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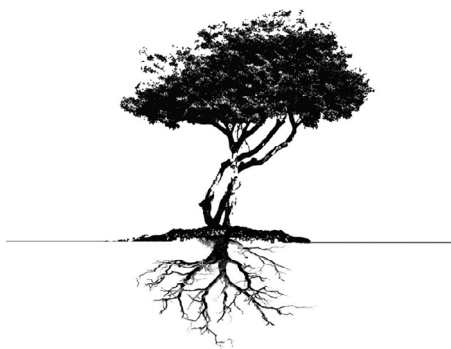
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The bible is not a history book nor is it a book of morals. It is a book of God's dealings with his chosen people and his plan for them in the future.

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

In Matthew Chapter 6, verse 33, Jesus says "Seek first the kingdom of heaven". Therefore, this must be the priority of every believer. But what exactly is this kingdom? How can it be manifested and who will be its subjects?

In this very thought provoking volume Maurice continues to explore this theme, and how it should affect our lives. He also exposes where the historic Church has been led into deception.

Since all history is moving to the establishing of this last and great kingdom, and surely it is closer than when we first believed. Therefore, this teaching is worthy of your consideration.

Rev. Geoff Bates



The land of Canaan is not a type of heaven, for there will be no giants to fight and no walled cities to conquer in heaven. Canaan is a type of the millennial reign when Jesus and his bride will subdue their enemies and bring peace through war and conquest. The river Jordan is not a type of physical death – as a bridge to heaven – even though it is a nice sentimental dream that the Negro spirituals have brought to our theology. The river Jordan is a type of the crossing from the flesh to the spirit.

Introduction

First Fruits

An earnest ; arrhabon ar-hrab-ohn'; of Hebrew origin.
Money which in purchases is given as a pledge or down payment
that the full amount will subsequently be paid

*Which is the **earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Ephesians 1:14

*For the **earnest** expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

Romans 8:19

Before the Holy Ghost came to reside in men, on the Feast of Pentecost, the disciples were part of the physical kingdom of Israel. God had dwelt in a tabernacle in the wilderness for 40 years and then in Canaan until Solomon built a Temple – a permanent place – for God to dwell.

Tithes had to be brought to Jerusalem and sacrifices could only be officiated where God dwelt – the Holy City.

But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: Then there shall be a place which **the LORD your God shall choose** to cause his name to dwell there; **thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes,** and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

Deuteronomy 12:5-6

Although Israel (the ten tribes that had rebelled) designated Samaria as a place to worship God, Jesus declared to the woman at the well that only Jerusalem was the correct place to worship, but he then prophesied that the day of change was coming.

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, **the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.**

John 4:21-22

Still Waiting for the Kingdom

It is hard for us to understand how radical it must have been for the disciples to change from a physical

kingdom to a spiritual kingdom, to worship in spirit and in truth from within, and not only at Jerusalem. The disciples thought Jesus would set up an earthly kingdom and they wanted to be part of it and reign with him. James and John were vying to sit on his right and left hand when he subdued the Roman empire and sat on the throne of David to restore all things to Israel. The other disciples were debating who would be the greatest in the kingdom when it came.

A New Spiritual Kingdom Within

I showed in the last volume that even after Jesus' resurrection they still believed that Jesus would restore Israel. It was only after the day of Pentecost that they understood all that Jesus had talked about the kingdom, and they began to teach about it as Jesus had done. This spiritual, eternal kingdom is the first fruits of the physical kingdom in the future.

I ended the last volume in this series with the promise that Jesus gave to his disciples to send the Holy Ghost to those who would tarry in Jerusalem. He told them that this could only happen after he had risen from the dead and ascended to his father in heaven.

Jesus did rise from the dead, on the third day, and after 40 days he ascended to heaven. He is now at the right hand of God waiting to come back to earth and restore all things. When the Holy Ghost came into those disciples assembled in the upper room the new kingdom within a man would begin. This was to be a brand new kingdom. It was the one that John the Baptist and Jesus talked about when they said it was close at hand. It was not the final kingdom, for Jesus told us in the parables to

"occupy until I come". Jesus will set up the final kingdom on earth and it will again be a physical kingdom. He will destroy all his enemies and there will be a physical blood-bath. It will be the bloodiest coup that this world has ever known.

