must do it under the cover of darkness, when all the Jews are asleep. Lest they cause a rebellion. They used the same technique to murder the prophet, John the Baptist.

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. Matthew 26:6-7.

Once again Jesus retreats from Jerusalem and enters into his safe haven for his final week on earth, in Bethany. The city of his close friends, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and others. This is the place of refuge and fellowship for Jesus, and an escape from the madness and chaos of Jerusalem during the week of Passover.

Simon the leper was more than likely a leper that Jesus cured. He's now showing his gratitude to him by inviting him to his residence for a nice meal, and some warm fellowship. While Jesus was eating, a woman approached him and poured some very expensive ointment upon his head, anointing him.

Many commentators agree, that this woman is none other than Mary Magdalene. My question is, why didn't the author of this gospel include her by name? After all, every one of the disciples knew her. Why her name is excluded in this verse is beyond me. Maybe it was edited out by the Church of Rome? They definitely had the motive for it. For the Church of Rome had made her public enemy number one, going as far as labeling her a whore in 591 AD.

Being a wealthy woman, Mary Magdalene had the means to purchase this fine ointment. Obviously the Father moved her to buy this, and then to anoint the head of Jesus. And as we shall see in the future verses, Jesus certainly had no objections to her performing this wonderful act. She anointed Jesus in the same way that the prophet Samuel anointed David before he became king of Israel. Perhaps that was the main reason for this anointing, for he was close to inheriting his kingdom in heaven. Most assuredly, the Father wanted his Son to be properly anointed before he inherited his kingdom.

But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. Matthew 26:8-9.

It's hard to say which disciples had issue with this wonderful act performed by Mary Magdalene. Perhaps it was Judas Iscariot? For his heart was certainly not in the right place. Soon, he will betray Jesus, so we must assume he had already been plotting of how to perform that act. Perhaps, because Jesus felt a special affinity for Mary Magdalene, it could have also been Peter, being jealous of Jesus love for her? The Gospel of Matthew remains silent as to the identity of those who objected to this special anointing.

The disciples who did object were only thinking in materialistic earthly terms. They didn't see the special significance of this act. A king must always be anointed. After Jesus resurrection, he would rise up, sit at the right hand of power, and inherit the kingdom of heaven. Therefore it's my opinion that the Father wanted his Son properly anointed before he assumed this role. He compelled Mary Magdalene to perform this act, so that Jesus could assume his future role as Lord of heaven and earth. A wonderful act of love and adoration.

*When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, **Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.** Matthew 26:10-11.*

Jesus read their minds, and knew their thoughts. A spiritual quality of those who are highly tuned in, like he was. He knew that it wasn't only about the cost of the anointment that had been applied to him. He knew there was jealousy behind the objections of his anointing. He knew that jealousy applied to Mary Magdalene due to his close relationship with her. She had several enemies within the disciples, and this was another example of that enmity they felt toward her.

Perhaps this anointing is the reason the Father set her aside to be the first witness to the resurrection? She obeyed him in anointing his Son, so he rewarded her for it.

Jesus chastises them for their words. Why are they giving her static for doing what the Father had compelled her to do? All she had done was merely obey the will of the Father. Jesus knew this, and protected her for it. ***"She hath wrought a good work upon me."*** Jesus knew exactly why she had done this act, for he knew that his time was short, and he needed to be properly anointed before his burial.

Jesus states that we always have the poor, but he was soon leaving. In this message, he charges his disciples with works of charity towards the poor. They will always be here, and it is up to his disciples, and us to serve them. ***"For ye have the poor always with you."*** They aren't going away any time soon. And only after the King of Kings returns, will there no longer be any poor.

For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. Matthew 26:12-13.

We would have given a memorial to this woman, but there is no mention of her name. Makes one wonder why that is the case? Personally, I believe Rome edited her name out of this Gospel for the reasons that I have already given. They certainly had ample time to edit what they wanted out of the Gospels for political purposes.

Jesus then tells them the reason for her anointing him. Once again, I'm sure the disciples were in shock over this announcement. It's my guess that the news of his upcoming death hadn't quite set into their minds yet.

This is the second time on this day that Jesus pronounces to them of his long awaited fate. That he had come into this world for this very reason, and you can bet the disciples weren't exactly keen on this idea. They much preferred the conquering Messiah over the suffering one. They'd much rather side with the lion, rather than the lamb.

The feeling of denial must have been strong within the disciples for Jesus to continually repeat that he must be sacrificed. ***"She did this for my burial."*** The shocking news of his fate just hadn't sat in yet. It would take quite some time for these closest followers to finally say goodbye to their beloved friend.

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. Matthew 26:14-16.

So what was Judas Iscariot's reason for his betrayal? Was it money? For he asked them, "What will you give me?" Was it a top governmental position? Or was it that he was actually a demon as Jesus stated in the Gospel of John, chapter 6 and verse 70, ***"Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?"***

Personally, I believe that the reason Judas Iscariot was put on this earth was to betray Jesus. It was to fulfill the mission that Jesus was put here for. For the Father had put it into the heart of Judas to turn on Jesus. To betray the man whom had broken bread with him for the last three years.

The Father uses people like Judas to fulfill his purposes, and his long range plans.

Judas knew whom Jesus enemies were, so he then went to them. Did Judas do this as a result of Jesus telling his disciples that he would soon die at the hands of the unbelievers? Did Judas hope for a conquering Messiah? Then once Jesus told the disciples that he would instead suffer, convince Judas that Jesus was no longer the Messiah that he had hoped for? Judas hoped for a lion that would throw off the yoke of Roman oppression, and once Jesus revealed that he would instead be the lamb, Judas turned on him.

In the end, Judas was the demon that Jesus spoke of. Lucifer was crouching at Judas door, and at the first opportunity, Judas turned and allowed Lucifer in. For thirty silver pieces, Judas fulfilled his mission, and became a devil. The Father only knows what went through Judas' mind as he committed this horrible betrayal.

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? Matthew 26:17.

The feast of unleavened bread is sometimes mistaken for the Passover. The feast of unleavened bread lasts for seven days, while the Passover only lasts for one.

On the evening of the Passover in Egypt, the Father told the Hebrews to exit Egypt quickly, and not to wait for the bread to rise. The ancients at one time used to gather up the yeast on grape leaves to leaven it to speed up the process. But there was no time for all that. They needed to flee Egypt quickly.

The Father then told them that in future days, they were to commemorate this occasion by getting all the yeast out of their houses for seven days.(Exodus 12:19). This holiday is known as the feast of unleavened bread.

It was now during the day, on which the Passover was to be celebrated. The first of the seven days of the feast of unleavened bread. Preparations would have to be made.

*And he said, **Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. Matthew 26:18.***

Just as in the beginning of his triumphal return into Jerusalem, when Jesus told his disciples to go into the city to find a certain man who had a donkey and a colt, he does the same here. Jesus knows exactly whom to send his disciples to, so that they can celebrate the Passover meal.

What I find interesting in this verse is that once again, Jesus tells his followers that his “time is at hand.” Which means that his death is very near, even at the door. He knew step by step what would happen to him. The closer he came to his crucifixion, the more vivid the details the Father gave to him. It must have upset him to his very core being.

Imagine for a moment knowing that you would be whipped, beaten, and then crucified. How would you feel? The anguish that Jesus felt must have been other worldly. Regardless, he moves about with the business at hand.

And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. Matthew 26:19-20.

“He sat down with the twelve.”

Twelve men who had spent the last three plus years of their lives being taught by Jesus. Twelve men preselected by the Father to be with his Son. Twelve

men who gave up everything to follow the man who said, "Follow me." These twelve, (minus one), men would start a movement, that today billions of people throughout the world follow.

Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Just, Simon, and Jude. Some of them family members of Jesus, such as James the Just, Simon, and Jude. Most of them friends who grew up together, such as the first six listed. These men had broken bread with Jesus. And as a man who was prior military, I can tell you for certain that a bond develops between those whom spend a lot of time together.

*And as they did eat, he said, **Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.** Matthew 26:21.*

Once again Jesus drops the bomb on them. He keeps repeating this over and over again, as if they refuse to believe it. After all, if I were one of the twelve, I would have a difficult time believing it myself. Hadn't this band of brothers been through it all in the last three years? Hadn't they watched Jesus heal the sick and the lame? Raise the dead? Feed the hungry? Clothe the poor? With all that they had witnessed, it would be unfathomable to believe that one of them could actually betray Jesus.

You can understand the shock and outrage of these disciples. Those whom Jesus taught the inner secrets of the kingdom of heaven. Now he was repeatedly telling them that he was going to leave them on their own. The thought of these men being left to their own devices frightened each and every one of them. The thought of the sheep without their shepherd was too much for these men to take.

And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? Matthew 26:22.

This was the disciple's moment of doubt. Every one of them turning inward to their God, hoping that for the life of themselves, that it wasn't them. You can imagine the anguish each of them felt.

A barrage of questions followed Jesus statement. "Is it I?" "Am I the one who will betray you?"

Let's take ourselves back in time. Imagine you are one of these chosen disciples. Jesus blurts out that one will betray him, which because of that act, will eventually kill him. The inner turmoil that each felt must have been intense. That is, all except the one who would actually perform this dastardly deed. Judas must have felt nervous at being exposed to his fellows. Afraid of what they may do to him for betraying their master. I'm sure he was what you would call, "sweating bullets."

Jesus on the other hand, knew that he was in for a very long night ahead of him. The night of shadows. The emotional distress he must have felt would have been unbelievable. Knowing moment by moment the events that were soon to follow. Yet I'm confident he thought to himself that we may as well get this over with. After all, it was the will of the Father that this all be carried out.

*And he answered and said, **He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.** Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, **Thou hast said.** Matthew 26:23-25.*

Judas knew the answer before he asked the question. He then dipped his bread in the dish as Jesus did.

The Gospel of John tells a clearer version of the events which happened next. In chapter 13 verses 26-29 states, "*Jesus answered, **He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.** And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, **That thou doest, do quickly.** Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.*"

Jesus gave Judas some bread, and both dipped their bread in the dish at the same time. Once that happened, it states that Satan entered into Judas. What are we to make of that remark that Satan entered into him?

Satan comes in the form of many guises. Fear, doubt, and unbelief were at the core of this entry into Judas. For Judas no longer believed that Jesus was the Messiah. He lost that belief when Jesus proclaimed that he would be crucified by the unbelievers. Fear came over Judas, because all his hopes for Jesus throwing out the Romans and conquering Jerusalem, were dashed at the same statement by Jesus. He thus now doubted Jesus' entire mission.

But in his mind he believed he had one way out of this mess. Judas reckoned that if he turned Jesus over to the high priests, then he could prove himself in front of them. And by doing so, Jesus would avoid the crucifixion, and be proclaimed the Messiah.

But the Father had other plans for his Son.

After Judas dips the bread, Jesus tells him that what he is about to do, he must do quickly. In other words, he has things to do with the other disciples, and he'd rather not Judas be amongst them while he performed his final act with them.

The other eleven disciples had no idea what was going on. Judas was carrying a bag, and they thought Jesus gave him instructions to go buy something with it. The bag that Judas was carrying was the thirty silver pieces that the high priests had given him. Some believe that because Judas was carrying this bag, that he must have been the treasurer of this group. This is not true. Philip was the treasurer. Which is why Jesus asked Philip how much bread and fish they possessed before he performed the miracle which would feed the 5,000, (John 6:5). He asked Philip because he was in charge of the provisions.

Jesus also makes a declaration of Judas eventual fate, as recorded in Matthew by stating that it would have been better if Judas had not been born. In my mind, I'm wondering if Jesus was referring to Judas' eventual fate here on earth, or in heaven. We will soon find out what happens to Judas here on earth, but in heaven, I'm not so sure. After all, he was actually performing the will of the Father when he betrayed Jesus. It was all a part of the plan of redemption for mankind. Without the betrayal, there is no crucifixion. Without the crucifixion,

there is no resurrection. And without the resurrection, there is no Holy Spirit being poured out on mankind. So it begs the question, why would Jesus condemn Judas for doing the will of the Father? I feel I won't find the answer to that question until I meet with Jesus at the end of this life.

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** Matthew 26:26.*

Now that Jesus has cleansed the upper room by ordering Judas out and away from them, he then takes the bread and breaks it up. He gives a piece of the bread to each of the remaining eleven disciples who are with him. He instructs them to eat of it, for it is the body of Christ.

I'm sure many of the disciples were wondering, what Jesus was talking about. "This is my body?" But nonetheless, they followed his orders, and did as he commanded.

