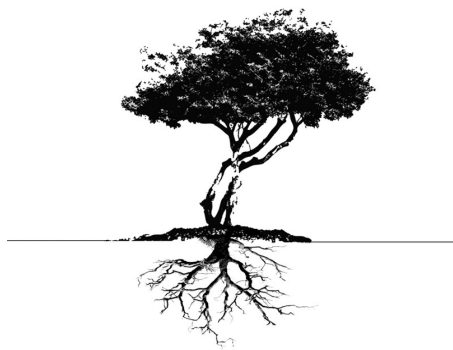


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This means that God will be pleased and satisfied with what is happening and what will happen. He will be satisfied that in the end his plan was perfect and has accomplished all that he intended it accomplish. God will look at his new creation and will consider it very good and it will bring him great and eternal pleasure.

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# Foreword

I have been privileged to know Maurice Barratt for a number of years and during this time his clear biblical teaching has challenged me and caused me to re-think long-held views of God's ways and dealings with his people. This has been to my eternal benefit.

That is why I would encourage you to read this book with a heart willing to learn and change if necessary.

God has a plan, and because he is all powerful nothing can stop him achieving it, that plan includes you. Therefore, this is a book about you and your future because you are part of his plan and his kingdom.

Read on, and be blessed.

**Geoff Bates**



Statements of faith are only statements of doctrinal bias and are rarely statements from the bible. They are assumed and implied doctrines of denominations, backed up by proof texts and often taken out of context.

It is much more satisfying to understand and get to know the author than to only know the book.

## Introduction

# Faith or Bias?

*But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

1 John 2:20

*However when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.*

John 16:13

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Timothy 3:16

I have been brought up in a Pentecostal denomination – Assemblies of God, and so I embraced all the doctrines of that Church as though it was the word of God itself. I never questioned any of the teachings as I believed that they were all stated very clearly in the Bible. All the proof

texts were placed before me and I recognised them as being correct scripture.

It was only when I began to teach in churches of other denominations, such as Methodist, Baptist, Anglican and Brethren, that I realised they also used scripture to support all that they believed and taught, and yet we disagreed on so many issues. There were Arminians and Calvinists, pre-tribulation and post tribulation rapture believers, there were Trinitarians and Unitarians and so on.

After many years of struggle I resolved my dilemma by making a very simple decision. I decided to have no Church doctrine at all, just read my Bible and find out for myself what it actually said without taking any text out of its context. I decided that I would not believe in 'Salvation by Grace', the 'Trinity' doctrine, the 'Secret Rapture of the Church' or any of my Church doctrines. It was a long and exciting journey to find out what God actually said in his word.

I was determined to believe all I read without question or fitting anything to my preconceived ideas and teaching. This was harder than I had imagined, for I had learned so much without question. For many years I was not learning, but unlearning so that I could start again from a neutral and unbiased position.

## Mathematical Signs

I decided to do what the Bible asks us to do; *compare scripture with scripture*. I began to understand what it meant to *rightly divide the word of God*. It is the only way to leave it complete. I will explain; division is the only mathematical sign out of the four basics that we learn, of subtraction,

addition, division and multiplication that will leave the principal amount the same as in the beginning. If we add, then the principal is larger, if we subtract from the principal then it is smaller. If we multiply it is larger. However, if we divide the principal amount then it stays the same. Two halves of an orange are exactly the same amount as the whole and so are four quarters. If we rightly divide the word of God without assuming that it says what it does not say, and just accept it, we will be able to *compare scripture with scripture*, safe in the knowledge that we are not adding to or taking away from the word. I believe this is where true revelation comes from.

## Freed from Tradition

For the past 25 years I have read the Bible in this manner and have never regretted that decision. In fact, it was the best decision I have ever made. It has freed me from all the traditions of the elders and all the pagan doctrines that Christendom has embraced from Babylon (I will explain what I mean by Babylon later on in this book), which I had mistakenly believed were stated plainly in the word of God. I am still amazed at the transformation it has brought to my life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Often, as I study God's word, I find things that change how I have always thought, and I then realise that I am still not completely free of that denominational, doctrinal system.

Do I still believe in 'Salvation by Grace', 'Repentance from dead works', 'Water Baptism', and 'Speaking in Tongues'? I certainly do, for there are plain unambiguous statements in God's word to say so. But, so many other church doctrines have fallen away because they are

assumed or implied doctrines that Jesus, Paul, Peter, and the writers of the epistles are strangely silent about, and have no clear, or specific biblical basis.

As I am a teacher of God's word it is not good enough for me to teach my own bias or that of my denomination. I must say what God clearly says and leave it at that. I do not feel a need to justify God's word or God's character. Revelation does not come from study but from relationship. If Christians would spend more time getting to know the author, then the book would make much more sense. I recommend that all Christians embark on this exciting journey that I have started. It will change both your whole perspective on God's word and also your lifestyle.

## Nothing is by Chance

God does not 'fly by the seat of his pants'. Nothing that God does is arbitrary or by chance. Chance is to do with luck and the occult. The concepts of fate or Karma have nothing at all to do with the teachings of the Bible. God, the sole creator, has a detailed and carefully thought out plan and if we do not understand this plan we will have to rely on our Church doctrines, with all their bias, to muddle through and hope we have it nearly right when we face God. He has a beautiful plan that is being fulfilled in minute detail in his universe. It has been just as he intended it to be since the day he planned it out and wrote it down. It is fixed and will all be completed to the last full stop.

This book is subtitled 'The history and future of God's people' and I am excited at the journey we will travel through. All I ask of the reader is that you will

check everything I say with God's word, without any doctrinal bias and be open to new revelation, not only from what you read, but from the Holy Ghost who is our guide and protection. The word of God should confirm our relationship with God. It can never instigate it, for relationship always comes from revelation.

# *Part 1*



## *Adam to Abraham*

A good place to start is at the end. This is not always the case of course, but God's ending is not left to chance and has already been written in his plan – the Bible. If we understand what the finished building will look like, the process of building will not be such a mystery to us.

## Chapter 1

# Only One Plan

*I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning and the ending**, says the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

Revelation 1:8-10

*The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created***

Revelation 4:10-11

The subtitle to this book is ‘The history and future of God’s people’, and in this first chapter I want to show that God has only ever had one people and that he has only ever had one plan. According to scriptures,

everything was planned by God **before** he ever spoke a creative word.

A complicated building needs not only a detailed plan for every aspect of the structure – from the foundations to the last coat of paint – but it also needs a quantity surveyor to calculate the materials needed and the costs involved. God, as the master architect of all creation has surely gone through this process and I believe that he made a detailed plan and the costs involved were calculated before he started his wonderful work. The following scriptures support my statements

According as he has chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Ephesians 1:4

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

Revelation 13:8

Obviously Jesus did not shed his blood before creation, but it was in God's mind, and written in his plan, and in his mind it was already accomplished. By making these statements I am not adding my support to the doctrine of 'Predestination', for God's plan was also to give us a completely free will to obey or disobey him.

The problem is that if we do not understand God's plan, then we will never understand the fundamental questions people ask such as; why did God create the lake of fire if God is a God of Love? It is not a stupid

question, it is a very sensible one and most Christians do not have a satisfactory answer to this, nor to so many other questions. Of course the 'pat answer' is to say that the lake of fire was not made for man and he does not need to go there. This is not a good answer; for if God is all knowing and all powerful, as Christians believe, then God knew that millions would end up in his lake of fire and yet he still allows it. This answer will still make God a vindictive and unloving God to those who do not know him.

### All for God's Pleasure

Talking about God, Revelation (4:11) states; *you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created.* If this is true, then **all things** were created for the pleasure of God and 'all things' must mean all created beings, including Satan, and the lake of fire. Satan is not self created, he is a created being. God's plan did not fail at any time and it never will. Satan (his name means adversary) is not God's adversary as many Christians believe, but he is the enemy of God's people – he is the accuser of **the brethren**.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10

God does not, and never will, have a problem with Satan. He does not have a problem with his own angels.

God does not have a problem with the sinners of this world. God's only problem is with his own people; those he chooses and loves.

Satan must, therefore, be a part of God's plan and will fulfil all of God's will. I am intending to write a book entitled 'The World's Greatest Lie' and I propose to disprove the myth that the whole world and most of the Church have believed; which is, that there is a battle of good against evil, God against Satan, light against darkness. This is actually occult teaching, and all occult inspired films from the 'Exorcist' to 'Harry Potter' end with the triumph of good over evil. The Yin and the Yang, and even a chess board, are all examples of this kind of thinking – that is; two equal sides, black and white, fighting for supremacy and in doing so creating some kind of eternal balance.

## The Battle is the Lord's

Satan does not mind if we think that good triumphs in the end, so long as we believe that there is a battle that has to be won. In the end all that cunning Satan has to do is make good – evil, and evil – good and we will all end up fighting against God. We are not as far away as we think from this very situation. So many of God's people are preparing the way for Antichrist as we shall see later in this study. The sign of the last days, according to Jesus, was not a great revival, but a great apostacy and falling away from truth.

The whole battle is the Lord's and the outcome has already been determined by God. Nothing has been left to chance. Satan is a necessary evil – it is very difficult to play chess with all white pieces! For good to win, there

must be an evil opposition, and **God has created both sides**. It is outside the remit of this book, but important that I mention this fact for the reader to consider.

## What is God's Plan?

The second part of Revelation 4:11 states; *and for your pleasure they are and were created*. Therefore, everything was created **for God's pleasure**. This means that God will be pleased and satisfied with what is happening and what will happen. This does not mean, of course, that God will not suffer pain, grief or terrible hurt. What I am saying is that God counted the cost of this love – and therefore romance – before he started to actually manifest it. Love without romance, pain and cost is not love, therefore I can understand why Jesus told us to count the cost before we embark on discipleship. (Footnote 1)

So many times we read in the scriptures that God mourned and grieved, but in the end he will be satisfied that his plan was perfect and has accomplished all that he intended it should accomplish. God will look at his new creation and he will consider it very good and it will bring him great and eternal pleasure.