Only the First Fruits

And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God has spoken about by the mouth of all his holy prophets **since the world began**.

Acts 3:22

From the above scripture it is obvious that the cross did not restore everything. However, it did give us a down payment – a deposit, or as the bible says an earnest, of the hope of the full redemption that will be ours at his coming. This will happen at the first resurrection when the bride will also be changed into immortality. Those of the bride who are dead in Christ will be raised first from the dead in a new resurrected body.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The cross redeemed our spirits and we are now reconciled to God, but our body of flesh is still under the curse that came upon Adam. We will all die in our mortal body. The cross did not redeem our mortal flesh, and even if we believe in healing by faith, and the dead coming back to life (as I do), we all expect to eventually die. Even those who preach that healing is in the atonement and that a Christian never needs to be sick contradict themselves if they expect to get old, feeble, die, and decay in the earth.

The restoration of all things, including our flesh, will not happen until Christ returns to earth. Then, we will put off this vile body and put on immortality. Only then will we have perfect health and immortality.

A shadow of this is the redemption of Israel from Egypt with the blood of a Pascal lamb. It was an 'earnest' of the hope of the promised land flowing with milk and honey and a permanent place for God to dwell. The deliverance from Egypt was not the end but the beginning of a redemptive plan that would culminate in the building of Jerusalem, and the temple, in Canaan.

Canaan is a Type of the Restoration

The land of Canaan is not a type of heaven as many Christians believe, for there will be no giants to fight and no walled cities to conquer in heaven. Canaan is a type of the millennial reign when Jesus – our Joshua –and his bride will subdue their enemies and bring peace through war and conquest. The river Jordan is not a type of physical death, as some kind of bridge to heaven, even though it is a nice sentimental dream that the Negro

spirituals have brought to our theology. The river Jordan is a type of the crossing over from the flesh to the spirit, from mortality to immortality – not at death, but at the return of Jesus. Canaan was only eligible for those who were circumcised, foreshadowing that only those who are circumcised in heart will reign with Christ as his bride.

Abraham's circumcision was only an outward sign that he was circumcised in his heart by faith. Circumcision of heart is a sign that we are saved by faith and not the works of the flesh.

And he (Abraham) received the sign of circumcision, **a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had ..**

Romans 4:11

Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness ...they had not circumcised.

Joshua 5:3-5

When Jesus returns he will not only restore the kingdom to Israel, but will finish off his redemption plan. Many Christians believe their salvation is complete because of the cross, but it is far from finished. The cross was only to redeem our spirits and to give us a

deposit of the whole redemption. Everything, including the animal kingdom will be redeemed in the millennial reign of Christ on earth. This is the blessed hope that the apostles talked about.

God's creation is patiently waiting for the realisation of this hope. The trees will clap their hands and the mountains will skip when all is restored. The lion will eat straw like the ox and the character – glory – of our God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. What a blessed hope we have!

For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. 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. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the **first fruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, that is, **the redemption of our body.**

Romans 8:19-22

The End of Our Salvation

Our resurrection is so important to our Salvation and is the final part of it. The following scriptures show that the end of our Salvation is in the future and I believe it is not too far away. Our redemption draws near!

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is **our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

Romans 13:11

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall **he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

Hebrews 9:28

Who are kept by the power of God through faith **unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

1 Peter 1:5

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

1 Peter 1:9

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

Special note.

For those readers who have not read volume 1 and 2, I am continuing to differentiate the Church system, with all its denominations, from the true body of Christ by using Church (capital C) for the counterfeit Church System, and church (small c) for the true body and future bride of Christ.

Part 1



From Physical to Spiritual

Chapter 1

You Must be Born Again

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality,

Romans 2:7

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:9

The resurrection of Jesus is of vital importance to the plan of God's love and romance. Everything hinges on this pivotal moment in history when the first human being, with a mortal body, changed in a moment into a spiritual being. Read what Paul says in Corinthians about this subject.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
And **if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain**;
you are yet in your sins. Then they also which are
fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life
only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men
most miserable. But now is Christ risen from
the dead, and become the **first fruits** of them
that slept.