Jesus could not perform this sacred act until he had sent Judas away. This ritual was not for Satan, but for his followers only. This would be the first time in history that this sacred ceremony was performed. One in which still exists to this day in many churches.

A miracle occurred at the performing of this ceremony. Once they had eaten the bread, their bodies were one with Jesus. All they needed to do was to believe in it, and it would be done.

***And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** Matthew 26:27-28.*

Jesus gave them another order, to drink from this holy chalice, so that they could further be at one with him. This act had to be performed before he left this world. It was extremely important for Jesus that this sacred ceremony be performed. He did this act to strengthen his closest associates on this planet, his brethren, whom he loved with all of his heart. He knew the trials and tribulations

that awaited them, and that they would need all the strength that they could muster to overcome them.

I wonder what was going on in the minds of the disciples as they ate the bread, and drank the wine that Jesus had given them. Did they feel a miracle inside their bodies as they performed this? Did they feel immediately strengthened? If so, they didn't show it in the future upcoming hours.

These twelve men, Jesus and his eleven disciples, were about to change the world. They would be resisted at every turn by authorities that wished to kill them, and therefore erase their message of hope for mankind. Jesus wanted them strong and united, for they would need every ounce of strength they could fathom.

Oh, to be a fly on the wall in the upper room as this took place. One could almost feel the Holy Spirit envelop the room, as the Father and his legions of angels attended to this most holy service. Amen.

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

Jesus then prophesies that he will no longer drink, until he is with these men in the kingdom of heaven. Another bombshell laid on his disciples. He will refuse drink, until he is reunited with this men that he so loves in his Father's kingdom, where they will once again sit at the table together. Except on that occasion, it will be a cause of extreme celebration. The marriage supper of the lamb.

Both occasions are a cause of triumph and unification. On this occasion at this Passover, he does it to strengthen these men. On that occasion, they will be doing it to celebrate their victory over the forces of darkness. They will all be sitting at the head table of the marriage ceremony between Jesus and his beloved Church. It's a glorious occasion that I so look forward to.

And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. Matthew 26:30.

They then concluded their ceremony by singing a hymn to the Father.

Now, I was told by the Angel Samuel that an interesting event happened at this time, which is not included in any of the four gospels. I will interject it here for the sake of accuracy.

After Jesus had broken bread and drank wine with his disciples, they sang a song praising the Father. Once they concluded with their song of worship, Philip received a message from the Father that only he could hear. It was a voice in his head which said he needed to travel west to Gaza. The message inside Philip's head was loud and clear. ***"Go to Gaza."***

Upon hearing this message, while startled, Philip looked at Jesus. He saw that Jesus was looking straight at him, and not the others. Jesus knew that Philip had received a message. The Lord then walked over to Philip and said, ***"What the Father has commanded you to do, you must do. Take Bartholomew with you, and go."***

Therefore, before they all journeyed to the Mount of Olives, Philip took his closest friend Bartholomew, and excused themselves so that they could make their westward journey. There is a good reason that this happened, one in which I will explain shortly.

The remaining nine disciples, Peter, Andrew, James, John, Matthew, Thomas, James the Just, Simon the Zealot, and Jude, then went and traveled with Jesus to the Mount of Olives.

*Then saith Jesus unto them, **All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.** Matthew 26:31-32.*

Over and over again Jesus keeps issuing his same message. That he will be sacrificed. Now he tells these men who are left after Philip and Bartholomew's departure, that they all shall be offended because of him. Another bomb dropped on the disciples. One of many in this last week of Jesus' life.

Jesus was quoting the prophet Zechariah, chapter 13, verse 7. *“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn my hand upon the little ones.”*

He was telling them all that he must go through this trial alone. None of them could follow where he was about to go. He will be stricken down, and they shall run.

This was done so that the Father could preserve his disciples. None of them would be lost. Only Jesus would be sacrificed, none of the disciples were required by the Father. He wanted them all protected from the upcoming night of trials.

Then Jesus gives them all a message of hope. He tells them that once his suffering is finished, he will then meet them all in Galilee. A message they soon forget, because they are so troubled by his statement that they would all be offended because of him.

This onslaught of information to the disciples had upset them greatly. It was almost too much for any of them to fathom. Jesus would die, rise, and then go before them into Galilee. But before all that, he tells them that they will all be offended by him. There is only so much a disciple could take.

Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Matthew 26:33.

It was all too much for Peter. There was only so much this leader of the disciples could handle. He declares that he would never turn his back on Jesus. Never say never.

Peter was an emotional, reactionary kind of person. Generally, a leader amongst men. He had been in positions of authority before he met Jesus. In the fishing business, he was in charge of many boats. He was used to being the one who would speak for others.

In all reality, the two people who wouldn't be offended by Jesus were sent away for this very reason. Or they too may have been crucified as well. And the Father wanted them spared. He had further plans for them.

*Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.** Matthew 26:34.*

Jesus looks at the hotheaded reactionary Peter and prophecies to him, stating that he will be offended by him, and disavow any knowledge of ever knowing him. He knows the truth and the future, and tells him whom he loves, that he will indeed do this. But Jesus doesn't judge him for it. He knows in his heart that the reason for this is that the Father wishes to spare this fine disciple.

There is nothing for Peter to feel guilty about. This is about preservation, not honor.

*Peter said unto him, **Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee.** Likewise also said all the disciples. Matthew 26:35.*

Peter digs in his heels and denies that he will do this to his friend. As do all the disciples who are left with Jesus.

You can imagine how they felt. Being told that they would deny even knowing Jesus, and being offended at anyone accusing them of having any kind of relationship with him. Yet Jesus knew better, and he knew why they were behaving in this manner. It's a hard thing to be told that you'd deny your master. I would have done the same, and dug my heels in as well.

*Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, **Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.** And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.** Matthew 26:36-38.*

It would be Jesus last time to be alone with the Father. He didn't want to be disturbed while he went deep into prayer, therefore he took Peter, James, and John with him. Leaving the other six disciples at the camp. Which by now was Andrew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Just, Simon, and Jude.

It says here that he was sorrowful and heavy, even unto the death. I cannot even begin to imagine how Jesus felt at this point in time. Knowing the trials and tribulations that awaited him. Knowing that he would be beaten, whipped, mocked, scorned, and eventually crucified by those whom felt threatened by him.

Yet he also knew that this was the very reason that he came into this world. To give himself as a sacrifice for many. We may even say, the ultimate sacrifice for humanity.

Jesus said in the Gospel of John, chapter 15, verse 13, ***“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”*** He was on the cusp of expressing this greatest love. Laying down his life for his friends. But not only his closest friends, but for all those friends yet to be born.

*And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.** Matthew 26:39.*

Here is Jesus' first moment of doubt, it would not be his last. He pleads and prays to the Father, begging that he not be sacrificed. That this “cup pass from him.” He questions the Father, which forces God into a decision. The hardest decision that the Father, the Creator of all things, has ever had to make. Which forces me to think of an incident that happened roughly 2,000 years prior to this.

I know as you read this you may say that I am repeating myself. But be patient with me, there is purpose in this. The reason being that this story is so important, it answers all our questions as to the reason of the death of Jesus.

The prophet and father of many nations, Abraham, was once forced into the same decision that God had to make. Whether or not to sacrifice his son, Isaac. A son whom he deeply loved. Abraham was asked by his God to make a sacrifice at Mount Moriah, (Genesis 22:2). This decision caused Abraham to lose

heart, and doubt his God. After all, how could a loving God ask him to sacrifice such a child of promise? What kind of madness was this?

Nevertheless, Abraham followed through. It was only by the act of an angel that saved Isaac from being sacrificed. Yet but by following through with the Father's wishes, Abraham knew the decision that God now faced. Should I sacrifice my son whom I love? And if so, why?

Which is the question of all time. Why would the Father sacrifice his son Jesus? Why would he, with all his powers, allow his only son to be beaten, tortured, and killed? It's a haunting question, and it deserves an answer.

This world is being controlled by an archangel whose name is Lucifer. This being is the father of all darkness that has ever existed, and will exist. His powers are immense.

To offset the powers of Lucifer, are the other two archangels, Michael, and Gabriel. As I've stated, Michael is the father of all light, while Gabriel is the father of all love. Each of these archangels are equal in power and stature. These three Archangels are the most powerful beings ever created by the Father. They rule from the beginning of time, and still do to this very day.

In the beginning of mankind, Lucifer through his cunning ways, convinced humans that they are less than whom they really are. He told them that they didn't have the power that they actually possessed. He lied to them, saying that we are byproducts of our environment. That we evolved from animals. That ours is a lesser race than his is. And we believed him, making ourselves children of a lesser god.

Yet we are not these beings that Lucifer portrays us to be. We are not these subhuman entities that we are led to believe. We are far greater than this, as portrayed by Jesus of Nazareth. Who was the prime example of what our limitless potential is. We are all his brothers and sisters, therefore making us children of the Most High God.

So getting back to why Jesus had to be crucified as a ransom for many, and to redeem humanity. The Father needed an entity whom was more powerful than Lucifer. Since the archangels are the most powerful beings God ever created, that left the Father with only one option, himself. He would have to become flesh in

order to defeat Lucifer. Hence the reason Jesus was born. Which still doesn't answer the reason why Jesus had to be crucified, but be patient with me, I'm getting to that.

So the Father needed to choose someone from whom he could manifest himself from. He chose Abraham, and gave him the ultimate test. Would he sacrifice his son, as the Father would, 2,000 years later? Abraham passed the test, and an agreement was made between the two. The Father told him that all the world would eventually be blessed through his bloodline, his seed, (Genesis 22:18).

Now once Abraham passed the test, and the agreement was made, Lucifer immediately began to persecute the line of Abraham. This persecution continues on to this present day. The latest example being Hitler's "final solution," which murdered six million Jews.

2,000 years after Abraham, Jesus was born. The chosen child of promise, thus fulfilling God's promise to Abraham that all the world would be blessed through his seed. A child that would be even more powerful than Lucifer himself. A child who would grow to be a man, and be the most spiritually powerful human ever to walk this planet. A human who is God in the flesh, who could and would defeat Lucifer.

Now we get into the reason that Jesus had to die. This man who is God made manifest, would have to die in order that his spirit could be poured out to all of mankind for those who asked for it. For those asking in the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit of God himself would enter into these humans. Thus empowering them to be more powerful than Lucifer, and defeating him. Understand?

The Holy Spirit of the Father was absent from the Earth until Jesus arrived. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus, he saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus like a dove. At that moment, everything changed. The Holy Spirit had descended upon the Earth, in the body of Jesus of Nazareth. Now a power had arrived on Earth which could finally defeat Lucifer.

Jesus died as a ransom for many. He died so that his spirit, the Holy Spirit, could be placed inside everyone who asked for it. This is the only reason that he had to die. So that his spirit could live on in the body of everyone who has

requested it. Thus making them the brides of Christ. Marrying themselves to Jesus, the groom.

This was the plan of the Father. It began with Abraham, and was fulfilled with Jesus. So when Jesus begged that this cup pass from him, the Father remained silent. If he would have pardoned Jesus, it would have defeated his purpose for his Son. A purpose that began with the great man Abraham, and an agreement made a long time ago.

*And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, **What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.** Matthew 26:40-41.*

After praying to the point of sweating blood, Jesus at his near exhaustion point, went back and checked on his disciples. He found them sleeping. This upset Jesus to the point of chastising Peter. "Could ye not watch for one hour?"

He then barks orders at him, saying pray that you don't enter sleep's temptation, and watch for me. So that Jesus could return back to the Father. He wasn't done praying yet, and he needed his good soldiers to stand guard for him. He knew that Judas and the temple guards would be coming along at any time, and he didn't want to be disturbed while he was in communion with the Father.

*He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.** And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Matthew 26:42-44.*

Three times Jesus uttered the same words, begging the Father to let this cup pass from him. But, for the reasons that I've already given, the Father wasn't going to be deterred from his mission.

Imagine the anguish of the Father at his Son begging for his life. Can you think of any decision that would be more difficult? I surely can't. I can't imagine putting my child to death, let alone listening to them plead and beg for their life to me. The only person in history who can relate to this is blessed Abraham.

I've talked to people who consider the Father a sadist for this very act. They argue that any god that puts their child to death is no god at all, but a sadistic maniac.

They aren't seeing the big picture. That the Father sacrificed his only son so that others may live, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Empowered with the Spirit of God so that we can defeat our enemies. It was the only solution to the problem that the Father had. There was no other way. If there was, I'm confident that the Father would have taken it.

*Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, **Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.** Matthew 26:45-46.*

After he repeatedly prayed to be spared, Jesus rose up and knew at this point in time that there was no turning back. The will of the Father, and not the Son, prevailed.