What is God's plan for his creation? Why did he create the heavens and the earth and what is the culmination of his plan? A good place to start is at the end. This is not always the case of course, but the ending has not been left to chance and has already been written in God's plan – the bible.

If we understand what the finished building will look like, the process of building will not be such a mystery to us. The bible is not a history book, nor is it a book of morals, it is a book of God's dealings with his chosen

people and his plan for them in the future.

Let us consider the end of God's plan and the process will become clearer as we progress through the bible. In the book of Revelation it is quite clear that there will be another creation – a new heaven and earth, but this creation will not have the tree of 'the knowledge of good and evil', only the tree of life. Those who choose to eat of the forbidden tree in this present life will spend eternity outside the family of God.

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

Revelation 21:1

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

Revelation 22:1-2

## The First Creation

In the first creation God made man so that he could have a relationship with him. This was to be different than the relationship that he had with the angels, Cherubim and Seraphim. God created man in his own image with a capacity to love and not just serve. I do not believe that the angels have the capacity to love. They were not made

in the image of God and were created for an entirely different purpose than man. To think that angels should act as we do is an assumption, and I have invited people to bring me scriptures to show that angels love. No one to this date has brought me even one scripture. Many have said that angels and the heavenly hosts worship God and this worship proves love! Angels do indeed worship God but people are wrong in their assumption, for worship does not prove love according to the bible.

But **in vain** they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

**Matthew 15:9**

...this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.

**Isaiah 29:13**

## All Worship – All do not Love

Love comes from the heart, not the mouth. It will put the matter beyond question if I state that one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord and yet many of these will not love God.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Philippians 2:10-11.**

Every devil in hell, and on earth, and even Satan himself, will worship and confess that Jesus is Lord – and yet they will still hate him with all their being.

## God Made Man for Fellowship

Worship means 'giving due benevolence' and this means 'to acknowledge that someone is in authority over you and far above you in power and status'. It has nothing to do with the heart. Of course those who love will worship, but not all of those who worship do so out of love from the heart. God made man so that he could dwell, fellowship, tabernacle with him in a **love relationship**.

In the garden of Eden, God came down to earth to have fellowship with Adam. This was God's choice. He could have asked Adam to visit him once in a while, for Adam had not sinned and it would be possible for him to see God and live. Adam, I am sure, could have visited God in heaven, but God's plan was to fellowship with man, and he came down to the garden.

After sin entered into the world through Adam, and consequently the whole of God's creation, God exiled himself and did not personally visit man until God said to Moses.

Let them make me a tabernacle that I may dwell  
amongst them.

Exodus 25:8

God again came down and dwelt in a tent made with hands so that he could fellowship with his people. The book of Revelation says about the new creation;

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, **coming down from God out of heaven**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the **tabernacle of God is with men**, and **he will dwell with them**, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them.

Revelation 21: 1-3

Notice, that the dwelling place of God will not be heaven, for it says *the dwelling place of God is with man*, and not the dwelling place of man is with God. He will dwell with us on the new earth with his family, and we will not live with God in heaven. The bride – the New Jerusalem – will come down out of heaven to the new earth. God's final plan will be accomplished when he dwells with the people he loves and has chosen. God's plan is one of love and the bible is the story of his romance to bring this final family of love together.

## The End is a Happy Family

At the end of God's plan, Israel will be restored back to God after he has purified her. This is necessary because Israel will become God's wife, will commit adultery and God will have put her away. God's only son Jesus – who is from the union of God and Israel – will have been presented with the bride which his father has chosen for him, and the whole family of God will all

live happily ever after. That is why we all love romance and family life. It is also the reason why Satan is trying to destroy family life and true love – because it prophesies God’s plan. It also shows that we are made in God’s image, when we have the same instincts. All creation screams out God’s plan and heart – for all are made up of families. Birds and cattle, flowers and fish, all are in families. Mankind all over the world naturally live as families. It is God’s order, God’s heart and God’s plan.

## Everyone Believes in Marriage

Even young people who do not believe in the institution of marriage, still practice marriage in reality for they set up a home, have a family and are wanting a stable relationship. In our modern world even homosexual men are applying to adopt children. I do not criticise their desire for family life as it is a basic instinct from God. Homosexuality may be against God’s will and order, but family life is not – so strong is the pull that gravitates all of God's creation towards family life.

The Greek mythology that says that god’s came down to earth and mated with humans is only an alternative to the truth that God did come down to earth to produce flesh and blood through a woman's womb. God's son, one day, will produce many more spiritual sons to populate the new earth. God's plan is all about families, so choosing Israel as his wife is all part of this process. Dealing with sin to purify a bride for his son is only the means, and not the end. The finished building will be an eternal family

## Only One Plan

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole  
family in heaven and earth is named

**Ephesians 3:14-15**

### **Footnote 1**

(See Luke 14:25-end or Matthew 16:24-26)

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God's work will last for six thousand years and the seventh thousand God will stop working and rest, He will then hand the kingdom to his son for one thousand years, and when the father is resting the son will be reigning. The son will then hand the kingdom back to the father and God will be all in all. God will create the new heaven and earth and he will not work again. The plan is complete and God will settle down with his family for eternity – not the absence of time, but endless time.

## Chapter 2

# The First World Order

*He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by his discretion..*

Jeremiah 10:10-12

*As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.***

Hebrews 4:3

Having established that the end of God's plan is to establish a family for himself, I will now, for the rest of part one, look at the period from Adam to Abraham. We will see how God's plan begins to unfold. In Creation, God showed his time table by working six days and resting on the seventh. On the sixth day God had

finished all his work and yet there was another day in the creation. The rest day was as important as the work days for it was a prophecy of the plan. God's work will last for six thousand years and for the seventh thousand God will stop working and rest, but he will have handed the kingdom to his son for this one thousand years. When the father is resting the son will be reigning. The son will then hand the kingdom back to the father and God will be all in all. God will create a new heaven and earth and his work will be finished. The plan will be complete and God will settle down with his family for eternity – not the absence of time, but endless time.

**Then comes the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power ...when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, **that God may be all in all.**

From 1 Corinthians 15:24-28

God did rest the seventh day from all his works ...seeing therefore it remains that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: **There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.** For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

from Hebrews 4:3-10

I am mentioning the fact that Jesus will finish off the last thousand years of the work, to show that

God already had Jesus and his bride in his plan before creation. The son of God and his bride were in God's mind before the man Israel was born or his seed became a nation. The ultimate plan is about God's family, and this includes a bride for his son. All else is a means to that end; including the law and the prophets and the nation of Israel. It is necessary to have a wife in order to have a family, and so it is with God – he needed a wife so that he could sire a son!

## The Compassion of Adam

Adam and Eve speak of Christ and his bride. Adam was not deceived when he took the forbidden fruit. He ate it so that his wife would not be cut off from him. Eve, who was seduced, would have been cut off from the tree of life and Adam would still have had access to it. Eve would have been banished from the garden forever whilst Adam would still have had communion with God in the garden. So, Adam knowing what he was doing, willingly ate of the forbidden fruit for the love of his wife. Such is the power of a woman!

...**Adam was not deceived**, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1 Timothy 2:14

This was all to prophesy that Christ, the second Adam, would willingly partake of the sin of the world to win his bride, so fulfilling the prophecy of the first few chapters of the plan.

Adam was put to sleep so that his bride could be taken out of his side and then be presented to him. So also

Christ was buried (death being only sleep to God), so that his bride could be formed and he is at this moment waiting for his bride to be presented to him. History is now in the process of finally bringing it all to pass. We are in momentous times in world history when the culmination of this plan will be unfolded. Christians, you are indeed a very blessed and privileged people.

## The First Kingdom was Ruled by Adam

The first world order was God's and he established it, but Adam was asked by God to rule over this kingdom. Adam was told to have dominion. That implied a kingdom – the king's domain. It was God's creation and God's earth but the kingdom, the system and order, was ruled by Adam.

...and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and **have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves** upon the earth.

Genesis 1:28

For God is the **King of all the earth**: sing praises with understanding.

Psalms 47:7

When Adam sinned he still had the mandate to rule God's physical creation but he had now handed his right to govern "The World" – that is all systems and order – to Satan. Satan now became the god of this world. (Footnote 1)

In whom **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Satan, ever since that time, has been establishing his complete domination of this world's thinking and wisdom by means of fashion, music, culture, politics, finance, and all religions. God has held him back and confused Satan's plan many times from Babel onwards, but his order always starts again and one day soon it will succeed. Satan, through Antichrist, will be worshipped as God, and sit in the seat of God – the temple in Jerusalem – and prove that he is God.

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

2 Thessalonians 2:4

He will be helped by the 'False Prophet' who will bring fire down from heaven and deceive the world by the miracles that he has power to do. This is all part of God's plan as we shall see as I progress through history

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

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

**Revelation 13:11-13**

God completely defaced his first creation by water because of the violence of man. The blood that was shed corrupted God's creation and it was purged by water – God started again, but not with a new creation.

## Satan Still the God of This World

There was no new world order after the flood for Satan was still the god of this world. God made a covenant with Noah and his sons that they should have dominion over his creation, but not the world system. It was not a new covenant for it was the same wording that he made with Adam.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and  
said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and  
replenish the earth. And the fear of you and  
the dread of you shall be upon every beast of  
the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon  
all that moves upon the earth, and upon all the  
fishes of the sea; **into your hand are they  
delivered.**

**Genesis 9:1-2**

God did make a new covenant with the earth, and one day all creation, including the animal kingdom, will be redeemed.

I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you **and every living creature of all flesh**; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Genesis 9:15

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has **subjected the same in hope**, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that **the whole creation** groans and travails in pain together until now.

Romans 8:20-22

Only a few years after the flood Satan tried to establish his world order in the plain of Shinar. This was the beginning of the counterfeit worship system – Babylon. It does not matter where the physical Babylon is, for wherever there is alternative worship to God, then that is 'Spiritual Babylon'. Cain had left the presence of God and he created his own environment.