1 Corinthians 15:16-20

The First Resurrection

I do not think that Paul was talking about the resurrection that the whole of mankind will experience when they stand at the great white throne to face their eternal destiny. Paul is talking about the resurrection that Jesus had, where he changed from mortality to immortality. Those facing the great white throne will face God in their flesh. Most Christians forget about the **first resurrection**, the resurrection of the bride when Jesus comes. This is the resurrection that changes a man into a spiritual person exactly the same as the risen Jesus. This is the blessed hope that the apostles talked about to the early church – we purify ourselves with this hope.

Our present generation of Christians in the West do not want Jesus to come for the simple reason that he

will spoil all their carnal plans and dreams. They want to stay in their flesh, because that is where they derive all their pleasure. They pray, and have faith, not that God will come quickly, but that he will prosper them in material things so that they can indulge themselves in an extravagant, selfish lifestyle.

No Firstfruits - No Harvest

If there are no first fruits then there can be no harvest. If Jesus did not rise from the dead there will not be a resurrection for the bride and we will never reign with Christ on earth or have an immortal body. This is why the resurrection of Jesus, and our eventual resurrection, is so important. When the kingdom comes only those who have the spiritual body will reign with Christ. Paul clearly teaches that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom**. When Jesus rose from the dead he was no longer flesh and blood, he was a spiritual being. He was not just a spirit, but had a literal spiritual body with flesh and bones.

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself:
handle me, and see; **for a spirit hasn't flesh and bones**, as you see me have.

Luke 24:39

Jesus used the above phrase because that was exactly the words that Adam used when he saw the woman for the first time. He was saying that he was not like Adam, but neither was he 'a spirit', for he had spiritual flesh and bones, and ate food in front of the disciples.

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones,
and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.

Genesis 2:23

How Christians have been deceived to believe that the Church, in this age, is the kingdom of God when they are still in flesh and blood is difficult for me to understand, but the deception is all embracing and finely woven into Christendom's theology.

Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

1 Corinthians 15:50

Flesh and Blood Can have Eternal Life

There will be millions of God's people on earth in the millennium but they will be flesh and blood and will not reign with Christ. Only the meek, the humble, and the persecuted, **will inherit the kingdom** according to the teaching of Jesus in his 'Sermon on the Mount' discourse (Matthew 5-7).

I also believe there will be countless millions of people in the new heaven and earth who have not been transformed into spiritual beings but will live forever, not because they have an eternal body, but because they have access to the tree of life that allows an earthly body to live forever. Adam did not have an immortal body. He would have died, even if he had not sinned, if he did not eat of the tree of life. When Adam and Eve did sin, God cut them off from the tree of life

so that they would not live forever, just as God had warned them.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, **and eat, and live for ever:**

Genesis 3:22

The Bride is the City

On the new heaven and new earth, the nations that are saved will have access to the city that is new Jerusalem – the bride of Christ – **but they are not the city or the bride.** This class of people will walk on the streets of gold, but **the bride is the gold**, the silver and the precious stones (see Revelation 21-22).

I will enlarge on these statements when I come to the last volume and will cover what the bible says about the new heaven and new earth, but the fact that these people eat of the tree of life shows that they do not have an immortal body. When Jesus rose from the dead he had a spiritual body but it was a literal body, not a mystical body – he was not a ghost. He could manifest in different forms and could appear through closed doors (see the end of the Gospels and Acts 1).

Those Born Again see the Kingdom

The term ‘Born again’ is taken from an isolated scripture in John’s gospel, and one in the epistle of Peter, but has become universally accepted as being synonymous with salvation, redemption, and being

saved; but is this correct? The term is neutral and I understand what people are saying when they use it to describe the experience of coming to know God.