At this time, Jesus could have stopped all of this, and prevented his arrest. The problem with that was that he would be doing his will, and not the Father's. Despite his wanting this cup to pass from him, he decided that the will of the Father was for him to drink it. So he picked up his cup, drank it, and returned to the apostles. The decision had been made. He would beg the Father no more.

The clock had struck twelve. The wheels of darkness had begun to turn. Jesus sensed that Judas, and the temple guards were near at hand. He woke up the three disciples, Peter, James, and John, and told them that his hour of betrayal is at hand.

It was judgment day for the Son of God.

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Matthew 26:47.

While Jesus is waking up his three friends, Judas and his posse came to the garden of Gethsemane. A “*great multitude*,” armed to the teeth, for the arrest of one man.

A great multitude. It makes one wonder what they expected when they came to arrest Jesus. To have so many people come for his arrest, they must have expected Jesus to be surrounded by thousands of followers. What had Judas told them? That a riot would ensue at the prospects of arresting this prophet from Galilee? Nevertheless, the elders, and chief priests, weren’t taking any chances. They had forces armed for battle, “with swords and staves.”

How large a threat was Jesus to have this many come for his arrest? With the popularity of Jesus, they were worried that all hell would break loose. They must have expected the worst to bring this many people. One can only imagine what was going on in their heads as they marched to the garden of Gethsemane.

We also need to remember that the other disciples were unaware that Judas was leading this betrayal. They all believed that he had left to go buy provisions. The fact that he led this charge of treason against their master must have shocked them.

*Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, **Friend, wherefore art thou come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him. Matthew 26:48-50.*

Judas tells the chief priests and the elders that he would kiss the man they were looking for. This surprises me, considering that they all must have heard Jesus in the temple, and knew what he looked like. Why then would Judas have to show the elders who Jesus was by giving him a sign, a kiss? Did they not know what Jesus looked like? It’s perplexing, to say the least. Unless of course, these men had not heard Jesus preach in the temple. If that is truly the case, then they wouldn’t have any idea the image of Jesus. Which begs the question, if Jesus was

such a threat, why wouldn't they go and listen to him, to at least check out this perceived threat? It boggles the mind as to why Judas had to give Jesus a kiss to identify him to his enemies.

By giving Jesus a kiss, Judas had sealed his fate. The ultimate betrayal of the Son of God. As Jesus spoke earlier, ***"It would have been better had Judas not even been born."*** Heavy words of condemnation.

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 22, verse 48, it states, ***"Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?"*** I'm curious what those words meant to Judas. When Jesus said the word "betray," did those words cut right to the core of Judas? Did he then realize he was doing the work of Lucifer? Did it finally dawn on him that he had betrayed Jesus after spending three years with the man? It's my opinion that prior to this moment, Judas thought he was performing a service to Jesus. He felt that Jesus needed to prove himself to the high priests and the elders, that he was the Messiah. Judas felt the only way that would happen was to introduce them to each other. But his plan backfired on him, and became the ultimate betrayal.

For the next 2,000 years, the name Judas would be synonymous with the word betrayer, or traitor. A man who betrayed his master with a kiss. Which would lead to other sayings such as "The kiss of death."

Judas was a man who thought he could alter the fate of Jesus by handing him over to the chief priests, and elders, had in the end performed the will of the Father. He had played his part in this grand play. Lucifer had gotten a hold of him, and used him to perform something that would in the end, backfire on him.

*And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?***
Matthew 26:51-54.

Peter was the disciple who picked up a sword and struck the elder's servant in the ear, (John 18:10). Jesus then chastises him for it. And then declares a marvelous thing. He told those many in attendance that he had the power to call down twelve legions of angels to defend him.

So now we need to ask ourselves, what is a legion? A Legion of Roman soldiers was considered to be anywhere between 3,000 to 6,000 foot soldiers. I'm assuming that Jesus was using this as his reference, therefore we are looking at anywhere between 36,000 to 72,000 angels. In other words, a mighty host.

This tells me that Jesus could have stopped these proceedings at any time, and the Father would have granted it. No questions asked. But this was not to be the case, because if Jesus would have halted this arrest, then the scriptures wouldn't have been fulfilled. Jesus wouldn't have died, and the Holy Spirit would have never entered into this world to redeem mankind. A plan laid down by the Father at the foundation of this world.

*In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, **Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.** Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.*
Matthew 26:55-56.

Jesus looked at the many assembled against him. He must have marveled how well armed they were. What had they expected? A riot? He must have smirked when he asked them why they were equipped with swords and staves. Imagine it, a multitude assembled to arrest the Son of Man. An army come to take away the prince of peace.

He asks them why they didn't arrest them while he was in the temple. He already knew the answer. These type of people do their deeds in the dark, never in the light of day. With thousands of followers surrounding Jesus in the temple, these people were afraid that a full blown riot would have ensued had they done their dirty tricks in the temple. No, they had to do this under the cover of darkness. For such was the condition of the priests and elders during this time period. Corruption at its height. Reminds me of many governments that would follow. They always come in the night, never in the light of day.

It states here that all the disciples forsook him, and fled. This is the reason Philip and Bartholomew were sent away. They wouldn't have, and the Father knew it. Let me explain how I came to this realization through the help of the Angel named Samuel.

A while back I was meditating on the words of this Gospel. While I came upon this verse of the disciples forsaking him, I heard a voice saying to me, *"Not all were present to forsake him."* The words immediately shook me. And then I heard the same voice telling me to *"read the letter written from Peter to Philip in the Gnostic sources recovered at Nag Hammadi, in Egypt."*

So I did as instructed, and looked up Peter's letter to Philip. The letter begins as thus:

"The Letter of Peter which he sent to Philip

"Peter, the apostle of Jesus Christ, to Philip, our beloved brother and our fellow apostle, and (to) the brethren who are with you: greetings!

Now I want you to know, our brother, that we received orders from our Lord and the Savior of the whole world that we should come together to give instruction and preach in the salvation which was promised us by our Lord Jesus Christ. But as for you, you were separate from us, and you did not desire us to come together and to know how we should organize ourselves in order that we might tell the good news. Therefore would it be agreeable to you, our brother, to come according to the orders of our God Jesus?"

When Philip had received these (words), and when he had read them, he went to Peter rejoicing with gladness. Then Peter gathered the others also. They went upon the mountain which is called "the (mount) olives," the place where they used to gather with the blessed Christ when he was in the body..."

And the letter goes on with all the disciples meeting with the Lord Jesus on the Mount of Olives. He gives them instructions on what to do next. How to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

Once I read the letter from Peter to Philip, I wondered what it all meant. Why would Philip, and the brethren who was with him, (Bartholomew), want to separate themselves from their fellow disciples?

This is the reason given to me by the Angel Samuel. After Philip and Bartholomew were called away by the Father to go to Gaza, they met a man whom they converted to the followings of Jesus Christ. Once finished, they then returned back to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. Not finding any of the disciples there, they went back to the upper room and elsewhere looking for their disciples, who by this time, after the crucifixion, were all in hiding from the authorities.

While Philip and Bartholomew were looking for their fellow disciples, they learned from others what had happened to Jesus while they were away. That their master had been crucified, along with two thieves.

Finally, the two found the others, and questioned them on the events that transpired while they were absent. When Philip learned that all of the disciples had disavowed even knowing Jesus, he became apoplectic at his brethren. He became enraged at Peter for denying Christ three times, and lost his temper at the others. After calling them all cowards, Bartholomew and he left the group, vowing never to return to them again. The two proclaimed that they would be leaving for Samaria, to preach the gospel of the kingdom, as Jesus had commanded while he was in the flesh.

The two once again departed the group, this time thinking for good. It was after their departure that Jesus resurrected himself from the dead. Once Jesus had performed this miracle that is still being talked about, he told Peter to write a letter to Philip, saying he wanted them all to meet on the Mount of Olives. That he had instructions for all of the disciples.

Once Samuel told me this revelation, it all made perfect sense as to why Peter wrote his letter to Philip. And why Philip, (and his brethren), didn't want anything to do with their fellow disciples. For the sake of accuracy, I have included this story into this text.

The Angel Samuel told me that Philip, like Peter, was a hothead. A leader amongst the disciples. That the reason the Father called Philip and Bartholomew away, was that unlike Peter, those two wouldn't have denied Jesus. And instead of the two thieves being crucified along with Jesus, these two disciples would have went with him. And the Father had future plans for these two beloved disciples. Therefore he sent them away, to spare them this fate.

And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Matthew 26:57.

It was a kangaroo court, fully assembled by the enemies of Jesus. Those whom had a favorable opinion of Jesus were not called to this assembly. Only the high priests and scribes, who were against this prophet of Galilee were in attendance.

They arrested Jesus in the middle of the night, because they feared the crowds who saw Jesus as a prophet. They drug him to the palace of the high priest, where a mock court was assembled. If ever in history there was a rigged trial, this was it.

They had been planning this event ever since Jesus set foot in Jerusalem. False witnesses who were purchased by these priests were waiting for him. So that they could lie, and falsely portray the Son of Man. They conjured up stories for themselves on how to best misrepresent Jesus. How to show each other that Jesus was a false prophet.

These chief priests and scribes weren't new at this sort of thing. Their ancestors had been doing this sort of thing for a very long time. As I've previously shown, many prophets have been killed by the chief priests. Many messengers of God have been slain by preaching the word of God to religious authorities. Jesus were merely following the same path that many others had. From Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, John the Baptist, and others to himself, such is the fate of the Prophets. Theirs is a doomed lot on earth. It hasn't changed in the 2,000 years since Jesus.

Now it was Jesus turn. His turn to pay the ultimate price for preaching the kingdom of heaven on earth. Like all prophets, it was his turn to drink of its cup.

But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Matthew 26:58.

Peter wasn't going to run as the others had. He needed to know the fate of his friend and master. Curiosity was getting the best of him.

He slips in by stealth, and pretended that he was one of the high priest's servants, and had a seat to watch the proceedings. One of the leaders of the disciples needed to be there to witness the fate of their leader. It was imperative for him to witness the events that took place, so that he could report back what he had seen to his fellow disciples.

Peter remains quiet throughout the trial, fearing for his life. If anyone recognizes him, he would be placed right next to Jesus. With sweat racing across his brow, he watches intently at the events that would transpire, and transform the world forever.

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. Matthew 26:59-61.

The chief priests and elders held this assembly for one reason, to put Jesus to death. Nothing was left to chance, he could not escape these proceedings alive. The fate of the Jewish nation depended on it. For they reasoned that it be better that one man should die, than a nation perish. For in their minds, Jesus was perverting Judaism, and overthrowing the laws of Moses.

Jesus, like John the Baptist before him, was enormously popular amongst the people. The weight they carried amongst the common Jews could upset the balance of everything. They both preached a message of hope, and repentance that resonated with those who had little reason to believe in the elders of Israel. Those whom followed Jesus and John were a poor lot. Their day to day existence was built on material poverty. All they had in the world was their faith, and both prophets restored that to them. That there was something better in their future. That the kingdom of heaven would not forget them, as the chief priests and elders had. Therefore their popularity was immense.

A wise man once told me, "The greater the threat, the greater the resistance." Jesus, like John before him, were the greatest threats to the power of the priests that the nation of Israel had ever faced.

With all that being said, they had their false witnesses lined up. Bought off to make sure they were all on the same page. But something happened in the middle of this process, they couldn't get their stories straight. No two witnesses could agree on anything, frustrating the chief priests and the elders.

After hours of interrogation, finally there was hope for the priests. Two witnesses came forward to tell the elders that Jesus proclaimed that he could destroy the temple of God, and in three days, he would make it rise again. They completely misunderstood Jesus, thinking that he was referring to the temple in Jerusalem. When in all reality, he was describing his body. Which is the true temple of God.

Jesus made a wonderful point with this expression that refers to all of us. Our bodies are our temples. They are the vehicles that our Souls use to incarnate in. Without our bodies, we would never be able to express ourselves in the physical. Life would merely be a conception instead of an experience. We would have to permanently reside in a higher dimension without these wonderful bodies that God has given us. There would be no experience of anything, only imagination. We would not be able to know love, fear, sadness, joy, guilt, happiness, doubt, tenderness, pain, ecstasy, and a host of different feelings in the physical. Each being a gift from our Creator.

Jesus was merely prophesying that in three days after they would put him to death, he would rise again. Resurrecting himself, which the world still talks about, 2,000 years later.

*And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** Matthew 26:62-64.*

The time for miracles has passed. Jesus would no longer prove himself to these unbelievers.