Leaving the presence of God will always make us gravitate towards spiritual Babylon for we are compelled to worship by fact of our humanity. Everyone is made not only with the capacity to worship, but also with the compelling urge. If we take our spirit away we could be free from worship, but to do that would be to die. It is impossible to live without worship. We only have the choice of who or what it will be that we worship.

If we don't worship the creator then we will worship something created. If we leave God's presence we will

worship another god – there is only one alternative and it is Satan.

And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

Genesis 4:16

## Babylon is Established

From the seed of Cain we have the roots of all the tools Satan uses to seduce people into his one world order, spiritual Babylon. Culture, commerce, and music are the basic elements of this system.

And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and **of such as have cattle**. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such **as handle the harp and organ**. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, **an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron**:

Genesis 4:20-22

After the universal flood, God confused the languages and scattered the people throughout the world (see Genesis 11:1-9), and only in this period in history, almost six thousand years later, is the world almost able to universally converse with each other.

The counterfeit religion had now been established and it has lasted until this present time. It will end only when the seventh angel sounds the last trump, and Jesus,

the second Adam, returns to set up his kingdom. Only then will the kingdoms of this world finally become the kingdoms of Christ.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

From the good seed of Seth, who was the replacement for Abel, men began to call on the name of the Lord; this is true worship. There were now two worship systems for man to choose from and this ended the first stage of God's plan.

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.**

Genesis 4:25-26

Now God could start the next stage of his plan and produce a remnant out of his people who would become a bride for his son and Abram (Abraham) was the first person to be called out of Babylon for this purpose.

### Footnote 1

For a full explanation of this read my book 'Salt and Light'  
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## *Part 2*



## *Abraham to David*

The Church did not start in Jesus' day, neither did it start on the day of Pentecost. Abraham started the church the day he left Babylon, and we also become the church when we do the same – leave all and follow our master.

## Chapter 3

# Chosen Out of Babylon

*You are the LORD the God who chose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham;*

**Nehemiah 9:7**

*I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto your seed all these countries; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;*

**Genesis 26:4**

There is an 'unholy trinity' that seeks to counterfeit God, his Son – Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Satan wants to be like God and he will manifest a final antichrist in the last days. There will also be a 'False Prophet' (see Revelation chapter 13), which is the counterfeit Holy Ghost. Satan wants to be like God and use antichrist to

win the whole world **to worship himself**. He will use the false prophets, with the spirit of lies, to demonstrate power and miracles to achieve this, just as God sends his holy spirit and his true prophets led by the spirit of truth to convince men that Jesus is the only way to God.

God wants us to worship him because we love him, for worship is an expression of love – but only when it is in spirit and in truth

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

John 4:23-24

## For Worship Only

God revealed his true character – love – by sending his son to die for us. We should therefore worship the creator and saviour. Satan cannot reveal himself because he is a murderer and a liar, and to see him in all his filth would make us hate and despise him. Therefore, he has to use deceit so that people worship him through things created. The Babylon system is one that will gender indirect worship to Satan. This is what it is all about and to miss this fundamental fact will deprive us of a true understanding of God's plan.

Money, possessions, political power, entertainment, music and culture are all ways that he uses to deceive this world. Satan's one world system is to control all of this world's wealth for one reason, and one reason only. It is so that he can force worship if the deceit fails. Satan

would always prefer people to worship him through deceit, but for the whole world to bow the knee to him he has to have the means to force those who know his true identity and refuse to bow. They must be put in fear and the threat of death so that they bow or burn.

Now if you are ready that when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, you **fall down and worship the image** which I have made; well: but if you don't worship you shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace;

Daniel 3:15:16

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**. And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:15-17

## Babylon Established

Babylon had now been established as the alternative worship system, but it was all part of God's eternal blueprint. The foundations for the building have now been laid and God will begin with the next stage of his

plan – a structure on this foundation.

In the bible God often personifies a building or a city as a woman – they are interchangeable. For example; Jerusalem is God's holy city, but it is also the virgin bride of Christ

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

Revelation 2:2

Babylon is a city, but the bible refers to this city as a whore.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls ...and upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

Revelation 17:4-6

This principle is throughout the bible and is one of the keys to understanding how God thinks.

## Abram Starts the Church

God now started to call out of Babylon a people for himself. However, God never calls a people, a committee or a nation, he always chooses a man. Men are God's method, and so he chose one man to make a great nation from this one man's seed. This man was called Abram.

He lived in Ur of the Chaldees (Chaldea is an ancient name for Babylonia). God asked him to leave his family and friends, to go to a country that he did not know, and to live by faith.

Abram obeyed the call and became the 'father of faith' and 'the friend of God'. His seed, through his grandson Jacob, became known as the children of Israel (God changed Jacob's name to Israel) and at the time that Moses led this 'called out nation', God referred to them as '**the church in the wilderness**'. Because of Abram's obedience and faith, his name was also changed to Abraham.

This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him will hear. **This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness** with the angel which spoke to him in the mount Sinai.

Acts 7:37-38

The word 'church' comes from the word 'ecclesia', in the Greek which is synonymous with the Hebrew 'kahal' of the Old Testament. Both words mean simply 'an assembly', and have nothing to do with a building or place of worship.

## Church or church

I am now going to differentiate between the Church – which is the people who are called out of the world and Babylon, from the Church – which is the building, the ecclesiastical system, or organisation.

From this point in the book I will use the word **Church with a Capital C** to mean the system and organisation, and the word **church with a small c** as the people who are called out from this system.

By this differentiation I am not saying that those who call themselves Christians should not attend a Church. My point is that they must be free of the spiritual organisation and influences of Babylon. I will say more about this in a later volume of this study.

It is interesting, and I believe not by chance, that Abraham lived about two thousand years after Adam, which is roughly one third of the way through world history. This was only about three hundred years after the flood, and Shem, Noah's son, was alive in Abraham's day and actually outlived Abraham.

## Only One People – One Church

I will show, as we go through history, that God has only ever had one people and this people are children of Abraham. The Church system as we now know it, is actually Babylon and only those who are called out of Babylon by faith, as Abraham was, are the true church and children of Abraham. We will have to pass through another two thousand years of history for me to show this to be true from scripture, but here a quote from Paul, who was under the new covenant, tells us that to be God's people we have to be children of Abraham.

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.** And the

scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying; in you shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

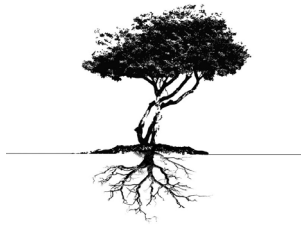
**Galatians 3:6-9**

The Church did not start in Jesus' day, neither did it start on the day of Pentecost. Abraham started the church the day he left Babylon, and we also become the church when we do the same; leave all and follow our master.

And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. **And he left all, rose up, and followed him.**

**Luke 5:27-28**

Levi was one of God's chosen people, but he left all and followed Jesus. To follow Jesus is to leave all else, including our own way of worship and Christianity for we are not following Christianity – a religion – but we are following a person – Jesus – and this is a relationship. The two ways are worlds apart and it is not possible to follow both roads.



God told Israel that they were to be a peculiar treasure and a special people unto himself. This is romantic talk and he was wooing this people to enter a marriage covenant with him.

You were decked with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceeding beautiful, and you prospered into a kingdom.

**Ezekiel 16:13**

## Chapter 4

# The Proposal

*But the LORD has taken you, and brought you forth **out of the iron furnace**, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as you are this day.*

Deuteronomy 4:20

*And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the same day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.*

Exodus 12:41

God now wanted to make of this one family from the loins of Abraham, a nation that would be special, different and beautiful beyond description, for it was to be his wife and the mother of his son.

Abraham was called out of Babylon, but the nation of Israel, God's wife, had to be called out of Egypt. and so God engineered through a famine that this family of

seventy people went into Egypt to find bread. God had already sent Joseph, one of the son's of Israel, to prepare the way and at first this family of seventy people were treated as royalty and given the fat of the land. Four hundred and thirty years later they had become a people of between two and a half and four million. They were now a nation, but their size was a threat to Pharaoh and he made this nation to be slaves. Israel, God's people were now in bondage and fear.

## Egypt and Babylon

Egypt is a type of the world and is the place God redeemed his people from, but Babylon is the place where God sends his people for a period of chastisement, only to restore them again after the punishment has finished. In type, to go back to Egypt is to come under Satan again, and it is very rare that God does this. He would rather chastise and restore – this is what Babylon is all about.

God named Egypt the iron furnace, but God was going to deliver Israel from it with a 'mighty hand' It took the spoiling of the whole nation of Egypt, who were at that time a world power, to extract them from the clutches of Pharaoh and his army – a type of Satan and his devils. God had to deliver them from this iron furnace.

...in the day that I brought them forth out of the  
land of Egypt, **from the iron furnace,**

Jeremiah 11:4

If we want to be God's people – Israel – we will also have to apply the blood and be redeemed out of Egypt – the world, for there is no other way. God has one people

and there is one way to become that people; it is through the applied blood of the lamb. Nothing has changed since that first Passover.

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, **and called my son out of Egypt.**

Hosea 11:1

Moses, who was of the children of Israel, was the man chosen by God to lead them out of Egypt and into the promised land of Canaan. After the children of Israel had been out of Egypt three months, God brought them to mount Sinai and prepared them to hear and accept his covenant proposal. God told them that they were to be a peculiar treasure and a special people unto himself. This is romantic talk, he was wooing them to enter a marriage covenant with himself.

...You shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then **you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:**

## The Proposal

Now that God had demonstrated that he loved Israel and would go to all the trouble of bringing them out of their trapped situation he told them of an agreement that he wanted to make with them. He proposed this through

Moses on Mount Sinai who read it out in front of all the people. It stated what would be the conditions for them to be God's people and it also gave the commitment that God would agree to in looking after them, by protecting them and providing for them (see most of Leviticus to Chapter 26:14). God also told them that if they were to agree to this covenant that he would have the right to chastise them as well as bless them. God gave them a long list of curses for them to consider what would befall them if they were to break this covenant

But if you will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgements, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it...