However, the term has been used as part of the deception to believe that **the Church is the kingdom of God** and that Jesus was telling Nicodemus about eternal life and not the kingdom. I will now look at the incident in John's gospel and show what Jesus was really talking about – not the assurance of salvation for eternal life – but being part of the coming kingdom and being born again into a spiritual resurrection body.

Chapter 3 starts with these words;

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that you art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, **he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

John 3:1-3

Jesus does not say that unless you are born again you cannot have **eternal life** and yet most Christians have changed what Jesus said to mean just that. The well known verses in his conversation with Nicodemus are talking about **the conditions to obtain eternal life.**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have **everlasting life.**

John 3:16

The conditions for eternal life are clear – to believe in God's son – but Jesus said **the conditions to see and enter the Kingdom of God is to be born again**. That is, to be born of the spirit and have a spiritual body, just like Jesus has when he rose from the dead.

I have already shown in volume 2 that eternal life is not the kingdom of God, so it follows that if flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom, then Nicodemus would have to be born again with a new spiritual body to become part of the kingdom. Of course, without revelation Nicodemus would not understand and so he asked the obvious question "How can a man be born again when he is old?" – a fair question to the natural mind. The answer Jesus gives is very revealing.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, **he cannot enter** into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh **is flesh**; and that which is born of the Spirit **is spirit**.

Verse 5-6

Born of Water and of Spirit

It is easy to understand being 'born of water', for we know about the natural life. A baby in the womb is surrounded by water and the waters need to break for the baby to be delivered into the life of flesh and blood. But what about being 'born of the spirit'? Jesus said; **"that which is born of the flesh is flesh"**, but he also said; **"that which is born of the spirit is spirit"**. This follows, that if I am born of the spirit, **I am spirit** and not flesh and blood – my body must be a spiritual one

and not a natural, physical body. When I accept Jesus as my Saviour and Lord there is a spiritual experience, and all things become new. I am redeemed and a child of God, but I am not yet born of the spirit. I stay in flesh and blood (this is analogous to the experience of lovemaking and conception). Paul says that this treasure – the life of Christ – is in flesh, an earthen vessel.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

Conception or Birth?

What we call the new birth is only the conception in the womb – the place where life starts. A human being starts life at conception and not at birth. The natural baby is in the womb surrounded by water, waiting for the waters to break so that the life, already present in the womb, can be manifest to the world. So we, in the womb and surrounded by the spirit, are waiting for the new spiritual body that will manifest when Jesus returns for us.

When a baby is in the womb it is dependant on its mother for life, and has an umbilical cord for this purpose. Those of us who have received Christ as our Saviour are children of God for sure, but we are still dependant on Christ for our life and we are waiting until we have a spiritual body that has eternal life in itself. Then, we will not need any 'umbilical cord' to communicate and feed from God, for when we see Christ we shall be like him. We will also have that resurrection life in us and we will

not need to eat of the tree of life ever again – **we will not be flesh and blood that will live forever.** When we change into immortality we will be eternal beings as Jesus is now. All creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God – the birth of this new creation, not of flesh and blood, but of spirit. Only those who have this metamorphosis will see and enter the kingdom of God.

The Cord will be Cut

I believe that we are now in the womb, alive and ready to be born. Don't forget that when a child is born it has already lived 9 months, depending on its mother for sustenance, but when it is delivered it has its own independent life. It does not need an umbilical cord for it has life in itself. We will also have eternal life in ourselves when the resurrection life manifests in us, at the return of Jesus.

Beloved, **now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be:** but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

When the child is in the womb no one knows whether it will be like the father, the mother, or even the grandparents – and so it is with us. We have no idea what we will be like after we have been 'born again' with a spiritual body.

Paul talks to the Corinthian church and chides them for not understanding this. Read it slowly and digest it, for it agrees with what Jesus said to Nicodemus and

is not about salvation for eternal life, but is about the resurrection at the coming of Jesus, when those who see him will be like him.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up and with what body do they come? You fool, that which you sow is not made alive, except it die: and that which you sow, you sow not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may be of wheat, or of some other grain: but God gives it a body as it has pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differs from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: **it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.** There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. However that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are

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they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

From 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Paul is talking to Christians in the above passage. There is no seed sown in an unbeliever and so there will be no new spiritual life. There is no birth without a conception. Nowhere in the bible does it say or imply that those who have not accepted the offer of salvation will stand before God in an immortal body. They will have to face him in their sinful fallen nature and in flesh and blood. Only those who have the resurrection life in them will manifest a new spiritual body when Jesus comes. They will be born again of the spirit, and the proof is that they will have a spiritual body to show for it. All others, whether saved or lost, will face God in their flesh.