When the high priest, Caiaphas first asked Jesus to answer the false witnesses, Jesus held his tongue. He had nothing more to prove to them. If they hadn't believed in him by now, they never would. Nothing he would say would ever convince these people assembled that he would make himself rise again in three days. It would be fruitless to utter one word to them. Theirs was an unbelieving lot, who hadn't interpreted the prophets correctly. If they had, then they would have known that Jesus was the one prophesied since the days of Abraham. Jesus knew what his lot was, and any words would be a waste of breath. The Father had warned him of all of this ahead of time.

But then the high priest turned the tables, and forced Jesus to respond to him. He did this by making Jesus swear by the living God. Caiaphas asked Jesus if he is the Son of God, the Messiah spoken of in the scriptures of the prophets.

At this point Jesus had to answer the high priest. He had no choice. When he was asked to swear by the living God, he was taking a solemn oath to the Father. Caiaphas had forced his hand.

His answer so beautiful. ***"You've said it."*** In other words, by the high priests own mouth it has been declared that Jesus is the Son of the living God, the Messiah. The Jesus makes a declaration, and a prophecy to him in reference to his second coming. ***"...Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."***

Sitting at the right hand of the throne of God. What does this all mean?

The heir of any throne, whether it be the king of any country, or the kingdom of heaven, always sits at the right hand of the king. The Father has made the Son heir to all things in creation. That includes this universe and any others. By telling the chief priest that he would be sitting at the right hand of the throne of power, Jesus was telling this assembly that he would be heir to all things. The heir to the God of Abraham. The first born Son of God, the prince who would rule the earth. This is a role that only the Messiah could fulfill.

The message wasn't just reserved for Caiaphas, but for all of us. We shall all see him sitting at the right hand of power. Words to remember when times look bleak in the days ahead. No matter what lies ahead, all eyes shall see him sitting at the right hand of power.

Then he prophesies in regards to his second coming. He will come in the clouds. This is the event I spoke of prior in regards to all those golden orbs of light that shall appear at the great and terrible day of the Lord. When these ships shall appear, they'll make earth's atmosphere produce clouds around them. It will be a sight that every eye on the planet shall see. Or as Jesus put it, ***“as lightning strikes in the east, and shines in the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be.”***

Caiaphas forced his hand, and Jesus responded in the affirmative. Swearing by the living God that he is the Messiah. This statement makes Jesus one of three things. A liar, a lunatic, or the Messiah. There are no other choices in the matter. Either he was lying to the high priests, which Jesus doesn't lie. Or he was a deluded lunatic, as they thought he was. Or he is truly the Messiah, which I believe. We all have to have make this choice as to the true identity of Jesus. There just aren't any other alternatives. In front of God and man, he boldly stated that he is the Messiah, prophesied about since the days of Abraham.

Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. Matthew 26:65.

Caiaphas stands up, and rips his clothes in half, declaring that Jesus is a blasphemer. Rather dramatic wouldn't you agree? It was an act of condemnation by the high priest, declaring that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy. This was a custom for any priest to do when he hears blasphemy. To rip their clothes, thereby disassociating themselves from the accused. It's basically the same thing as issuing a guilty verdict.

Caiaphas then asks the other priests and elders, why bother bringing in any other witnesses? We've heard it with our own ears! This man has proclaimed himself the Son of God! The verdict is guilty! No doubt, we have a blasphemer in our midst.

Herein lies a problem with this logic. Using this type of reasoning means that all are guilty. If anyone came before the high priests in a trial, and declared themselves the Messiah, they would be found guilty. It's a sure fire way to rid themselves of any false Christ's, but it would also destroy any real ones as well. This is the logic behind the Jewish nation missing their calling. They rejected

everyone who declared themselves a prophet. They threw the baby out with the bath water by killing all of them, both false and true.

The same logic destroyed all the prophets. If any man declared themselves a prophet, they would be labeled a blasphemer, and declared guilty. Whether real or otherwise.

What the high priests are guilty of, so has been our church for the past 2,000 years. Ask any mainline Protestant theology if there has been any prophets in the past 2,000 years, and the answer is a resounding no. The same holds true for those of the Catholic faith. Both will tell you that Jesus, and John the Baptist, are the last two prophets. Their reasoning is ludicrous, and I'll tell you why;

Prophecy is a gift of the Holy Spirit according to the Apostle Paul in 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Which makes sense to me, considering that the Holy Spirit is one of the three aspects of God. The other two being the Father, and the Son. The Father is the Soul, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit, and the Son is the Flesh of God. Three parts to one being.

Well since Jesus died on the cross, the Holy Spirit has been poured out onto the whole earth for all of those who ask for it in the name of Jesus. One of the gifts of the spirit according to Paul, is prophecy. So it is quite logical to me that prophecy is a byproduct of an indwelling of the Holy Spirit which lies within those that believe in Jesus. So why is it so hard for the church to believe in any sort of prophecy in the last two thousand years? The same length of time the Holy Spirit has inhabited this planet.

According to the church, prophecy doesn't exist anymore. They say it isn't needed. And I say to them, it's a gift of the Holy Spirit who inhabits all believers. And since the Holy Spirit is within us, and it is a product of that spirit, then it's logical to assume that we are all capable of prophesying.

Prophecy, like all gifts of the spirit, is a muscle that needs developing. I've discussed this at length earlier in this manuscript. Some spirits are born with it due to exercising this muscle at length in previous lives. When the two witnesses of revelations arrive on the scene, they will be born prophets due to their being Elijah in a previous life. A man with an awesome sense of prophecy.

It's my belief that the church has made the same error that the chief priests of Judaism made during the time of Christ. They refused belief in such miracles, and declared all prophets to be false. I'll say it again, they threw the baby out with the bath water, so to speak. We need to be open minded, and careful not to make the same mistakes they made.

There have been prophets in the last two thousand years. They of course, aren't in the scriptures, since the last book of the Bible was written in 90 AD. Yet be assured, they have come and gone from this earth. After all, the Holy Spirit has been alive and well on this planet for that length of time. And prophecy is a gift of the Holy Spirit, according to Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul is seconded by the Prophet Joel in his second chapter, and twenty eighth verse of his book, *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:"*

I for one, have experienced a few prophetic dreams and visions. Prophecy is alive and well in the past 2,000 years.

What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Matthew 26:66.

After Caiaphas rather dramatic renting of his garments, he asks the high priests their opinion on the matter. Their verdict, Jesus has blasphemed, and deserves to die for his perceived transgression of the laws of Moses. (Leviticus 24:16).

In their minds, this is an open and shut case, judging by Jesus own declaration of proclaiming himself the Son of God. They have to put him to death. But how? The only problem they now had was in which manner to do it. They would have to figure out a way to do it without creating a riot from the people who perceived Jesus as a prophet. The high priests and the elders would spend the next few hours studying this problem.

Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? Matthew 26:67-68.

Jesus prophesied to his disciples, telling them that he would be mocked and scorned by the unbelievers. Here that prophecy is fulfilled. After the persecutions of prophets such as Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and many others, it was now Jesus' turn to join the fate of God's servants.

He foresaw all of this, so he was prepared mentally. Yet the emotional anguish must have been extreme for him. The descendants of the chosen Abraham, spitting and striking at him. Mocking the Son of God by slapping him on the back of his head, and saying, "prophecy to us, who is striking you?"

This is how religious leaders treat the servants of God. They humiliate those whom God has chosen to spread his word. None are excluded from this treatment. The powers to be silence those whom object to the corruption. It transpired in the time of Jesus, it still does to this day. Imagine John the Baptist challenging the religious authorities of our day. How well do you think he would be treated? Imagine Jesus condemning Roman Catholicism, or any of the mainline Protestant faiths. Do you believe they would welcome him with open arms? Of course not. They would treat either of these men of God in the same fashion as they were treated 2,000 years ago.

This is a common theme amongst the prophets of God. They challenge the authorities of their day. And in doing so, they generally pay with their very lives. The same treatment will happen in our future in the name of the two witnesses of revelations.

Imagine you are Jesus. You have the power to call down twelve legions of angels, and stop these proceedings at any time. Yet he refrains from doing so. He takes their punishment because of his infinite love for mankind. He has all the power in the universe, and he refuses to defend himself. His patience is extraordinary.

Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. Matthew 26:69-70.

This is the first of Peter's three denials.

A damsel is a young, unmarried woman of noble birth. This woman sees Peter, recognizing him, pointing him out to the priests. Claiming that Peter was a companion of Jesus. But he refutes it, and backs away from the trial, and flees out of the palace.

Peter is in trouble and he knows it. He was a large man with recognizable features, and anyone who had been paying attention for the last few days would have known he was a disciple of Jesus.

The people were now in a frenzy, and wanting blood. The priests and elders had convinced those watching that Jesus of Nazareth was a fraud. The worst kind of Jew, a false prophet. Anyone associated with him would be deemed guilty, and worthy of trial and punishment. The tables had been turned from Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to his astonishing defeat. These religious authorities knew exactly how to deal with messengers such as Jesus. No one was going to usurp their power from them. If the spirit was going to punish them, fine. But no prophet in the flesh was going to sit in their seats.

And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. Matthew 26:71-72.

Peter runs for his life. He's sweating, and suffering from nervous exhaustion. The type of nervousness one feels when they know that they are next in line to be punished. He knows that the crowd is on to him. How to get himself out of this situation? He had better think quick, or his fate is doomed.

After another woman points at him and declares that he is a disciple of Jesus. Peter demands to swear an oath to the living God that he doesn't know Jesus. And never has. This temporarily convinces the crowd, but not thoroughly. They

eye him with suspicion as he further walks away from the throng of crowds. He has to get out of their fast, or he will be condemned as Jesus is.

*And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, **Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.** And he went out, and wept bitterly. Matthew 26:73-75.*

A final time, Peter is accused of being a follower of Jesus. It was his Galilean accent that betrayed him.

Peter launches into a tirade against the accusers, swearing at them. He takes another oath against the living God, saying he has no idea who this Jesus of Nazareth is, let alone be a follower. He tells them he is just a traveler here for the Passover. He is a fisherman, not a disciple.

Just as he was finishing with his rebuttal, the cock sounds its morning alarm. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had told him. As he heard it, he took off on a dead run toward the Mount of Olives. He couldn't believe what he just did to his friend.

He ran for his life, until finally reaching the fig tree that Jesus had cursed. The tree, like his master, was almost dead. He knelt down next to the tree, and wept such as he never had in his life. Fear, guilt, and sorrow came flooding out of the man. It seemed every emotion poured out of Peter until there was only one left, guilt. He wanted to dig a hole, and crawl into it. He felt that like Judas, he had betrayed his master. He wanted to die.

Matthew 27

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Matthew 27:1-2.

The chief priests and the elders had a problem on their hands. They needed to make sure that Jesus of Nazareth didn't survive. Nothing could be left to chance. If they failed in their mission to kill this Galilean, they may lose all their power over the people. The prospect of such an outcome was unthinkable to these men.

By their own laws, they couldn't put Jesus to death. Not on the Passover. So they concocted a scheme whereby the Roman governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate would try him, find him guilty, and kill him. This would place the blame on the death of Jesus in Roman hands, hopefully avoiding a riot from the followers of this Nazarene.

In their scheming minds, they figured that if they had him killed, a riot would ensue. But if the Romans performed this deed, then the people would be more hesitant to act. Therefore, they took their chances. They bound him up, and led him to the Roman governor.

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. Matthew 27:3-5

While the elders were busy scheming, Judas presents himself.

After all this time, it has finally dawned on Judas that Jesus is not the conquering Messiah spoken of in the scriptures. He is to be, as Jesus prophesied

to him, the suffering Messiah. Judas was hoping for the lion, but ended up with the lamb. He was hoping for an overthrow of the Romans, but that was not to be. He was hoping that by leading Jesus of Nazareth to the elders, that his master might prove himself before the high priests. Then once Jesus has proven himself, the elders would have no choice but to declare him the Son of David. But this was not to be.

Once realizing that his best laid plans had faded away, Judas repented. He went back to the Temple, and attempted to give the thirty pieces of silver back to the high priests. He didn't want anything more to do with this blood money.

In defense of Judas, he had been misled by the high priests. He had struck a corrupt bargain based on false premises. The priests and elders had led Judas to believe that Jesus was going to receive a fair hearing. They said nothing about any type of trial. They told Judas that Jesus would have the chance to prove to them that he was indeed the prophesied Messiah, the Son of David. Judas therefore acted out his betrayal on deception given to him from the elders. In the end, Judas was naïve, and paid for that naivety with his life.