**Leviticus 26:14-16**

## Marriage Talk

After the covenant has been stated God says; "I will be yours and you will be mine". This is marriage talk and I believe that this was the betrothal between God and Israel – a binding agreement on both sides until the place for the consummation of the marriage had been built and prepared.

And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among

**you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.**

Leviticus 26:11-12

God had a place in mind for the marriage bed, but no one in Israel knew where it was to be in the promised land of Canaan. God kept it a secret from Israel. It was to be a surprise. God, at this time had no permanent dwelling place but dwelt in a tent – the tabernacle in the wilderness. Even Moses had no idea of the place God had in mind for a permanent home for the marriage to be consummated. God told them that he would choose a place for himself.

You shall therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

Deuteronomy 16:2

Moses came down the mount and explained all the covenant details and all the people said that they would enter into this covenant and be obedient to it.

And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the LORD has spoken we will do.** And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

Exodus 24:3



It was now time for the betrothal feast, and what a feast it was. A feast like no other before it and there will be nothing else like it until the marriage feast of the Lamb and his bride. Seventy of the elders of Israel – representing the whole nation, were privileged to go up the mount and meet with God. They actually saw God and lived.

## Chapter 5

# The First Covenant

*For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.*

Isaiah 54:6

*Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although **I was an husband unto them**, saith the LORD:*

Jeremiah 31:32

The covenant now had to be ratified in blood, for this was a blood covenant – marriage is a blood covenant. When two people become one for the first time there is a token, a show of blood. The marriage covenant is sealed in blood. It is a very serious agreement and binding until death. Moses took blood and sprinkled the people and

said “this is the covenant”. They were not baptised in blood, just sprinkled as a token and demonstration that **the covenant had been agreed by both sides.**

And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. **And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.**

Exodus 24:7-8

## The Betrothal Feast

It was now time for the betrothal feast, and what a feast it was. A feast like no other before it and there will be nothing else like it until the marriage feast of the Lamb and his bride. Seventy of the elders of Israel – representing the whole nation, were privileged to go up the mount and meet with God. They actually saw God and lived. I know our doctrines say that a man can't see God and live and it is true – unless of course God allows it, and on this occasion it was so important to God that he allowed them to look on him and live. In fact they all had a meal with almighty God. Whoever heard of such a thing! Read carefully the verses below to make sure what I have stated is accurate. Surely this is the betrothal celebration between God and Israel.

Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

**And they saw the God of Israel:** and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel **he laid not his hand:** also **they saw God, and did eat and drink.**

Exodus 24:9-11

God already knew where he would consummate the marriage, for he had already chosen the place. Remember, the plan was completed in God's mind before the building started at creation. Now the engagement contract was sealed he would begin to instigate circumstances to bring about the permanent dwelling place for the marriage to be consummated and God's seed to continue. (Footnote 1)

God's plan was to have a son and to find a suitable virgin for him to marry and God's marriage to Israel was a means for this to happen. In the fullness of time Israel would have a son by God. One thousand years later a young virgin, named Mary, would be chosen by God to be the womb of Israel, and to bear God's son –God didn't marry Mary, he married Israel.

## We Want a King

God now had a kingdom on earth and it was a physical kingdom. Wealth and health were signs of God's favour in this kingdom that had been chosen and redeemed out of the world.

Adam's kingdom failed, but now God himself was the king of Israel and he spoke to them through his prophets. This kingdom of Israel will last until heaven and earth pass away. God will never have another

kingdom or people. The **Church** is not the kingdom of God and never will be. It is the enemy of the **church**. The antichrist spirit would many times try to steal this kingdom, but it will stand, and the covenant remains established until the final judgement of all things.

For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass**, one jot or one tittle shall **in no wise pass from the law**, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:18

Sadly, God's people wanted an earthly king like the heathen nations and they rejected God. He gave them Saul, the king of the flesh, to rule over them. This also was in line with God's plan, for the flesh always comes first in God's order. The first Adam of the flesh and then the second Adam of the spirit. First Ishmael of the flesh and then Isaac of the spirit. Antichrist the man of the flesh will come first before Jesus Christ, the spiritual, and second Adam comes and deposes him, and so on.

## God's Choice for a King

Before Saul was even chosen by the people, God was preparing a shepherd boy to be the 'king after God's own heart who would fulfil all of God's will'. It was with this man's seed that God would fertilise, in Mary's womb, the son of God and Son of man. Joseph, Mary's husband, was not the father of Jesus, even though he was of the lineage of David. However, the scriptures state that Jesus had "to be of the seed of David **according to the flesh**". What a miracle God did in Mary's womb

to conceive by the Holy Ghost a son of David, yet also God's son. (Footnote 2)

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

**Romans 1:3**

The plan was progressing according to God's plan and now God would begin to move towards his chosen king who would eventually be the seed of his own son.

### **Footnote 1**

In Israel when a person a man was betrothed he would go and prepare a dwelling place. Then he would bring his bride to it, so that they could consummate the marriage and live in the married state.

### **Footnote 2**

Babylonian Jewery says that if your mother is a Jew then the children are Jewish even if the father is a Gentile. However this is not biblical, in fact it is the very opposite, for the blood line is always with the male. It was the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and not the seed of Sarah, Rachael and Rebekah. Jesus was born of David's seed and not of Bathsheba. We have to beware of the tradition of the elders. So many well meaning Christians, wanting to identify with Israel, are being deceived into believing the Babylonian Talmud in lieu of the Torah – the law of Moses.

## Part 3



## David to Jesus

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that **of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh,** he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Acts 2:30

## Chapter 6

# The Holy City

*...The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you O city of God. Selah .... And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.*

from Psalm 87

*If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.*

Psalms 137:5-6

In the wilderness God dwelt in the tabernacle – a tent that he asked Israel to make for him. He dwelt within the veil that separated the holy place from the holiest of holies. This tent moved around wherever the children

of Israel travelled. The ark of the covenant – a wooden box with a lid, all covered in gold, held the marriage conditions that God had made with them. It was kept behind the veil where God dwelt. God wanted them to remember his covenant and fear to break it. They carried this marriage covenant around with them wherever they travelled for forty years in the wilderness.

Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.

Deuteronomy 31:26

## The Ark is Taken

When the children of Israel entered the promised land – Canaan, they began to take over the cities and dwell in them. The ark of the covenant was placed in the city of Shiloh – a featureless and secluded spot in Ephraim. It stayed there until they brought it out hoping it would save them from the Philistines. This was the time in Israel's history when God spoke to his people through his prophets. Samuel was one of them whilst they were backslidden and the ark of God was captured by the Philistines. They took it out of Israel as a trophy and placed it in the house of their God, Dagon.

... And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. **And the ark of God was taken**

from 1 Samuel 4:4-11

God had been training David, the shepherd boy, from his birth and when he came to his teenage years God trained him further by allowing Saul, the king of flesh, to persecute him until one day he became king of Israel and God established him.

So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: **and they anointed David king over Israel.**

2 Samuel 5:1-2

## God Always Loved Jerusalem

As soon as David was anointed King, God began to prepare a permanent place for himself to dwell. He put it in the heart of David to take the stronghold of the Jebusites – this fort had resisted the advances of the children of Israel from the time of Joshua until this present time. The fort of the Jebusites was one of the two mountains that Jerusalem was built upon – Zion and Moriah. Zion was destined by God to become the Royal City of David and Moriah was to be the place where the temple would be built. Therefore, it was not by chance that the children of Israel could not take this fort before David had been established as king.

Although the children of Israel had captured and owned Jerusalem, this last bastion of the Jebusites had held out for hundreds of years until this time. **God wanted David to capture it and make it his own.** Jesus, God's son, was to be born of the seed of David and this place was very significant and pivotal in God's

plan as we shall see. God had always loved Jerusalem. Melchizedek, that mysterious spiritual man who was the priest of God before creation, was king of Salem – Jerusalem. Melchizedek brought the spiritual food, not the Manna, but bread and wine – the first communion to Abraham the father of faith and the church. God was prophesying the second covenant between Christ and his bride, as we shall see later in volume two.

And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day

Judges 1:21

David captured the fort of Zion and he renamed it the 'City of David'.

David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years ...Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion: **the same is the city of David.**

from 2 Samuel 5:4-7

The Phillistines had been plagued by God and had sent the ark of the covenant back to Israel. David tried to bring it to Jerusalem. He did not realise how holy and important it was to God, and a man called Uzzah died for trying to steady the ark when the ox-cart that carried it stumbled. David was fearful, and left it with a man called Obededom, but later brought it not only to Jerusalem but placed it in the 'City of David' – Zion

And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God ...And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite.

And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

**from 2 Samuel 6:2-15**



By divine revelation king David said a very strange thing. He somehow understood that this incident was for a purpose and he acted on it straight away. He realised that this was the very place where God had chosen to dwell. God was now ready to establish a permanent residence in Israel.

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Acts 13:22

## Chapter 7

# The Temple

*'Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. **Yet I have chosen Jerusalem**, that My name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.'*

2 Chronicles 6:4-7

*Then said Solomon, The LORD has said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for you and a place for your dwelling for ever.*

2 Chronicles 7:1

Later in David's reign, God, through Satan, tempted David to number Israel. God was displeased at this and gave him a choice of punishment. David chose to fall into God's hand rather than the hand of his enemies

and so God sent a plague on the people. He sent an angel to execute his judgement, and seventy thousand men died of the plague. When the angel stood on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite with his sword drawn ready to destroy Jerusalem, God repented and told the angel that ‘it was enough’ and to ‘stay his hand’.

David saw the angel, fell on his face, repented and accepted that he was solely responsible for this sin. He asked God to spare the rest of Israel. The angel told David to make an altar and sacrifice to God on the threshing floor. God knew exactly what he was doing and he had used David’s weakness again to bring about his perfect plan (see whole story in 2 Samuel 24).

This was the place where Abraham offered up Isaac to God – hardly a coincidence. It was important that David owned this piece of ground, for this was to be the plot of ground that God had chosen to complete his marriage to Israel.

## David Purchases Moriah

The plague was stopped and David bought the piece of land from Ornan so that he might obey the angel and sacrifice to God. He would not have the land as a gift, but paid the full price for it – which was six hundred shekels of gold. David built an altar and sacrificed on that very spot.

David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar unto the LORD: you shall grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people

## The Temple

...for the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

from 1 Chronicles 21

Then, by divine revelation, David said a very strange thing. He somehow understood that the incident was for a purpose and he acted on it straight away. He realised that this was the very place where God had chosen to dwell. God was now ready to establish a permanent residence in Israel.

Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without weight; Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

from 1 Chronicles 21

## David's Heart

Years before this incident David had it in his heart to build a permanent place for God and shared his thoughts with Nathan the prophet.

## The Temple

Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remains under curtains

1 Chronicles 17:1.

After King David had sacrificed on Mount Moriah he now knew the exact spot to build this permanent residence for Almighty God – the threshing floor that he had just purchased. David was not permitted to build the house because he was a man of war and had blood on his hands. He did however receive all the design of the complete temple from God by automatic writing.

Solomon his son, the man of peace, built it although David supplied all the timber, gold, and the workmen for this house of God. It was a magnificent dwelling place.

All this, said David, the LORD made me understand **in writing by his hand upon me**, even all the works of this pattern ....and David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death

from 1 chronicles 28 – read whole chapter





God had a place in mind for the marriage bed, but no one in Israel knew where it was to be in the promised land of Canaan. God kept it a secret from Israel. It was to be a surprise.

And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 4:25

## Chapter 8

# Conception of a Priest & King

*Now when I passed by you, and looked upon you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore unto you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord GOD, **and you became mine.***

Ezekiel 16:8

*Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.*

2 Chronicles 7:6

After seven years of building, King Solomon had completed the building of the temple. He organised a great celebration and dedication service. The temple

was built in Jerusalem, on Mount Moriah. This was the very place that God had planned to dwell in permanence from before creation. God was to conceive a son who would be King of Israel and rule for the thousand year Sabbath.

This is the kingdom that, I believe, could be set up even in my lifetime. This is what Jesus constantly taught – the kingdom. Most of his parables were about the kingdom, and not eternal life. The 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's gospel is all about the secret kingdom now, that does not come with observation, and the coming manifest kingdom that Jesus will return to earth to establish and rule over with his bride.

## The Wedding Feast

The celebration was extravagant. It was God's wedding feast. The bible says that the sheep and oxen that were sacrificed were without number. This must have been in the tens of thousands. All the vessels for the temple were manufactured in gold, silver, and brass. All the curtains and fittings were finished and in place. Now King Solomon was ready to pray and dedicate the temple to God. No one had ever entered the holy place, let alone the holiest of holies. It was all new and resplendent. It had been prepared, not for a man, or even a king or priest, it had been prepared for God Almighty to come and dwell in this one place out of all the earth. This place and building was God's choice and not man's.

This must have been an exciting day for God, as he saw his plan unfolding with its promise of redemption

and the spiritual family that one day would be realised through a son of David – his very own begotten son.

Solomon ordered the ark of the covenant to be brought out of the city of David – Zion – and on the seventh month the ark was placed in the temple, between the Cherubim, in the holiest of holies .

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month.

2 Chronicles 5:2-3

The priests and the singers left the holy place and began to sing and worship God, when a strange and unexpected thing happened. The whole house was filled with the glory of God, and no one could enter in for the cloud – the shekinah – had filled everywhere.

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: ...It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, **...then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for**

**the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.**

from 2 Chronicles 5:11-15

This was one of God's most intimate and private moments in the history of mankind and I believe this is when the spiritual conception of God's son took place.

As the natural so is the spiritual. The natural is a copy of the spiritual – one is a shadow of the other. It is God's way of teaching us his mind and will. All creation is screaming out the plan and purpose of God if we will only look at it with new spiritual eyes.

## Life Starts at Conception not Birth

The natural procreation process shows us the spiritual process. No baby is born immediately after the conception. Biologically, a human being starts at conception. **Human life** does not start or end, but a **'human being'** starts at conception. The birth comes in the fullness of time – thirty eight weeks from conception in a human being.

If Jesus was born 'in the fullness of time', as the bible says, then the spiritual conception must have been long before his birth. Remember that God did not marry Mary. He never referred to her as his wife, but Israel was often referred to by God as his wife and lover.

**For your Maker is your husband;** the LORD of hosts is his name; and your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Isaiah 54:5

I believe that the spiritual conception occurred at this moment when the presence of God filled the temple, and God planted his seed in Israel. I believe God moved quickly as soon as the temple was finished. It was new and pure and no one had defiled it.

When Jesus was born, Israel were in a backslidden condition and had been placed in Babylon in Daniel's time, for their whoredom. The exiles had gone back to the land of Israel but had not turned back to God fully, and the kingdom had not been restored. They were still under Rome at this time, and the Roman empire is part of the statue of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar was the head of Gold, the Median-Persian empire of silver were the breast and arms, the Greek empire of brass was the thighs, and the iron legs were the Roman empire (see Daniel 2)

Mary was the pure womb of Israel for God's son to be born. A whore's womb is the same physically as a virgin's womb, but the heart is either pure or the heart of a whore. Israel's heart was defiled, whereas Mary was a virgin.

## Jesus – Son of David

Jesus was the son of David and because this was really David's temple, although Solomon built it, then Jesus was the next spiritual king of Israel. There were many physical kings after David, including Solomon but Jesus was next in line spiritually. The same principle can be applied to the spiritual priesthood. Melchizedek was the first spiritual priest of God and, although there were many physical priests after the Aaronic order, Jesus was the next spiritual priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A priesthood not of flesh and blood, but of a spiritual body.

Only after Jesus rose from the dead did he become this priest. In fact that is the role he has today, as an intercessor at the right hand of God. He is the high priest of the temple in heaven, and until he comes as king to reign he will remain there officiating and interceding for us

And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchizedek there arises another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifies, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**Hebrews 7:15-17 (Read all chapters 7-10)**

God had now consummated the marriage and Israel was the wife of God. She also, as the wife of God, carried his child. The bible does not call an unborn baby a foetus, but says that a pregnant woman is 'with child'. The mother carries an unborn child, for a child's life starts at conception, and when the child is born it is already nine months old.





How is it that this bedraggled young virgin who caught the eye of Almighty God and became his wife, ended up as a whore, even paying her lovers for their service?

Often when a girl of low estate is courted by a man of great means she is at first overawed and wonders what he sees in her. Perhaps as he educates her, dresses her in finery and makes love to her she begins to feel his equal. As time goes by she becomes complacent, feels superior to him and begins to despise him. **That is the time he casts her aside.**

## Chapter 9

# Whoredom & Divorce

*But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and poured out your fornication on every one that passed by; his it was. ...And in all your abominations and your whoredom you did not remember the days of your youth,*

from Ezekiel 16:15-22

*I gave you a king in my anger, and took him away in my wrath.*

Hosea 13:11

Israel at this time in history was not only the kingdom of God but also married to the King. Their creator was, in fact, their husband! Many times, God had to remind them of this fact when they had strayed in their fidelity and found other lovers. The prophet Isaiah is one of those whom God sent to remind them.

For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were refused,

Isaiah 54:5-6

Solomon's reign, started off so well. He obeyed his father in all that he was asked to do. He did well in building the temple for God to dwell in as a permanent home, and God blessed him with wisdom, wealth, and popularity – the whole world wondered after him.

The kingdom was established and all was well. How did it all go wrong when it started off so right? What more could a woman want from her life? From humble beginnings this bedraggled girl had been favoured beyond all expectation and was now dressed in royal apparel and lived in the palace of the king with all its benefits and luxuries, its prestige and opulence.

## Complacent and Forgetful

If ever there was a 'rags to riches' story it was the story of God and Israel. God, the knight in shining armour, delivered her from the 'Dragon of Egypt' and took her to his stately home to be his bride. How could she ever forget where she had come from and the fate that would have befallen her if she had not been delivered from Egypt? How is it that this bedraggled young virgin, who caught the eye of Almighty God and became his wife, ended up as a whore, even paying her lovers for their service?

God had told Moses that when Israel had a king, there were four things that a king should observe and obey diligently.

1. Do not bring horses up from Egypt
2. Do not multiply wives
3. Do not multiply wealth
4. Copy the law and read it all the days of your life so your heart is not lifted up.

You shall set a king over you, whom the LORD your God shall choose ...but **he shall not multiply horses** to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: ...**neither shall he multiply wives** to himself, that his heart turn not away: **neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.** And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, that **he shall write him a copy of this law in a book** ...and **he shall read therein all the days of his life:** that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: **That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren**

from Deuteronomy 17:14:20

## The Kingdom Failed

King Solomon broke every single one of these four rules that God had specified for a king to observe. Is it any wonder that the kingdom was taken away from him and that Israel backslid?

A country is only as good as its leader, and when Solomon disobeyed God and worshipped idols the people followed his example. The pattern never changes.

What a challenge to every complacent leader in 'Christendom'.

1. And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

**2 Chronicles 9:28**

2. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

**1 Kings 11:3**

3. And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

**2 Chronicles 9:22**

4. There is no record that Solomon obeyed this command either. He certainly disobeyed the laws of God, so it is reasonable to assume that he did not read them every day of his life as instructed.

## Wisdom to Folly

Solomon, the wisest king ever, became the worlds biggest fool – for his many wives turned him from the living God to serve devils. The Masons and witchcraft take their secret wisdom from the backslidden writings of this sad deluded man. The so called star of David was known for thousands of years as 'Solomons seal' in witchcraft. It is the star of Rephadim, the pagan god.

God's judgement was to strip the kingdom from Solomon's seed, and in the reign of his son (Rehoboam), Israel was divided into two tribes and ten tribes, and they constantly fought each other. There was now only a remnant of Israel from the line of David, and the ten tribes had a new line of Kings. The kingly line of Judah was preserved for David's sake and to fulfil the plan of God.