In the Gospel of John, in the 27th verse of the 13th chapter, it says in reference to Judas, *"And after the sop Satan entered into him..."*

I'm curious, when Judas realized what he had done and repented, had Satan left him? Or was he still with him? After all, Judas did hang himself. My guess is that Satan still had his grip on Judas, all the way to the end of his tragic life.

As for the future of Judas? Jesus himself said that it would have been better if Judas had not been born. (Mark 14:21). I'm wondering if this was in reference to the spiritual fate of Judas, or the physical one. Judas did hang himself, so an argument can be made that Jesus said that in reference to Judas committing this horrible act. If your fate is suicide, then not being born is a much better alternative.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken

by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. Matthew 27:6-10.

These verses are quite interesting.

According to the laws of Moses, the priests were not allowed to take the money, and put it into the temple treasury. Because it was used to cause bloodshed. So they had to do something with it. After much debate on what to do with this significant amount of silver, they decided to buy a field that had been for sale by a local potter. They would then use the field as a burial ground for strangers.

The Prophet Jeremiah prophesied this event hundreds of years prior.

*And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, **Thou sayest.** Matthew 27:11.*

The elders bound Jesus, and took him to the Roman governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate.

Pilate had been governor of Judea for the past seven years, arriving in Judea in 26 AD to relieve Valerius Gratus as prefect for this small eastern Mediterranean province. He would last another four years after the trial of Jesus, before being recalled back to Rome. According to the historian Josephus, Pontius Pilate was dismissed due to his harsh treatment of the Samaritans in 37 AD.

Pontius Pilate had a problem. The elders of Israel had taken this man of Galilee to him, telling the prefect that Jesus had declared himself “King of the Jews.” Knowing that no one in the Roman Empire was allowed that title. Only Caesar could declare himself a ruler, all others served only him. By Jesus giving himself that title, he was guilty of treason. And the Roman penalty for treason is death.

Yet Pilate found this “holy man” rather intriguing. Jesus looked rather harmless to him, so why would the elders of Israel be so concerned about someone who looked rather ordinary to him? Someone who looked like he would

rather be preaching to the poor than be a king? So why did Jesus declare himself one to him? Knowing what the Roman penalty is. The question vexed Pontius Pilate. There had to be more to this Jesus of Nazareth than the elders were letting him in on. Why were they so afraid of him? What had he done to deserve such scorn and criticism from his fellow countrymen?

Pontius Pilate didn't see Jesus in the same way that the elders did. Whereas the elders saw Jesus as an enormous threat to their religion, and way of life, Pilate saw only a harmless Galilean.

And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Matthew 27:12.

Pilate took some time off to think these things through. While doing so, the elders and chief priests went on the attack. Venom poured out of their mouths, as Lucifer took over their souls. They accused Jesus of perverting their faith, blaspheming the Living God, and preaching a false doctrine of salvation.

These are the same chief priests whom Jesus verbally annihilated just a few days ago in front of thousands of Jews at the Temple. They had revenge on their minds. They accused Jesus as being a false prophet, and a false Messiah. For using sorcery to perform his many miracles. That he was in league with the Devil, whom he used to deceive the masses of Jerusalem. And many more accusations.

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Matthew 27:13-14.

Jesus was resigned to the fact that his fate was sealed. There was no point in trying to defend himself against these religious elders of Jerusalem. As he spoke earlier, if he wanted to, he could have called down 12 legions of angels from heaven. Such a mighty host at his fingertips, yet he refused to use them.

The Son of Man was through performing miracles in this life. Through trying to convince an evil and adulterous generation that he was indeed the chosen

Messiah. After feeding the five thousand, healing the sick, helping the poor, and raising the dead, if they hadn't believed by now, they never would. Jesus was in the midst of spiritual blindness.

After receiving his answer from the Father at Gethsemane, Jesus knew that he was not performing his will, but the Father's. There was no point in fighting any of this. He didn't completely understand it, yet he obeyed his orders. He was to be the sacrifice for all of mankind.

Without him, humanity was doomed to be servants to Lucifer and his band of demons. His appearance on earth was paramount in the plans of the Father. Jesus must follow through with the sacrifice, for the Holy Spirit must be made available to those living on the planet. It is the only power greater than Lucifer, so its appearance is of prime importance to the kingdom of heaven.

While Jesus was resigning himself to his fate, Pilate was completely bewildered as to why this man from Galilee wouldn't defend himself from these many accusations. This governor had witnessed many trials and hearings in his day, and the accused always defended themselves, but not this Jesus. The man had nothing to say, and Pilate was perplexed over the matter.

The Roman governor sat looking at Jesus. Why would this man remain silent? Did he have a death wish? Didn't Jesus realize that he could have him crucified for declaring himself a king? Yet no words are uttered from him.

Pilate wondered to himself, *what is it about this man that I find so intriguing? So captivating?* Something deep inside himself told him not to condemn this man. That this Jesus was innocent, and no threat whatsoever to Rome. Yet he did declare that he was King of the Jews, therefore the religious elders were correct in bringing Jesus to him.

What to do about this situation that he was in? He ordered the elders to shut up for a moment so he could think this through.

And then an idea occurred to him which would ease his conscience.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Matthew 27:15-16.

The Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, concocted an ingenious plan. He would bring back an old tradition that allowed him to release a prisoner during the feast. The tradition would put forth two criminals in front of the people, and they would choose from which of these two to pardon. He could place Jesus of Nazareth on one side, and their worst criminal on the other. If his plan worked, then Jesus would be released, and his mind no longer troubled.

The question would be whom to oppose Jesus for this right to freedom?

It would have to be Rome's worst enemy. One so terrible that Jesus was surely to defeat, thereby ensuring his liberation. But whom?

Pilate called his top advisor over and told him his idea. He asked the advisor whom to be placed opposite Jesus. The answer was a resounding, "Barabbas!" It was the only answer, and Pilate cursed himself for forgetting about this terrible monster.

Barabbas was a ringleader of a band of fanatics known as "the Zealots." Organizer of countless terrorist attacks against the Romans. The absolute definition of a 1st century "terrorist." Inciter of riots, murderer of Roman soldiers, the Osama bin Laden of his day. An enemy to Rome for years who just recently had finally been captured.

Once Pontius Pilate made his decision, he announced it to the religious elders of Israel. There would be a public choosing held in which the people would gather to select whom would be pardoned. Jesus of Nazareth, or the notorious Barabbas.

The religious elders saw through Pilate's plan and began to object. They were met with Pilate's stare that told them that he had made his decision, and it was final.

Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. Matthew 27:17-18.

Three hours after it was announced, the people were gathered together. They would decide the fate of two men, Jesus and Barabbas. One would be spared, the other judged. Freedom for the winner, crucifixion for the loser.

The size of the crowd was into the thousands. Amassed from all parts of the city. Many in the crowd were those whom listened to Jesus, and were followers of his. People whose hearts were touched when they heard the words of this prophet from Galilee. Jews who had been healed by his words and deeds. These people were ready to set Jesus free, so they could continue to follow him.

Opposed to this crowd were what nowadays is called, “professional protestors.” People who are paid to protest. These are those who’ve been bought and paid for by the religious elders. Paid in their service to condemn Jesus, and allow Barabbas to be liberated. It cost the religious elders an enormous amount of money, but in their minds, this was worth it. If they allowed Jesus to survive, their whole religion may become extinct. If that were to happen, all their power would disappear with the Judean wind. They could not take that chance, therefore they emptied their money chests for this all important decision of the people.

Pontius Pilate slowly walks to the center of the stage and makes his announcement to the people. Whom shall he release? Barabbas, or Jesus the Christ? Pilate added the title of Christ to Jesus name, as an insult to the religious elders. He never cared for these arrogant, so-called masters of the law. The Roman governor saw right through their plans, and knew what was at stake for them. Any chance to dig under the skin of them, he would take. So he added the title of Christ to Jesus name, just to piss them off.

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. Matthew 27:19.

The wife of Pontius Pilate was a Mary Todd Lincoln of her day. The spouse of a ruler, who like the former first lady, was plagued by dreams and visions. And like

Mrs. Lincoln, Pilate's wife would often share her many visions and dreams with her husband. And like the Lincoln's, Pontius Pilate and his wife believed in the spiritual world. So when she came to give him counsel in this matter because of a dream, he took her words seriously. As he always did when she received these messages from the spirit.

She was being haunted by the spirit over this "just" man. Continually being shown images of his brutal suffering. Witnessing a nightmare given to her which had been lasting for hours. She had to say something to her husband over this. She was being given a message, and it had to be relayed to him.

Pilate listened with keen interest as his wife relayed the messages she was given. He knew from past experience that her visions were quite accurate. She had warned him not to condemn this man, and that if he did, there would be hell to pay for it. She didn't want the blood of Jesus on her husband's head, and she conveyed her feelings to him about this. A sense of doom had invaded her being, and she told Pilate to have nothing to do with this matter.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Matthew 27:20-21.

It states here in scripture that the elders "persuaded" the multitude. Let me give you a more accurate word for that sentence. The word "paid" should be inserted here. They bought and paid for many in the crowd. Enough to tilt the balance of power in their answer to Pilate, and condemn Jesus.

Fights begun to break out amongst the crowd between the Jesus supporters, and those for Barabbas. But the zealots supporting Barabbas, and the thugs purchased by the priests, were able to intimidate those whom were loyal to Jesus, and overcome them.

The Roman authorities were becoming nervous. Pilate's plan was backfiring on him. He had underestimated how far the high priests would go. Never in his wildest dreams did he believe that the elders of Judea would empty their treasury

to buy off thousands of Jews. Once he realized what they had done, it was too late. He was trapped.

How could they possibly let loose Rome's number one enemy? Setting Barabbas free was the equivalent of the United States turning loose Osama bin Laden. It was unthinkable, yet there they were, about to pardon Barabbas.

Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. Matthew 27:22-23.

The thousands whom were bought off by the priests were taking over the crowd. They were paid well for their services, and they were going to give the priests their money's worth. Working themselves into a frenzy, they wanted blood. These thugs couldn't care less about anyone's religious beliefs, they only wanted to see a man crucified. And it certainly wasn't going to be their friend Barabbas. Along with the zealots, they had complete control over the crowd. Anyone who raised their voice for Jesus, was either shouted down, or beaten.

It's a sad state of affairs when the Roman governor is the one who ends up begging for the life of Jesus. It goes to show just how corrupt the religious elders of Jerusalem were, along with the rest of the nation for that matter.

"What evil hath he done?" The same question raised by Pilate is the same one that has been asked countless times since that fateful day. Exactly what evil had Jesus done to deserve such a punishment? Why in the name of God did this holy man have to suffer in such a manner? Why did it have to be so brutal?

At least with Abraham, the sacrifice of his son would have been physically painless. The Father didn't ask Abraham to crucify Isaac. His son's death would have been quick. Yet with Jesus, the sacrifice of God's son was slow, and extremely painful. That's because Lucifer, and not Abraham, was in charge of these proceedings. The archangel was going to make sure the Son of Man was going to needlessly suffer. It can only make us realize how much Jesus loves us to be able to put up with this much abuse. He could have stopped it all at any second, but he relented, and followed the will of the Father.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Matthew 27:24-25.

The Roman governor argued with the crowd, but to no avail. It was fruitless to try to convince these maniacs to set Jesus free. The religious elders had outwitted Pontius Pilate. It was no use, the crowd had been bought and paid for. Those hired created a widespread state of confusion within the crowd. They first infiltrated, and then overcame the masses. By doing so, Jesus fate was sealed. He was doomed to be crucified.

Once Pilate gave up trying to convince this mob, he washed his hands of the whole affair. Once he had done so, the crowd declared that any blood from Jesus be upon their heads and their children. They had no idea the curse they were bringing down upon themselves and their children.

The blood upon them would be the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD, and the end of the nation of Judea. The children and grandchildren of those in the crowd would pay for their transgressions. How short sighted they were. A genocide of the Jews that was only topped by Adolph Hitler.

Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Matthew 27:26.

To the horror of the Roman authorities, Pilate releases Barabbas. Public enemy number one has just been set free. Pontius Pilate had just made a grave mistake by underestimating the power, and persuasion skills of the Jewish religious leaders. He thought he could kill two birds with one stone. Crucify his enemy Barabbas, and allow this innocent man Jesus to be released. Yet this wasn't to be. The elders had defeated all his plans.

After Pilate released Barabbas, he has Jesus scourged. Which is a penalty far worse than being whipped.