But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto you, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, **that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem**, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

1 Kings 11:35-36

The two kingdoms of Israel and Judah have not been united again up to this present date in history. We will have to wait for the new King of Israel to restore the tribes and the kingdom back to Israel.

## The Marriage Breakdown

Israel became complacent and started to look for excitement outside her marriage boundaries and before long Israel had a whole catalogue of lovers other than God. The Egyptian gods, and the gods of the Assyrians and Canaanites were all on this long list.

But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and poured out your fornication on every one

that passed by; his it was ...**You have also committed fornication with the Egyptians** your neighbours, great of flesh; and have increased your whoredom, to provoke me to anger ...**You have played the whore also with the Assyrians**, because you were insatiable; You played the harlot with them, and yet you could not be satisfied. **You have moreover multiplied your fornication in the land of Canaan** unto Chaldea; and yet you were not satisfied.

from Ezekiel 16

God said that Jerusalem was so promiscuous that she was worse than a whore, because at least a whore would charge for her services. Israel actually reversed this practice and gave gifts and favours to her lovers – and the gold and silver that paid her lovers came out of the very temple of God.

They give gifts to all whores: but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and hire them, that they may come unto you on every side for your whoredom.

Ezekiel 16:33

## The Divorce

Often when a girl of low estate is courted by a man of great means she is at first overawed and wonders what he sees in her. Perhaps as he educates her, dresses her in finery and makes love to her she begins to now feel his equal. As time goes by she perhaps becomes complacent,

feels she is superior and begins to despise him. **That is the time he casts her aside.**

God really did not have a choice in what he did next to Israel and the unthinkable happened. God, who hates divorce, put away his wife. Under the New Covenant Jesus said that we must not put our wives away for it is causing them to commit adultery, but there is one clause to permit divorce and that is for fornication.

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.

Matthew 5:32

God will not ask from us a higher standard than he has for himself and God divorced his people, and wife, for their whoredom. Is this a failure of God's plan? Certainly not. Israel failed for sure, but God's plan did not fail, in fact everything was going according to God's divine plan. All throughout the bible this break up is prophesied, in the incidents of history – from the book of Hosea, the putting away of Vashti in the time of Esther, and many others books.

If Israel had not been cast off then the Gentiles could not be grafted on to the 'olive tree', and there would be no redemption outside physical Israel. We shall see more of this as this historical study of God's people progresses.

The LORD says. Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have

sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have you sold yourselves, **and for your transgressions is your mother put away.**

Isaiah 50:1

Israel was now in the sorry position of being put away by God for her constant rebellion and adultery. God had chastised her many, many times as he said he would do. He had witten it into the the marriage covenant. At times Israel had come back to him, only to backslide again and again after complacency had set in. This has always been the sin of God's people. After they came through their trials and hard times they soon forgot where they had come from and complacency and apathy becomes 'the norm'. We shall see much later in history that the bride of Christ is prone to the same cycle, and God has to tell them in the 'letters to the Churches' in the book of Revelation, "You have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4).

## The End of the Kingdom

God, as a loving husband, gave them many chances to repent and change, but after so many years and so many lovers, God made the final choice – he divorced them. However, he had not yet put them out of their marital home. True, they had lost many of their possessions and land, but Jerusalem where God dwelt was secure. The time was now very close when God would also send them away from their homeland with the divorce papers and hand them over to another kingdom.

When God did this Israel would no longer be a kingdom until a new king would return in triumph to restore the kingdom to them. Jesus' first visit to earth

did not, and was not meant to accomplish this. Jesus came to set up a secret kingdom that does not come with observation. It is a kingdom within a man. Jesus is not the 'king of Christendom' as so many Christians have been deceived into thinking. This myth will be exposed as we progress through this history of God's people and his wonderful and mysterious plan.



... Blessed be the name of God ...for he changeth the times and the seasons ...**he removeth kings, and setteth up kings.**

from Daniel 2-20-21

God told Nebuchadnezzar that he was a king of kings. What did God mean by this, for surely there is only one person who can legitimately lay claim to this title - Christ himself. However, God does not stop with giving Nebuchadnezzar the title 'King of Kings' but he does an amazing thing. He gives Nebuchadnezzar the **kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory.**

## Chapter 10

# The New Kingdom is Babylon

*But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary ... And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. **And them that had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon..***

2 Chronicles 36:16-20

God now prepared to remove Israel from their inheritance, but it was much more serious than just that, for God was going to hand them over to another kingdom for punishment. Jeremiah prophesied that it would be for seventy years. God said that they would now have to serve the king of Babylon.

And this whole land shall be a desolation,  
and an astonishment; and these nations  
**shall serve the king of Babylon seventy  
years.**

Jeremiah 25:11

## God's Forgiveness is Not Forever

This was going to be a literal time, but it also prophesied a longer period spiritually that would last until this present time. Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, asked Jesus how long he should keep forgiving. He thought seven times was the fulfillment, but Jesus told Peter that it was seventy times seven. He didn't say forever, for seventy times seven is a fixed number – four hundred and ninety times. There is a time when even God's forgiveness ends. For example, there will be no forgiveness throughout eternity for those outside the family of God on the new earth.

God told Israel, in the book of Leviticus, that if they did not repent for their sins then he would punish them seven times more. He repeated this four times which comes to a literal number of two thousand, four hundred and one years, which when counted from the time Judah went into Babylon is close to this present date.

If you will not for all this hearken unto me, then **I will punish you seven times more** for your sins.

Leviticus 26:18

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; **I will bring seven times more plagues upon** you according to your sins.

Leviticus 26:21

Then will I also walk contrary unto you, **and will punish you yet seven times** for your sins.

Leviticus 26:24

Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even **I, will chastise you seven times** for your sins.

Leviticus 26:28

## God's Millennial Rest

My point is that, although a remnant of Israel returned after seventy years, the nation did not turn back to God with their whole heart and I believe, that after this period of punishment, God's own zeal will restore Israel and not their own repentance. I believe they will repent after they have seen the deliverance but not to instigate it. This will be the kingdom of Israel restored and God's millennial rest.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice

from henceforth even for ever. **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

Isaiah 9:7

Israel, God's people and family, are still in this place of bondage and punishment – Babylon. The remnant went back physically to Israel in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, and today many Jews have returned to the land of Israel, but spiritually Israel have declared themselves a secular nation.

## Times and Seasons

Babylon, the counterfeit kingdom, later in history changed all the feasts and prophetic times and seasons to a solar calendar to deceive people of God's amazing plan. God prophesied through his lunar calendar as we shall see later in this study. The seventy years of punishment were calculated for the years that Israel had not kept their Sabbaths.

To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate **she kept Sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.**

2 Chronicles 36:21

Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, destroyed Jerusalem and the temple taking a remnant of the people to Babylon. God was now ready for the transfer of the kingdom of God to the kingdom of Babylon.

It needs to be stated that it was the tribe of Judah and a few from other tribes that Nebuchadnezzar took

to Babylon. The other ten tribes from the Northern Kingdom of Israel were taken away by the king of Assyria to his lands and they did not return to the land of Israel in Ezra and Nehemiah's time when some of Judah did. They migrated into Europe and are known as the lost tribes of Israel. However, they can easily be traced and, as prophesied, are like the sand of the sea for number. The total number of Judah today – the Jews – is only about ten million world wide. All this was prophesied by the prophet Hosea.

...for I will no more have **mercy upon the house of Israel**; but I will utterly take them away. But **I will have mercy upon the house of Judah**, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.... **Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea**, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, You are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, You are the sons of the living God. **Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head**, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

from Hosea 1:1-11

It is very important to note that Israel is not Judah, and Judah is not Israel. They are two separate kingdoms because God divided them and, until God

brings them together again, we must see them as two kingdoms – or we will never understand God’s plan for his chosen people. One day the two kingdoms will be united again and Jesus will be the king of the whole of Israel.

## The Statue of Babylon

After the Children of Israel were in exile the king of Babylon had a dream he could not interpret, nor could any of his magicians or soothsayers. God had blinded them to the interpretation of this amazing prophecy. Only Daniel – God’s man in exile – could interpret the dream.

King Nebuchadnezzar saw a statue comprising of many metals ranging from precious, malleable gold at the head, to hard unyielding iron on the legs and feet. The parts of the body represented by different metals all spoke of different empires that would reign on the earth, it is a fascinating study that I cannot investigate in this book (Footnote 1).

The important point for us to note is that each empire is not a new kingdom, but a progression of the same 'Kingdom of Babylon'. If, as I believe, we are now under the feet of iron and clay, then it is still the kingdom of Babylon, for that is what the statue is. When the stone, that Daniel saw in his vision, hits the feet of the statue then the whole statue falls, not just the part of the statue that is hit. When this happens then the whole of Babylon will fall, and the kingdom of Israel will be restored again. This is still in the future, but I believe it is not far away and I expect to see this collapse in my life time, if God spares me.

The whole description of this statue, and the interpretation, is in the second chapter of the book of Daniel.

For this study it will be enough to look closely at two of the verses. the first is:

You, O king, art a **king of kings**.....

Daniel 2:37

God told Nebuchadnezzar that he was a king of kings. What did God mean by this? Surely, there is only one person who can legitimately lay claim to this title – Christ himself.

And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:16

Why would God himself give this title to a wicked man whom he used to judge his backslidden people? There is only one explanation, as far I am concerned, that is that God is calling the king of Babylon, the counterfeit king of kings – Antichrist – the counterfeit king of the counterfeit kingdom. (The prefix 'anti' can mean 'against' or 'in place of'.) This is none other than that **counterfeit Church** and **kingdom of alternative worship**. Notice, it is God and not Satan who is giving this kingdom power over God's chosen people.

This is a spiritual dynasty that throughout the rest of history would rule Babylon **under God's authority** until the true Christ takes the kingdom from him.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.  
For there is no power but of God: the powers  
that be are ordained of God.