Besides being crucified, scourging may be the worst penalty dished out by the Roman authorities at that time period. To be scourged wasn't a death penalty,

as crucifixion is, but in many cases those who were scourged did die while serving their penalty. No doubt they were beaten to death from the scourging. It was a penalty designed to humiliate its victims, as it was always carried out in public.

The weapon used for scourging was called a flagellum. A flagellum is a whip equipped with at least three thongs attached at the ends of the whip. Each thong may be as long as three feet long, with metal balls, bones, or any other object that can be used to cut flesh with. The thongs would strike the skin with such force as to rip open the flesh of its victim, exposing bone and veins.

Each strike let out an enormous amount of pain on the body. So strong that the victim would almost pass out and go into shock as the thongs raked across his back side. Time and again Jesus went through this agonizing process.

Thirty nine times Jesus was struck with this object across his backside, from his shoulders to his loins. Chunks of meat being torn from his body. He was left bloody, weak, and almost to the point of death. By the time the scourging was finished, Jesus was an unrecognizable mess of flesh and bones. A few more strikes would have killed him, but that wasn't the point of the scourging. So the Roman Centurion stopped. Jesus death would come later through the crucifixion.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. Matthew 27:27-31.

Soldiers of Rome could be so brutal. Once the scourging was completed, the Roman soldiers did to Jesus was they do to all those who suffered the same fate, they had some fun with him. They humiliated Jesus by making fun of him, mocking his royal status.

By stripping off this clothes and placing a scarlet covered robe on him, they were mocking his royalty. Sarcastically bowing down and yelling "King of the

Jews” to insult the man. Of course every king needs a crown, so they made a thorny crown for him. Placing it upon him so the thorns could strike deep into his skull. His temples must have been on fire as they slammed the thorns into him.

None of this was necessary. The scourging was completed, and the crucifixion was next. By mocking and insulting him, they were doing what Roman soldiers do to their enemies. They humiliated him.

They were mocking his power. Telling Jesus that they had power over him. If they only knew just how much power the Son of Man truly wields, I’m not quite sure they would be performing this act on him. Yet he refused to exercise any of his immense powers. Not the Son’s, but the Father’s will prevailed.

The patience Jesus exercised that day amazes me. I’m not quite sure I would be able to refrain from calling down at least a couple of legions of angels upon the Romans. More than likely, my temper would have gotten the best of me, and I would have had the archangel Michael and his forces march all the way to Rome for revenge. Burning and pillaging along the way.

What was the mind of Jesus going through at this point? Was he beginning to have his doubts about this whole situation? He was being ripped apart by a scourging tool, and then mocked by a bunch of humans he was put here to save. One can only speculate how he felt when it seemed all of humanity was against him. Yet he trusted the Father. Jesus knew that this way was the Father’s way of redeeming mankind. But at this point, did he really believe in it? Did he believe that the Father’s way was the right way? One can only wonder.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. Matthew 27:32.

The Roman soldiers then took his battered and beaten body to where the cross lay, so he could carry it to his spot of crucifixion. Despite numerous attempts at carrying the cross, Jesus failed to drag it very far, and fell in a heap. There just wasn’t enough strength left in the man. Resigned to the fact that Jesus would be unable to carry the cross, the Roman soldiers looked around for a substitute. A human mule to bring the cross to their ultimate destination,

Golgotha. They surveyed the crowd, and saw a large man named Simon, and ordered him to carry Jesus' burden.

Imagine for a moment that you are Simon. A Jew from an area of Libya known as Cyrene. You travelled far to Jerusalem in order to take part in the holiday festivities, and you end up carrying the cross for the Messiah. Taking part in the burden laid out by the Father from the foundation of the world, eternally marking your name in the history books.

Simon, taking pity on the condition of Jesus, didn't object to the task at hand. When the Roman soldiers ordered him, he loaded up the cross and performed his duty.

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. Matthew 27:33-34.

Golgotha, otherwise known as Calvary, is a hill located just outside the gates of Jerusalem. It's called the place of the skull because the hill is shaped like a human skull. The Romans chose to put him here because anyone entering the city would be forced to see the crucifixion. It was a political statement aimed at the Jews, and what happens to those that declare themselves a king to Rome. The Romans wanted to show the Jews what happens to those revolutionaries that oppose the all-powerful Roman Empire.

An interesting note about Golgotha. According to the Gnostic writings, "The Conflict of Adam and Eve with Satan," The High Priest of Salem, Melchizedek, traveled to the resting place of Noah's Ark, and retrieved the body of Adam from it. The Priest was then led by the angels to Golgotha, which was described as a skull shaped hill at the center of the Earth. Melchizedek then buries Adam at Golgotha, and according to tradition, this act crushes the skull of Lucifer. Placing man above the demons. How Adam ended up being in Noah's Ark is beyond me. An interesting story, if nothing else.

It's stated here in scripture that the Romans offered Jesus some vinegar mixed with gall. He tasted it and then refused. We must ask ourselves, why would the Roman soldiers offer this concoction to Jesus? Simply because it was a pain

killer. It would have numbed Jesus, and reduced the pain that the Roman soldiers were inducing upon him. So it was an act of pity.

Why did Jesus reject this medicine? Was it because he promised the disciples at the last supper that he wouldn't drink until he was in the kingdom of heaven? I doubt it. My guess is that he refused any pain medication because he was meant to experience all the horrid effects of his crucifixion. All the agony would be placed upon him. Anything that would reduce his pain was rejected by the Father, with the Son merely obeying his voice. No numbing effects were allowed.

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Matthew 27:35-37.

Once again King David is being quoted. Psalms 22:18 states, *"They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."* Another remarkable prophecy given by that legendary king of Israel. The greatest warrior poet of all time.

The Romans used a T shaped cross, with the crossbeam not quite reaching the top of the main beam. That way they could fix the sign that said, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews."

The cross was laid to the ground, with Jesus stripped, and laid upon it. Instead of tying him to the cross, they drove nails through his hands and feet, which were extended to their outermost stretch. The pain felt must have been excruciating as metal tore into flesh and bone. A projecting ledge was placed for his feet to rest upon. This would relieve Jesus from having the whole weight of his body lunging forward. Placing all that pressure upon his arms and hands.

Luke 23:34 states that at this time Jesus said, ***"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."***

Amazing that Jesus was praying for those whom were inflicting this massive amount of pain on him. Telling the Father that they were only doing this out of

their ignorance. Which is true, they didn't know whom Jesus was. This is the infinite grace shown by our Lord.

When the Romans lifted up the cross and placed it in its designated hole in the ground, the shock to Jesus body was tremendous. If not for Jesus strength, his body would have been severely disjointed by this act. Refusing the pain killer, he felt every nerve in his body about to explode. Between the scourging, and the crucifixion, the physical body of Jesus didn't have much longer to live.

The soldiers, by orders from Pontius Pilate, hung a sign above Jesus' head saying, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." The reason this was done was twofold. First, it was a custom for the Romans to list their crimes for which they were crucified for. They would do this by placing a sign above the perpetrator's head. The second reason was to send a message to the Jews. Basically telling the Jews that this is what happens to enemies of Rome. Those whom think they are kings, and therefore above or equal with Caesar.

After stripping Jesus of his outer garments, the Roman soldiers "cast lots" for it. To cast lots means they used a method which would determine the outcome of the victor by random means. Such as the rolling of dice, the drawing of straws, etc. Jesus' robe was won by a game of random chance. Only Heaven knows what happened to this sacred article of clothing.

Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. Matthew 27:38.

Three crosses were erected on that hill at Golgotha. Two thieves were crucified on each side of Jesus. Without divine intervention, those two spots would have been occupied by Philip and Bartholomew. But the Father had other plans for their futures.

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If

he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. Matthew 27:39-43.

Once Jesus and the two thieves were set upon their crosses. The only thing left to do was to wait to die, and give up their ghosts. The show was over, now all that was left was for them was to return to the Father from whence they came.

But this wasn't enough for the chief priests, and the elders. They couldn't just sit back and watch this holy man die. They had to mock and criticize him while he hung on for dear life. They had to demean him who was suffering for their sake. They had to yell out "save yourself."

This was common for all prophets to endure. The religious would kill them, and in the middle of it, would scorn and ridicule these servants of the Father. They couldn't just let them die in peace. They mocked all prophets, claiming that only they could know the message of God. That only the religious priests could interpret scripture correctly.

And how dare any upstart from the hills tell them their business. In today's terminology, how dare any red neck hillbilly tell these religious scholars anything! After all, it is the priests, chosen by God from the tribe of Levi, who were left in charge of the spiritual affairs of the nation of Israel. Not these country folk from the Galilean hills.

So the priests taunted and challenged Jesus, as they did with all of God's prophets. "Come down from the cross and we will believe you." In other words, perform another sign and a miracle, the one hundred or so that you've already performed wasn't good enough for us. We still need that one last sign that proves that you are the Son of David.

"Come down from the cross," they taunted. Jesus had to hear those words as he was nearing his physical death. It just goes to show us all the infinite amount of patience that he had for them. He didn't seek vengeance, only mercy for those who were making fun of him. After all, *they know not what they do*. Surely those religious priests didn't. They had no idea they were in the middle of creating one of the greatest spiritual revolutions of all time.

Jesus was not going to come down from the cross. To do so would have defeated the will of the Father. He had the power to do so, yet he chose not to exercise it. Instead, he followed our Father's will, and inherited the kingdom of heaven.

The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Matthew 27:44.

What does it mean when it says, "*cast the same in his teeth?*" It means they reviled him, being very critical to him in an insulting way. Mocking him, saying the same things that the chief priests and elders were saying. Telling him to come down from the cross to prove himself. To these insults, Jesus remained silent.

The Gospel of Luke further elaborates on this. In Luke 23:39-43 it states: "*And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest unto thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shall thou be with me in paradise.***"

It says in Luke that only one of the thieves railed against Jesus, telling him to save himself and them. Who is rebuked by the other thief. The second thief then begs forgiveness from Jesus, which is granted. He is forgiven due to his belief in Jesus being the Son of God. He proclaims him that by "*remember me when you come into your kingdom.*"

Jesus then gives the answer for the ages to all of those who believe that there is life after death. That there is heaven after earth. "***Today you will be with me in paradise.***" His faith has healed the thief.

Notice here that Jesus doesn't condemn the other thief for his lack of faith. Nor does he cast the other thief in hell. He merely tells him who believes that he shall be in paradise. No judgment whatsoever shown toward thief number one. Only forgiveness toward thief number two.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. Matthew 27:45.

The sixth hour was high noon, the ninth hour being three pm. Darkness covered the land from noon to three in the afternoon.

To put a timeline on the events which led up to this point, Jesus was taken to the palace of the high priest at 3 am, Friday morning, April 3, 33 AD. This was followed by the meeting with the high priests until 6 am. Then Jesus went before Pilate and was eventually scourged and crucified, with the cross being erected at 9 am. So Jesus was already hanging from the cross for three hours, from 9 am until noon, when the eclipse happened. The blood moon which signaled the end of the age of ancient Israel, and the beginning of the Church age.

The reason I know the date of this crucifixion comes from the Prophet Daniel. In the Book of Daniel, chapter 9, verses 21-26, says that the Anointed one will be cut off in 476 years. Since this vision was given in 444 BC, 33 AD is the year. On Friday, April 3rd of that year, the Earth experience a lunar eclipse, a blood moon. This is when Jerusalem turned into darkness for three hours, while the eclipse was taking place.

Only one Passover lunar eclipse was visible from Jerusalem during the reign of Pilate. This occurred on April 3, 33 AD between the hours of twelve to three pm. The day our Lord was crucified.

A succession of blood moons signifies massive change is coming. This will occur in 2033, and 2034, when Jesus returns back to us. Two thousand years after he departed. From a blood moon in 33 AD, to another in 2034 AD, thus measured the age of the Church of Jesus Christ.

*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** Matthew 27:46.*

On Friday 3rd, 33 Ad, at exactly 3 pm, Jesus experienced his moment of extreme doubt. At the exact moment at the end of the blood moon eclipse, Jesus

cries out to the Father. Feeling abandoned, the Son asking the Father why he has forsaken him.

I have read numerous explanations as to why Jesus uttered these words, and found none of them entirely satisfying. They are as follows:

That Jesus had a natural fear of death.

That he failed in enduring the wrath laid out upon the human race by the Father. That it was simply too much for him.

That there was a momentary interruption of the conscious union between Father and Son.

That Lucifer had his grip upon Jesus at this moment in time. That the entire gates of hell were assaulting him when he cried out.