Romans 13:1

The second interesting verse in this chapter is;

...for the God of heaven has given you a  
**kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.**  
And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the  
beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven  
has he given into your hand, and **has made you**  
**ruler over them all. You are this head of gold.**

Daniel 2:37-38

God does not stop with giving Nebuchadnezzar the  
title 'King of Kings' but he does an amazing thing. He  
gives Nebuchadnezzar the **kingdom, the power, the**  
**strength, and the glory.** Jeremiah's writings confirm  
this;

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God  
of Israel; **I have put a yoke of iron upon the**  
**neck of all these nations, that they may serve**  
**Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon;** and they  
shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts  
of the field also.

Jeremiah 28:14

The whole of the nations have been given to the King  
of Babylon. Knowing this, it should not be a surprise  
that in our own generation every revival and move of  
God has, in a short time, been embraced and seduced  
by this system.

I believe from looking at history, including this present age, that the kingdom of Babylon still rules God's people. The revelation that was given to Daniel showed that until the stone falls and smashes the feet of the statue of Babylon it will remain so (Whole vision and interpretation in Daniel chapter 2). Jesus did not come the first time to destroy Babylon, he came to deliver us out of Egypt and to make it possible to come out of Babylon until the time it is destroyed. When Jesus comes the second time, after Babylon falls, then the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Christ and he will reign for one thousand years as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail and lament for her, ...saying, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come.

from Revelation 18:8-10

... with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Revelation 18:21

### Footnote 1

Maurice Barratt has a series of 10 one hour teachings on CD or DVD that cover this subject entitled '**6000 years of Babylon**'  
See back of book for details



Only four of God's remnant in Babylon decided to live differently from the kingly and indulgent lifestyle that was freely offered to them. They asked if they could live a simple, frugal life because they realised that Babylon was God's punishment and not his blessing or reward.

When God destroyed the earth the first time by water only eight souls were saved – a remnant. When God destroyed Sodom with fire, only a remnant escaped. When Jesus came to his own people, only a remnant recognised him. The pattern will never change and the bride of Christ will only be a remnant of God's people. Why should we expect anything different?

## Chapter 11

# The Remnant in The Remnant

*Artaxerxes, **king of kings**, unto Ezra the priest ...I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, in my realm, which are minded **of their own freewill** to go up to Jerusalem, go with you.*

Ezra 7:12-13

*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer you ...our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, know that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.*

Daniel 3:16-18

God's plan was being fulfilled all through the cycle of restoration and punishment that continued from

the day the children of Israel left Egypt. God always wanted to see what was in the heart of man now that he had given him a free will – choice. Adam was made with the potential for free will, but until God gave a commandment – do not eat of the tree, he couldn't exercise his free will in the matter of obedience or disobedience. He did not have moral choices as we do for he had no conscience until he had eaten of the forbidden fruit. The forbidden tree was placed in the garden of Eden by God. This gave Adam a chance to operate his free will and become his own god instead of letting God be God.

## Babylon Wants the Best

God now put his own people in Babylon because of their constant rebellion and adulterous worship of false gods. This was his permanent decision and he gives the king of Babylon rule over his own people. They were to serve him, and settle in this place of exile until their punishment was accomplished. God said that even if Noah, Job, and Daniel were to intercede for Israel they would not succeed. In fact he told Jeremiah not to pray for this people for he would be wasting his time. God had made a final decision.

Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord GOD.

**Ezekiel 14:14**

Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make

intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

Jeremiah 7:16

God's people would have a choice to live like the Babylonians or to remain a separated and peculiar people as God intended. He would find out who would worship him through 'the golden calf' or the 'statue of Nebuchadnezzar', soon to be erected, and who would worship him in spirit and in truth, come out of Babylon and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. This was another test of Israel's love for God – and again they failed

## God's People are of Use to Babylon

Nebuchadnezzar took the 'creme-de-la-creme' of God's people – the royal seed and intelligentsia of Jerusalem – to his country to train them for leadership in his government. God's people are always of great use to this 'system of Antichrist' for they have God's divine blessing on them even though they are backslidden. They only had to be taught the language and religion of Babylon and they would be able to govern the whole empire for Nebuchadnezzar.

The king spoke unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, **skilful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understanding science**, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach

the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans  
...**so nourishing them three years**, that at the  
end they might stand before the king.

**Daniel 1:2-5**

It is interesting and important to note that Nebuchadnezzar thought that the ideal period to change God's people from thinking in God's ways to thinking in the ways of Babylon would take three years. Jesus did the very same thing in reverse with his disciples. He trained them for three years so that their minds were renewed to think like God instead of the selfish ways of the world – then he left them. They were not by any means perfect after this training but they had enough of the 'new thinking' to be able to do the job that God had planned for them.

I teach discipleship in house groups around Great Britain and I go through Jesus' 'Discipleship Manifesto' in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. I have found exactly the same pattern. After around three years people have enough of the principles of the kingdom to be of use to God – then I usually move on.

## Comfortable in Babylon

Satan knows that God's people are in Babylon and under God's punishment. His tactic is to make them as comfortable as possible in Babylon so that they never want to leave, and of course this means that the temple in Jerusalem will never be rebuilt and God's plan will be thwarted. That is why Haman, at the time of Queen Esther, wanted to kill all the Jews – to make sure they never went back to build the temple.

A remnant did go back and rebuilt the temple, for God's eternal plan never fails. However at this period in the history of God's people this physical temple was only a type of the 'New Jerusalem'. Today, we do not leave a physical Babylon, but we must leave spiritual Babylon. We should not be rebuilding a physical Jerusalem or a physical temple we should be building a spiritual building as Paul says 'out of **living stones**'. The cry now is to come out of Babylon before she is judged.

Sadly, so many Christians are sending money today to the land of Israel to build the physical temple in Jerusalem quite unaware that it will be for Antichrist to start his reign. I am not talking about replacement theology for God has a plan for physical Israel and I will also cover this later in the study.

## Many Called – Few Chosen

Only four of God's remnant in Babylon decided to live differently from the kingly and indulgent lifestyle that was freely offered to them. They asked if they could live a simple, frugal life, because they realised that Babylon was God's punishment and not his blessing or reward. To many who received the offer of a kingly lifestyle it must have seemed like they were in God's blessing. They could live off the fat of the land and have power and influence 'in the kingdom'.

It is no different today, God's people are offered wealth and blessing and don't even realise that they are in the system of Babylon. They actually think Babylon is the kingdom of God. Of course they don't call it Babylon for they have been beguiled, but as the saying goes; 'a rose by any other name smells just as sweet'. How blind can the

masses of God's people be. We have now had two and a half thousand years of this situation and God's people are still trying to build God's kingdom in Babylon.

Daniel and his three friends decided that they would live a life of self denial – a lifestyle of prayer and fasting. These four disciples considered it a defilement to live a kingly lifestyle in Babylon – what a contrast. I have heard preachers say that it was because it was not 'kosher' meat (that is; meat not prepared according to the law of Moses), that Daniel and his friends refused the king's food. This can not be true, for these four exiles were all high up in the kingdom, training for leadership in the government, and could have asked for the meat to be prepared any way that they desired – their request to eat different food would be easily granted. Apart from that I don't think there is such a thing as 'kosher wine' – wine is just wine.

And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. .... But Daniel purposed in his heart that **he would not defile himself** with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. (Read the whole book of Daniel for the amazing adventures that followed this chosen path.)

## Bowing to Babylon

These four are the remnant in the remnant and we shall see that it is a principle throughout the bible. Many

are called but few chosen. Many were called in the days of Esther and were purified and had a relationship with the king, but only Esther was chosen to reign with the king.

## The Remnant in the Remnant

When Nebuchadnezzar built a statue and asked all his government to worship it, they of course all obeyed and bowed the knee. It is not surprising that only these four who lived a different lifestyle did not bow the knee. They did not fear the lions den, or the fiery furnace, and were delivered supernaturally by God. There were thousands of others – all God's people – that bowed the knee, because they had already been 'Babylonionised' by the system. I believe there is a lasting principle here and we will see, as we progress through history to our present time, that it still applies.

These four who did not bow the knee were the remnant in the remnant. Most of God's people were destroyed in the land of Israel because of their rebellion, but a remnant were taken into Assyria and Babylon. Almost all of these two kingdoms were assimilated into the customs and culture of the two empires of Assyria and Babylon, but there was a remnant from out of these exiles that did not bow the knee and these are a shadow and type of the bride of Christ.

## Reigning in the Kingdom

Those who suffer for Christ will also reign with Christ. Those who want to live the indulgent lifestyle of the system they find themselves in, are still God's people, but

are not of those who will reign. This will become clearer as we progress through history to the new covenant that Jesus makes with Israel.

I need to just mention this principle here for us to see that it started when God handed his people over to this system of Babylon, and that the principle still applies up to this present time!





We cannot receive revelation from God even when it is written in God's word until the predetermined time. Much of Daniel's prophecy had to be sealed until the end times – I believe this present age.

It is no use leaving Babylon if you are not on your journey to rebuild Jerusalem. Leaving the Church system is useless, **unless you become the church** – the children of Abraham, and you are seeking a city whose builder and maker is God – the New Jerusalem.

## Chapter 12

# Out of Babylon

*And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you are not partakers of her sins, and that you don't receive her plagues.*

**Revelation 18:4**

*And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

**Jude 1:23**

God now began to call the remnant out of Babylon and it all started with intercession. Here is another principle that is applicable today and we need to understand it. Intercession is a large subject on its own and I only want to mention it here as being the prerequisite for deliverance from the system. Daniel's prayer, after he had received the revelation that the seventy years were fulfilled, was instrumental in the return of some of the exiles to the land of Israel and

the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple.

Daniel had been in captivity the whole of the seventy years and I am sure he must have read the prophecy of Jeremiah many times. Only when the time came, according to God's divine plan, did Daniel receive the revelation that seventy years had been fulfilled – this provoked his wonderful model prayer of intercession. We would do well to study not only the prayer, but also the fasting and sackcloth that accompanied it, in the light of our present world and Church situation.

I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolation of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

**Daniel 9:1-2**

## Timing is Everything

We cannot receive revelation from God, even when it is written in God's word, until the predetermined time. Much of Daniel's prophecy had to be sealed until the end times which I believe is this present age.

And he said, Go your way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

**Daniel 12:9**

Another condition also had to be in place before the remnant could leave Babylon and that was for the

present king of Babylon to issue a decree that would allow them to return to Jerusalem, not only with their wives and children, but with the gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar had taken into Babylon. (It is good to note that all the gold of the tabernacle and temple originally came from Egypt when Israel spoiled them.)

Cyrus, a despot, was used by God to decree that all of this would happen. From this point in the study I am calling any ruler from this statue of Babylon (that is the Median, Persian, Greek and Roman empires) the king of the system, so although Cyrus was a Persian king he was spiritually the then present king of Babylon. This will continue throughout this history until we have a final Antichrist – king of the final Babylon system. Whoever rules this system is Antichrist – ruler of the counterfeit Church. Only the remnant that come out of Babylon are of the true church that Abraham started when he came out of Babylon. Anyone of God's children who are still in Babylon are in the counterfeit Church and will be judged with her in the end times. No wonder in the book of Revelation it says;

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying,  
Come out of her, my people, that you are not  
partakers of her sins, and that you don't receive  
her plagues.

Revelation 18:4

## Volunteers Only Please

When Ezra took a remnant back to the land of Israel it was for those who volunteered. There was not a conscription, but many did give up their lifestyle in

Babylon to make a fresh start in their desolate homeland.

The edict of Cyrus and the request of Nehemiah and Ezra was not just to repatriate the Jews, it was also for the purpose of rebuilding Jerusalem and the temple. This is important because the principle never changes and this was the first time the prophecies would be fulfilled. The prophecies of the return of the exiles and the building of the temple would happen again many times until the final spiritual building of the New Jerusalem, the bride of Christ, is completed.

This is the call of our present age and we will look at it in more detail in later volumes of this study. We, in this present age, must leave Babylon in order to build the city, which is the bride of Christ, and it is no use at all leaving Babylon if it is not to rebuild that Jerusalem.

## Egypt to Canaan – Babylon to Jerusalem

There is no point leaving Egypt if you are not on your way to the promised land – you will live in a desert. This is the fate of most of God's people. They leave Egypt, that is they are redeemed from the world – saved, but they never reach the promised land and so die in the wilderness. Only two people, Joshua and Caleb, out of three million entered the promised land – a very small remnant.

By the same rule, it is no use leaving Babylon if you are not on your journey to rebuild Jerusalem, the Bride. It is no use leaving the **Church system** unless you become **the church** – the children of Abraham, and you are seeking a city whose builder and maker is God – the New Jerusalem.

Discipleship is always a voluntary decision, not a conscription, for the price is very high. Salvation is free, but holiness is not, and that is why so many Christians today will not pay the price to leave Babylon. The king's meat, the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches deceive them and they become unfruitful. Why should they sacrifice when they can eat the king's meat, drink his wine, and live like kings? The apostle Paul reprimanded the Corinthian Church for this lifestyle and asked them to follow his example of frugality, simplicity, and humility.

Now you are full, now you are rich, you have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God you did reign, that we also might reign with you. For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are honourable, but we are despised ...Wherefore I beseech you, be followers of me.

from 1 Corinthians 4:8-16

## Physical – But not Spiritual

A remnant of Gods people returned to the land that God had promised them, to rebuild the physical walls of Jerusalem and plant vineyards and olive groves, but it is a very sad fact that they never left Babylon in their hearts. God took his people out of Egypt, but he could not take Egypt out of his people. God sent a remnant out of Babylon, but he has never to this day removed Babylon

from his people. Only a remnant in each generation have achieved this, and they are the ones who have changed nations and had a lasting effect on history for the good.

## Traditions of the Elders

Israel remained a backslidden nation for the next few hundred years and at the time that God's son was born was still playing the whore. They were controlled by the Pharisees who were teaching, not the law of Moses, but the doctrines of Babylon – the tradition of the elders. Jesus challenged the Pharisees for this error.

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they don't wash their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

**Matthew 15:1-3**

To this day the vast majority of Jewish people hold the Babylonian Talmud in higher esteem than the Torah – God's word.

## Only by Revelation

Only a small remnant recognised God's son, and much of that was by divine revelation. Even Peter had to have a divine word that Jesus was the son of God.

Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus

answered and said unto him, Blessed are you, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you**, but my Father in heaven.

Matthew 16:16-17

Peter already knew that Jesus was the Messiah – the political leader, a prophet who would restore Israel (see John 1:40). All the disciples of Jesus thought that the restoration of Israel, as foretold by their own prophets, would happen in their lifetime and that Jesus would deliver them from the iron fist of Rome. What they did not know was that **Jesus was God's son**, that is, **God manifest in the flesh**, and when it was revealed to Peter, then Jesus immediately forbade them to tell anyone this fact. It was only to be understood by divine revelation.

This hasn't changed, and for a man or woman to receive teaching about Jesus without this revelation is not only ineffective, but dangerous to the real life of Christ.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven ...**Then he charged his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.**

from Matthew 16:17-20

He obviously did not restore Israel or fulfil the Messianic prophecies in his lifetime, and later when he had risen from the dead one of the first questions that the disciples asked Jesus was about this very thing. He told

them that he didn't know himself when the time would be, and that the plan was all his fathers and not his own. Of course Rome is still of the 'Statue of Babylon' and Ceaser at that time in history was the 'King of Babylon'.

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

Acts 1:6

God's own people, the children of Israel did not recognise the first coming of Jesus and God's people crucified God in the flesh. Why do God's people today, in their blindness, believe that they will recognise his second coming, whilst they are also in Babylon. Nothing changes, everything is cyclical, but don't forget it is all part of God's plan and is running to a fixed time scale.

## Changed Name – Changed Character

God told Israel to meet him in Jerusalem, in the temple, for that was where he would dwell. They were not allowed to meet wherever they chose.

Take heed that you don't offer your burnt offerings in every place you see: But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shalt offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:13-14

Until Messiah comes God's people are still in exile. The true remnant of Jewish people still believe this to be

true and are waiting for Israel to be restored by Messiah when he returns and not by men before this event. The building of synagogues – local places of worship and the traditions of the elders that Jesus was so vehement against are all traceable back to Babylon (Footnote 1). Months of the Jewish year were numbered in the Torah. They were called the first month or the tenth month, etc.

After the captivity of Babylon, Babylonian names were put to each of them, and have remained to this day as any Jewish web site will affirm. This was standard Babylonian practice to change the whole person and culture. Remember that Nebuchadnezzar changed the names of Daniel and his three friends to Babylonian names thus signifying a change of character. Daniel means 'God is my judge' and was changed to Belteshazzar meaning 'lord of the straitened's treasure' – an occult name if ever there was one. (God also changed peoples names as their characters were changed.)

### Not for Ever

God prophesied that one day his people would be freed from Babylon, but until Babylon is destroyed, as Daniel prophesied, then God's people will always be in exile and will have to live as Daniel and his three friends did. When the kingdom is restored to Israel and the king returns then we can feast and rest, but until then we must have tribulation.

...and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 14:22

The kingdom of heaven is not eternal life, and neither is it Christendom or the present Church. It is the millennial reign of Christ, when the kingdom is restored to Israel. I believe that I will prove conclusively from scripture, in a later volume of this study, that this is without dispute and that the Church have claimed that Babylon is the kingdom of Christ so purporting to be in the kingdom before the king returns.

### Parable of the Vineyard.

Jesus told a parable of a man who planted a vineyard and left it to husbandmen to look after. His servants came to collect fruit from it and were beaten by the husbandmen and returned in shame. This happened many times and the outcome was always the same. In the end the owner of the vineyard said "I will send my own beloved son, for they will respect him and give him the fruit of the vineyard.

Most bible expositors interpret this parable to signify that the owner of the vineyard is God and that his servants are his prophets and Jesus is the son. I also believe this to be the correct interpretation.

The vineyard is a type of Israel throughout the bible. The prophets were sent by God to tell his people that they were not bearing fruit and that they should repent and produce fruit. Fruit, is a type of God's character (the fruit of the spirit in Galatians five is a good example). John chapter fifteen is another passage that shows that fruit is the character of Christ that flows through the branches. We are the branches and so the fruit is evident in our lives when we manifest the character of Christ. The last prophet John the Baptist put this very clearly

– notice that he refers to Abraham as the root of their faith and not Moses.

**Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance**, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luke 3:8

It is the last part of the parable that I find very interesting and revealing for it says that the servants said. “This is the heir, let us kill him and the inheritance will be ours”. Jesus in this parable is without doubt the son referred to, and his inheritance for going to the cross and obeying his father is to rule the kingdom of God on earth. King David in his psalm writes;

...the LORD said unto me, you are my Son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me, and I shall give you the heathen for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.

Psalms 2:7-9

## Stealing the Kingdom

The husbandmen – God’s people wanted the kingdom for themselves and this is the whole issue we are faced with today. I will say much about this in a later volume, but we need to see the shadows and types that keep being fulfilled throughout history, so that we are not deceived

in this present age. We must not be deceived into building the wrong and counterfeit kingdom, whilst claiming that it is the kingdom of God.

In the next volume of this study we will see how all this is fulfilled as Jesus is born into the world. Another stage of the plan of God will be revealed. We must not forget that God's plan is for an eternal family and now almost four thousand years after the first and physical Adam was created from the dust of the earth a new and spiritual Adam was born into the world. God and his wife Israel would now have a beloved son.

### **Footnote 1**

It was probably during the Babylonian captivity that the synagogue became a national feature of Hebrew worship. Afar from their Temple, the exiled Jews gathered into local meeting-houses for public worship. Sacrifice was denied them; prayer in common was not. The longer their exile from the national altar of sacrifice, the greater became their need of houses of prayer; this need was met by an ever-increasing number of synagogues, scattered throughout the land of exile. From Babylonia this national system of synagogue worship was brought to Jerusalem.

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