It was said to fulfill prophecy. Psalms 22:1, (another one by King David), *"...My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?"*

Personally, I see this the same way I view Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was at his absolute weakest when he was begging the Father to pardon him. After all, it is said that he was sweating blood at the time. Just as he was physically compromised hanging from the cross. In so much pain that it had to affect his mind. At Gethsemane, he was resigned to the will of the Father. On the cross, he was feeling the same resignation, and he lashed out about it.

Jesus was the Son of Man, and the Son of God. One part flesh, and one part spirit. The physical, or flesh part of Jesus was reacting to his situation the way that many of us would. After all that he had performed, why had God forsaken the man? He had done all that was commanded, yet here he was, hanging from a cross.

We all have our moment of doubt. This was Jesus telling us that we are not alone in those feelings. While in the body, we have a limited perspective. We only know the past and the present. The Father only knows the future, and how each event impacts another into the future. God knew that this event at Golgotha would impact billions of people in the Earth's future. Therefore, he stayed the

course, and allowed his Son to perish on the cross. He, more than Jesus, knew the outcome. It's all about perspective. While in the flesh, Jesus didn't have the Father's unlimited vision. Therefore he had to go on faith in the Father's plan.

Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. Matthew 27:47.

When Jesus cried out, "**Eli, Eli...**," many of those in attendance mistakenly thought that Jesus was calling down the Prophet Elijah to help him. Yet this was not to be. For Elijah had already come in the name of John the Baptist, and like Jesus, he was martyred. Instead, Jesus was calling on the ancient name of the Father.

A note about Elijah. This is a sacred Soul in the Kingdom of Heaven. He has lived numerous lives affecting the nation of Israel. From Seth to Shem, Isaac, Samuel, Solomon, Elijah, to John the Baptist, this soul has been placed on a mission of prophecy laid down from the foundation of the world.

This is the prophet for whom was supposed to arrive first before the Messiah. This applies to both Jesus' first, and second coming. For the Jews, they knew that Elijah represented the prophets. He was seen as prophet par excellence to the nation of Israel. Standing out like a tower amongst these holy servants of the Father. Moses represented the law, Elijah the prophets. The twin pillars of Judaism.

And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. Matthew 27:48-50.

According to the Gospel of John, chapter 19, verse 30, Jesus cried out, "**It is finished**, and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost."

It is spoken here that Jesus cried out with a loud voice before he gave up the ghost. He used up what little energy he had left and yelled out in the loudest voice he could muster, "**IT IS FINISHED!**" Which was followed by a thunderclap.

The Heavens shook at the sound of his voice. Every member of God's heavenly host heard these fateful words. The work begun by the Father through his prophets Abraham, Moses, David, and others was completed at Golgotha. Plans laid down at the foundation of this planet.

The sacrifice complete, mankind redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Hell went into a state of panic at the utterance of those words. Lucifer now had an enormous problem on his hands. First, there was now a physical power in the universe greater than himself. The archangel was trumped by the only power in the universe whom he had more authority than he had, The Father. By becoming flesh, the Father had found a way to unleash his power upon all mankind through the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus arrived, there was no possible way for the Holy Spirit to become manifest on Earth. After Jesus, anyone who calls upon the name of Jesus receives as their reward, the Holy Spirit of God.

This is paramount to humans not only on Earth, but elsewhere throughout the galaxy. Lucifer and his band of underlings have been creating havoc not only on this planet, but in all places where humanity resides.

The Holy Spirit had to be let loose in order to repel those angels who've chosen not to follow the Father. Before the advent of the Holy Spirit, Lucifer had free reign throughout. He could match power with the archangel Michael, so that created a stalemate between the forces of light and darkness. Michael needed help, and the answer to that situation was the creation of the Holy Spirit of the Father. Enabled by his physical representation in the form of Jesus of Nazareth.

It is finished!

The planting of Adam upon this planet to create a special race of humans to create a holy royal bloodline upon Earth.

The saving of that race by Noah.

The agreement between the Father and Abraham, guaranteeing that all the world would be blessed from his seed.

The liberation of that race by Moses.

The guarantee to David that like Abraham, the whole world would be blessed from his seed.

The blessing to the whole world in the physical representation of the Father in Jesus of Nazareth.

The eventual destruction of Lucifer and his dark forces by this man, Jesus of Nazareth. A God/Man with powers greater than any archangel.

It is finished! These words reverberate throughout the kingdom of heaven to this day. Like a never ending vibration of power.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Matthew 27:51-53.

The archangel Gabriel appeared at the holy temple and ripped the curtain, which separated the priests from the Holy of Holies, in two. It was at this moment that the covenant between the Father and ancient Israel ceased to exist. It was the end of the age. A nearly two thousand year age that begun with the Prophet Abraham, and ended at Golgotha.

The moment that Jesus breathed his last, the covenant was finished. At least for the time being. It would be renewed again, but that wouldn't be until another 1915 years, in 1948. It was now time for a new covenant, one between the Son, Jesus, and his followers. A new age, with a new covenant, performed through the Holy Spirit of God. The age of ancient Israel had given way to the Church age.

Gabriel blew his horn to announce the birth of a new age. When he did this, an earthquake ensued, and large boulders were split in two. The graves of those whom had passed away from an earlier time period had opened, and millions of saints rose into the kingdom of heaven. Before the arrival of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, these beings could only sleep. Afterwards, they inherited their long awaited rewards.

It is spoken here that many of these saints entered into the holy city of Jerusalem. Imagine the upheaval at the appearance of thousands of saints descending upon this timeless city at once. There would have been chaos in the streets. Men of different generations telling those with ears to hear the good news of redemption. For one who lived through this day, it certainly wouldn't be one to forget. This is the first ascension. The second one will happen at the rapture, ushering in the great tribulation period.

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. Matthew 27:54.

The man in charge of this crucifixion detail, a Roman centurion, marveled at the events which had taken place before his eyes. He's watching the three victims of the crucifixion, and he sees the man in the middle expire. Once that happens, there is a rather large earthquake, rocks split in two, followed by the opening up of graves. This would have given anyone pause, even a man in authority, such as a Roman centurion.

This centurion would go down in history. This is the infamous Cornelius, whom Peter converted. He would later on become bishop of Caesarea, succeeding Philip. A god fearing man, whose seeds were first planted on this day at the witnessing of the events which transpired at the death of Jesus at Golgotha.

And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedees children. Matthew 27:55-56.

There was always a group of women who surrounded Jesus and his disciples. Here it states that standing at a distance was Mary Magdalene, another Mary, and the mother of the brother disciples, James and John. The Mary who is stated as the mother of Joseph and James, was Jesus own mother. James and Joseph,

along with the disciples Simon and Jude, are his half-brothers, sons of Joseph and Mary. The mother of James and John was named Salome, the wife of Zebedee.

In the Gospel of Philip it states, "There were three who always walked with the Lord: Mary, his mother, and her sister, and Magdalene, the one who was called his companion. His sister and his mother and his companion were each a Mary." These would be the three whom the Gospel of Matthew would also be referring to. Mary Magdalene, his mother Mary, and Mary Salome.

These three were also whom was helping to finance this more than three yearlong mission of Jesus and his disciples. Mary Salome's husband Zebedee was half owner of a fishing business. His partner was Peter. Mary Magdalene had a fair amount of money, so she also helped with the finances. And lastly, Jesus' mother Mary had inherited her husband Joseph's business at his death.

A note about Jesus earthly father, Joseph, and his sons.

Many have wrongly assumed that he was nothing more than a simple carpenter. This is incorrect. The Greek word in scripture used to describe Joseph was "tekton." This is a word that described a person who is an artisan, carpenter, craftsman, stoneworker, and mason. In other words, Joseph was much more than a carpenter. He was a master builder. Therefore he ran a very lucrative business.

Joseph and Jesus' trades are mentioned in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 6 verse 3. *"Is not this the carpenter (tekton), the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters with us? And they were offended at him."*

James, Simon, and Jude became disciples of Jesus. The other brother Joseph took over the family business at the death of their father. Someone had to stay home and tend to the business, and Joseph was the brother who most took after his father. More will be discussed about this half-brother Joseph in the next verse. The other three brothers followed their elder brother Jesus.

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph

had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Matthew 27:57-61.

Joseph of Arimathea is a rather interesting character in history. It is stated here in scripture that he asked for the body of Jesus from the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. Once he received the body, he had it wrapped up and placed into his own new tomb. He was aided by Mary Magdalene, and Jesus' mother Mary.

So who is this mysterious Joseph? And where is Arimathea?

According to the Gospel of Mark, (chapter 15, verse 43), Joseph was *“a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God.”* According to the Gospel of John, (chapter 19, verse 38), he was a *“secret disciple.”* So according to these two gospels, Joseph was a secret disciple who was the member of the council.

According to the Gospel of Luke, (chapter 23, verse 51), Arimathea is a city in Judea. Yet apart from this Gospel, there is absolutely no record of any place called Arimathea. The reason being, it didn't exist. The *“city”* of Arimathea is pure fiction.

So we have here a wealthy secret disciple who is a member of the council from a fictional city of Arimathea. Well, as you can imagine, this leaves much to wonder. Therefore I contacted my guardian Angel, Samuel, and asked him about this Joseph of Arimathea. His answer astounded me:

“Joseph was a rich man who was the half-brother of Jesus. Like James, Simon, and Jude, a son of Mary and Joseph of Nazareth. Once the elder Joseph passed away, the younger Joseph took over the family business, while the other brothers followed the Lord. Their business thrived which created the family wealth. This wealth helped finance Jesus' more than three year mission.

“Before Jesus had entered into Jerusalem for his final week, he made arrangements with his brother Joseph to have a tomb made for him. And once Jesus was crucified, it was Joseph, as the now head of the family, to make arrangements for his brother's body. So it was only logical to have Joseph beg the body of Jesus to Pontius Pilate.”

When I asked Samuel why would there be a cover up in regards to the true identity of Joseph. His response was that Rome had time to edit the scriptures, and they wanted to portray Mary as someone who lived her life as a virgin. Which was untrue. Joseph and she had several children after Jesus. Among them were Joseph, James the Just, Simon the Zealot, and Jude. They also had a sister named Mary who was quite close to the Lord. His ministry was a family affair, with all those of the family except Joseph following the Lord during his many travels. He stayed behind in Nazareth, to run the lucrative family business that their father had left behind.

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. Matthew 27:62-66.

The day after Joseph laid his brother Jesus in the tomb, the priests and elders petitioned Pilate to have a guard stand watch. It wasn't enough that they had him killed. They had to make sure that his disciples wouldn't remove the body, and then proclaim that Jesus had risen.

Imagine what Pontius Pilate thought about all this monkey business. He must have thought the priests mad for requesting something so unusual. To have guards preside over a tomb. Evidently, he gave into their requests, and had the tomb sealed, and Roman guards posted. Shaking his head, he must have thought these Jews were a peculiar species for all their unusual demands. So afraid of this Galilean prophet, that not only was he murdered, but that his grave had to be guarded.

Deep in Pilate's thoughts, he had to wonder why they feared Jesus so much. What had he done to warrant all this attention? He had to think that Judea was certainly a peculiar province. One unlike any other.

It is stated here in the Gospel of Matthew that the priests admitted to knowing what Jesus meant when he said *"After three days, I will rise."* Yet during the trial, they believed in the false witnesses who proclaimed that Jesus would raise the temple in three days. The assumption here is that the priests pretended that they misunderstood Jesus during the trial. When they knew all along what he was referring to. Jesus was never hinting at the Temple in Jerusalem, and always referring to his body when he said *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will make it rise again."* Yet the priests feigned ignorance during their show trial.

The priests also said that if Jesus should come up missing from his tomb, *"the last error shall be worse than the first."* Now there is a statement that gives one pause. The high priests admitting to two different errors? Now why would they proclaim to Pontius Pilate that they had made one error by having Jesus of Nazareth killed? And that if on the third day, he should come up missing, this be the second, and greater error? The answer is because if Jesus of Nazareth did simply disappear from his tomb, then his disciples would have a valid and legitimate claim to him being the prophesied Messiah. And the high priests were knowledgeable enough in scripture to know this.

The priests saw Jesus fulfill many prophecies.

One of which was riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. They investigated his family, and knew he had been born in Bethlehem, fulfilling another prophecy. The priests also knew that Jesus was from the tribe of Judah, and the line of David. They knew that Elijah must come first, and they suspected that John the Baptist may have fulfilled that role. The priests also knew that the Messiah would be called a Nazarene. That he would speak in parables. He would be betrayed, and many other prophecies.

As students of the scriptures, the high priests and the elders, saw Jesus fulfill many prophecies in regards to the chosen Messiah. Therefore, they were greatly worried over Jesus rising from his tomb. Which would have fulfilled another prophecy. The last error, (allowing him to rise from the dead), being greater than the first, (crucifying him). If word was to get out that Jesus had risen from the dead, it may well be the end of Judaism. So it was of great concern that they paid Pilate a visit, and begged he post guards at Jesus' tomb.

Matthew 28

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. Matthew 28:1.

It was the dawn after the Sabbath, Sunday morning, April 5, 33 AD. Two of Jesus female followers came to apply ointment and herbs upon his body, as was the custom of the Jews. They would have come earlier, but it was forbidden for them to perform this act on the Sabbath. They had to wait until that fateful Sunday morning, when the whole world changed.

Mary Magdalene was one of those women, the other was Jesus' mother Mary. Why she is referred to as "the other Mary" is beyond me. And why would Mary Magdalene be listed first here, and seem the more prominent of the two? Why not just state "his mother Mary, and Mary Magdalene?" It's a mystery as to why the author of this Gospel chose to list them this way. Unless of course, the true author's version, and this version are different. Which wouldn't surprise me. Considering that by the time the Bible started to take shape, the Roman church had been in charge for a few centuries. Ample time for editing the Gospels, and portraying their version of the events that happened during the life of Jesus.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. Matthew 28:2-4.

As the two "Mary's" were approaching the tomb, there was a "great earthquake." Then the "angel of the Lord" descended from heaven, and rolled the stone from the tomb, sitting upon it. The Roman guards froze in fear of this being, as I imagine anyone would at the sight of this awesome spiritual being.

Have you figured out who this “angel of the Lord” is? If not, I will tell you. It is none other than the archangel Gabriel, and I will tell you why that is so.

Besides being the neutral archangel of love, Gabriel is in charge of all messengers. Messenger of messengers. The archangel that the Father sends with messages of the utmost priority. Gabriel was sent to tell Zacharias that Elizabeth would be the mother of John the Baptist, (Luke 1:11-19). It was Gabriel who was also sent to tell Mary that she would mother the chosen Messiah, (Luke 1:26-38). It was Gabriel who showed Daniel the future empires of the world, (Daniel 8). And Gabriel who showed Daniel the seventy week prophecy concerning the events of ancient and future Israel, (Daniel 9).

Gabriel is the chief messenger, in charge of all other messengers. Every “angel of the Lord” who was sent to the prophets, answered to Gabriel. His duty is not as a commander, as the other two archangels are, but as a messenger.

With all that being said, notice here it states, “**The** angel of the Lord descended from Heaven.” The key word being “The.” If the text had said, “**an** angel of the Lord,” then it could be any angel who serves under Gabriel. But since it states “the” it has to be none other than the archangel Gabriel himself who arrived, caused an earthquake, and rolled over the stone.

The text here then goes on to describe his countenance.

I have personally had a vision of these mighty angels, so I can tell you exactly what Gabriel, and the other two archangels look like.

First, Gabriel has hair that is beyond shoulder length, straight, and the color of jet black. So black that it creates a bluish tint to it. His skin is olive colored. He wears a long white robe with a golden belt. On one side he wears a sword, on the other he carries a large horn. This horn is used to muster the heavenly host.

Lucifer’s hair is shorter. Straight, and well kept. His skin is milky white, almost to the point of being an albino. He wears black leather shirt, pants, and a cape. He is also equipped with black, leather boots. Lucifer also wears a sword.

Michael’s hair is a strawberry blonde type of red. It’s beyond shoulder length, and wavy. His skin color is a brown colored, the same as the Arabian race. He, like

Gabriel, wear a long white robe with a golden belt. He also wears a long sword sheathed on one side. Unlike Gabriel, Michael doesn't have a horn.

All three archangels have electric blue eyes. The bluish color at the bottom of any flame. Certain snow owls and Siberian huskies have the same color of eyes. These eyes will look right through anything both physical, and spiritual.

All three of them are over nine feet tall, by our standards. Massive beings who tower over the rest of the heavenly host.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. Matthew 28:5-7.

Gabriel sits himself upon the large stone that was guarding the tomb, and addresses the Mary's. Like someone who barges into a setting, and then proceeds to announce.

He first states that he knows the reason for their visitation, which is to seek Jesus, who's no longer in the tomb. *"For he is risen."* Gabriel then tells them to take a look for themselves. He then gives them instructions to tell the other disciples.

Notice that Gabriel, an extremely powerful archangel, calls Jesus "the Lord." This is something for us all to remember. If an angel of Gabriel's power and stature can call him Lord, then so can we.

For the Mary's, they must have been beside themselves. They're on their way to prepare Jesus' body for the burial, and out of nowhere, an archangel appears to them. The earth shaking at his appearance, Roman soldiers frozen with fear. Is it any wonder they weren't paralyzed with fear themselves at the magnificence of Gabriel.

Despite all of this, the two women peer inside the tomb, and see nothing but a shroud! No body of Jesus to be found! I can only imagine how they felt when

they saw that Jesus had risen from the dead. Their greatest joy in their lives must have overcome them. The simple fact of his living would confirm all their beliefs in him. Before that moment, there had been doubt. Afterwards, only relief and joy. He is risen!

Gabriel tells them that they will meet Jesus in Galilee, but the Mary's would meet him before then. They would meet him much sooner than that, as would the other disciples.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. Matthew 28:8.

This verse strikes me funny. It states that they "departed quickly...with fear and great joy." In other words, they ran like hell! For fear of the mighty presence Gabriel, they couldn't leave the premises quickly enough. They forgot all about those Roman soldiers who were frozen with fear, and hightailed it out of there.

Once they were in the clear, great joy consumed them.

This verse reminds me of the time my brother and I were on a mission of trespassing through a neighbor's barn. We were innocent enough young boys, not looking to create any kind of mischief. We were just curious as to what lay in that old barn.

Then farmer Jones roared his anger at us, having caught us red handed trespassing on his property. Once we heard his yell, we sat land speed records running to get out of there. This must have been how the two Mary's felt. First fear, and then once free, great relief and joy. Running and jumping for joy at the good news, to tell the others.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. Matthew 28:9-10.

While they were sprinting toward the others, they ran into Jesus. The women recognizing him right away. They dropped to the ground, and began kissing his feet, worshipping him.

Imagine the joy of the two women at the sight of Jesus. All their hopes and dreams had come to pass, as they saw with their own eyes that Jesus lives!

Their Sunday morning plans had taken a turn for the better. Both Mary's had planned to treat the body of Jesus with herbs and ointments. This would be done to preserve the body, and reduce the smell. They would also place a new, more permanent shroud upon our Lord. It was to be done according to custom.

They must have had a sad, downcast feeling on their way to the tomb. The man whom they loved dearly had just been murdered in the most violent of ways. But they had to fulfill their custom. They owed him at least that much.

Then upon their arrival to the tomb, Gabriel shows up and tells them that he is no longer there. The shock they must have felt at the words of the archangel when he said, "he is risen."

Yet if they would have thought back to the prophecy that Jesus gave them, they would have known he would have risen in three days. So it shouldn't have been a shock to them, but it still was. He rose from the dead, and these two women were the first eyewitnesses to that event.

On their way back to telling the others the good news, they run into their teacher, Jesus. Who then gives them instructions to tell the others. What an extremely eventful morning for Mary, and Mary Magdalene. I'm quite confident that these two would never forget the events of that Sunday morning that changed the history of mankind.

Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. Matthew 28:11.

After the women had left the scene of the tomb, Gabriel must have also taken his leave. For it states here that the Roman guards who were to stand watch went back to into the city of Jerusalem to go find the chief priests to tell them what had

happened. They surely weren't going to move a muscle while the archangel Gabriel was still hanging around. Their great fear of Gabriel would have prevented them from moving an inch while he was still at the scene. Once Gabriel left, they made their move.

The Roman soldiers knew that their story would be unbelievable to the priests and elders. Yet, they had no choice. They had to tell the truth, for fear that if they lied, and said they had let tomb robbers steal from the grave, they would receive the ultimate punishment for dereliction of their duties. These soldiers were between a rock and a hard place.

Running back to the city at a furious pace, they found the high priests. Out of breath, they told the story of what had transpired that morning. How they had been faithfully standing watch, when two women, and a mighty being of light had arrived on the scene. How this massive being had single handedly rolled over the stone which had protected the tomb. And how the Galilean who was for two days, dead as stone, had risen from the tomb.

And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. Matthew 28:12-15.

The high priests and elders, listened to these Roman soldiers. As they listened, they realized that something had scared the hell out of these hardened men. Soldiers who had seen the sting of battle were now reduced to frightened little children by something that they had witnessed.

After grilling the soldiers for hours, the priests were convinced that they were telling the truth. All of the soldiers' stories were consistent with each other. Nothing was left out, or found to be a falsehood. Satisfied of the Roman accounts, the Jewish elders gathered together to formulate a plan.

After much debate, they decided to bribe these soldiers with a large sum of money. Concocting a story for these soldiers to tell Pontius Pilate. That they had

been asleep on their duties, and that the disciples must have come, removed the stone, and left with the body of Jesus.

The Roman soldiers weren't that keen on this idea. After all, they had performed their duties. They hadn't violated their posts in any way, shape, or form. The only reason that Jesus was missing was because of this awesome spiritual being who happened to show up, remove the stone, and set Jesus free. The soldiers were powerless against this being.

Yet money solves a lot of problems. The elders convinced the soldiers that they would talk to Pilate, and convince him that the soldiers shouldn't be punished for shirking their duties. In other words, the elders had the soldiers' back in this instance.

Therefore, a corrupt bargain was struck between the religious elders of Judea, and the Roman soldiers.

As we look back upon this scene, I have the strong feeling that both sides were desperate. The soldiers due to their duties not being performed, and facing strict punishment from Pilate. And the elders, because if the truth ever was let out, their entire religion would be in trouble.

There would be no possible way that the chief priests, and the elders, were going to let word of this reach the masses. The story of a resurrected Christ would undo all of their belief systems. The people would begin to follow this Galilean to the point where it would leave the priests powerless over the population.

Their reasoning for this lie was that it better that the truth be concealed, than an entire religion, and thenceforth a nation, be undone. Their thought that it was for the better that they bribe the soldiers, smooth things out with Pilate, and concoct a story about Jesus closest followers as the culprit of this missing condemned man.

Once satisfied that everyone had their stories straight, they bought off the Roman soldiers.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:16-20.

In this Gospel, the story ends rather abruptly.

It is stated here that eleven disciples went away to Galilee. According to the Angel Samuel, much happened before that.

First, Philip and Bartholomew returned from Gaza. Once in Jerusalem, as I've previously stated, the two left the other disciples, vowing never to return to them again. Philip was so disgusted at Peter's denial of Christ, that he told him to the face, that he was a coward. Stomping away, the two left for Samaria, to go preach the kingdom of heaven.

After that meeting, Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room. The same place where the last supper was held a few days prior. While Jesus was there, he instructed Peter to write a letter to Philip, having all eleven disciples assemble on the Mount of Olives, at the same place where Jesus gave them the Olivet Discourse.

Philip received Peter's letter the next day, and returned back to Jerusalem. Once there, they all went to the Mount of Olives, where they received instructions from Jesus on how to go about preaching the kingdom of heaven. After leaving the Mount of Olives, the eleven remaining disciples, (Philip and Bartholomew included), went to Galilee to meet Jesus and receive further instruction.

Finally, forty days after the resurrection, Jesus rose to heaven on the day of Pentecost to receive his reward. Creating one of the greatest spiritual movements of all time.

Epilogue

The final week of the life of Jesus set forth ramifications felt throughout the world. Beginning in Jerusalem, the movement spread worldwide, dominating western civilization for the next two millennia. The end of the age of ancient Israel, and the beginning of the church age.

What began as “the way” would turn into what would be labeled by the Roman’s, “Christianity.” A way to give hope to the hopeless, and strength to the weak. A way to remove all stains of guilt from mankind through the blood of the Lord Jesus. A belief system that allows all of us to become fallible, and then to receive forgiveness for our shortcomings.

Jesus, and then his disciples, created a spiritual movement that billions around the world follow. But if not for the crucifixion, none of this would have ever come about. If not for his ultimate sacrifice to mankind, we would all be lost to the powers that govern this world.

I once had a conversation involving myself, and the three Angels, Samuel, Thomas, and Elizabeth. I asked them a question about the problems that face humanity. I asked, “Is Jesus an answer to the problems that the world faces today?” Their answer was simply beautiful, “Jesus is the only answer for humanity. There is no other answer.”

With their answer being said, we all must study the words and the life of Jesus the Christ. For in he are the answers to all things. Amen.