The communion meal is not an emblem or a symbol. To believe so is to eat and drink unworthily, that is, not understanding what you are doing. The key to all that we do as Christians is ‘by faith’. Faith turns material things into literal spiritual.

Chapter 2

Resurrection Bread

I am the bread of life

John 6:48

*This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: **he that eats of this bread shall live for ever.***

John 6:58

In the last volume I shared about the covenant meal and the intimate way in which Christ addressed his future bride before he left to prepare a place for her. I now want to look at the communion meal from a different perspective, but a vital one, in our study of the resurrection. I will repeat some of what I have already written for the sake of those readers who have not read volume 2.

The communion meal feeds the resurrection life that we must have if we want to be in the first resurrection of

the bride. John, the Apostle, gives us an insight into this in his gospel. Not like the other three gospels at the end, just before the death of Jesus, but the teaching that he gives in chapter 6. Many Christians have overlooked this chapter and only see the communion meal as symbolic, and in doing so miss a tremendous revelation of this resurrection meal.

Spiritual Bread

In the beginning of this chapter Jesus feeds the multitudes and this is of significance. All of Jesus' miracles and healings were for teaching as well as to meet physical needs. He was showing that if he broke the natural bread and fed multitudes, then if he – the bread from heaven – was broken on the cross, he could feed the whole world.

In verse 26 he lets the crowd know that he is not happy that they are following him for natural bread and begins to explain that they need the spiritual bread if they want eternal life.

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you. You seek me, not because you saw the miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perishes but for **that meat which endures unto everlasting life**, which the Son of man shall give unto you ...

John 6:27-27

Jesus explained that the 'manna' in the wilderness was spiritual food, but not the bread of life –

eternal life. David called it angel's food in one of his psalms.

...and had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

Psalm 78:24-25

However, Jesus made it clear that the 'manna' was not the bread of life that came down from heaven because they ate it and yet still died. He said that the bread that came down from heaven will make a man live forever **if he eats it.**

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which comes down from heaven, and gives life unto the world. Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, **that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

Verses 32-33 and 49-50

He then tells them plainly that **he** is the bread that came down from heaven and that he is the bread of life, not of course natural life, but supernatural, resurrection, eternal life.

I am the bread of life

Verse 48

This has all been a preparation for the 'bombshell' he is about to drop on them. He tells them that unless they **eat his flesh and drink his blood** they will never have this resurrection life in them and they will not be resurrected on the last day.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and **the bread that I will give is my flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has eternal life; **and I will raise him up at the last day.**

From John 6:51-54

Eat my Flesh – Drink my Blood

I cannot begin to imagine how this must have sounded to those listeners who knew and practised the law of Moses. How would the Jews and his disciples respond to these remarkable statements when they sounded like Jesus was advocating cannibalism? To drink blood and eat human flesh is an occult practice and abhorrent to any of God's people. This offended them and John records that many of his disciples stopped following him after this saying.

Instead of Jesus explaining that it was only symbolic, he reiterated his statements again and again in this passage, but always with the conclusion that if they ate and drank he would raise them up on the last day to eternal life.

This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: **he that eats of this bread shall live for ever.**

Verse 58

It must be obvious to those reading this book that when Jesus talked about eating his flesh and drinking his blood he was talking about the communion meal that he was going to take with his disciples after they had eaten the Passover, and just before he was crucified. Why did Jesus keep repeating this hard saying? Remember that many of Jesus disciples left him because of it.

Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? From that time **many** of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Verses 60 and 66

Faith is The Key

The communion meal is not an emblem or a symbol. To believe so is to eat and drink unworthily, that is, not understanding what you are doing. The key to all that we

do as Christians is 'by faith'. Faith turns material things into literal spiritual. When we read the bible it is not symbolic of anything, it is the word of God on paper, and if it stays as such will not transform us into the image of God. Only when, by a miracle through living faith, the word becomes flesh – my flesh – will I grow into the fullness of the stature of the son of God. That is why so many Christians stay the same carnal people after reading the Bible for 20 years. Faith has not been applied and they are only reading the word instead of becoming the word.

So it is with the bread and wine. It is only physical bread and wine, but by faith and understanding, it becomes 'Christ in us'. Not transubstantiation, not from bread to Christ's physical body, but from bread to Christ's spirit – his life, his character, his mind. What a blessed thing to partake of the divine nature! It is literal spiritual and that is why Jesus or Paul never mention the word 'symbol' or 'emblem'. Protestants have done so because they are afraid of the doctrine of transubstantiation. In so doing they have swung the pendulum to the opposite side and are in just as great, if not greater, an error. Mysticism is to do with the occult and not the life of Christ – we have spiritual reality. I can not grow into the perfect spiritual man unless I eat and drink spiritual food.

No Compromise from Jesus

The 12 disciples were also bemused at these hard sayings, but Jesus did not help them by explaining that it was only symbolism. He asked them if they wanted to leave him also.

Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will you also go away?

Verse 67

Verse 63 confirms what I have stated. Jesus told them he was talking about spiritual food and not physical food. Let me repeat again that spiritual things are literal and not mystical or symbolic. In fact it is the other way around. Physical things, although real, are only symbols of spiritual reality. The spiritual world is the real one and the one that will remain after all the physical has passed away. Paul said that we must look not at the things on earth – the natural material things, but on those that are spiritual and eternal.

If you then are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-2

Jesus did explain to his disciples that he was talking about spiritual things and not cannibalism.

It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit, and they are life.**

Verse 63

Paul, writing to the Corinthian Church, also warns them about not understanding what they are doing when they eat and drink the Lord's supper. He says that to eat and drink without understanding is to eat and drink

damnation. This cannot be about a symbol, for symbols could never make a person weak, sickly or die. When we partake of any of these 'means of grace' they are not neutral and if we are not putting the life of Christ in us by faith then they are taking the life of Christ out of us by ignorance.

To return to my example of the word of God, Paul says the word of God is either life or death.

Who also has made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: **for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.**

2 Corinthians 3:6

Eating Life or Death

So it is with the communion meal. Because it is the covenant betrothal meal between Christ and his bride that one day will be resurrected and meet him in the air, then we are either eating resurrection life or damnation to ourselves.

According to Paul, if you do not discern – understand all this – every time you partake of the Lord's supper instead of putting spiritual life in you the very opposite is true and you are taking spiritual life out of you. Read Paul's words carefully.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For **he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks**

damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

Those who have resurrection life by faith will be in the first resurrection of the bride. We do not get a new body when Jesus comes, it is a metamorphosis and we are changed from mortality into immortality in the twinkling of an eye. However, if the resurrection life is not in us when the trumpet sounds, there will be nothing in our flesh to change into immortality. It is not something we are given when Jesus comes to take his bride. The life of the butterfly is in the caterpillar before the metamorphosis and, unless the life is in the caterpillar, it can never manifest into the butterfly. So it is with us, only those who are eating and drinking the resurrection food by discerning the Lord's body will be transformed when the last trumpet sounds.

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven ... Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:46-53



God's physical timing is very accurate and Jesus died exactly on the day it was planned – the Passover. The Holy Spirit came exactly on the day that God planned it from eternity – the Feast of Weeks, which is Pentecost. We can be sure therefore, that Jesus will return and restore the kingdom to Israel and that they will be 'saved in a day' on the last feast in God's calendar during the Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Chapter 3

Jesus the Prophet

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet has no honour in his own country.

John 4:4

In this series, I am looking at the plan that was in the mind of God before he spoke his first words of creation and how it was, and is, being manifested in time. I have shown in volume 1 that everything was planned in detail and the end was as sure as the beginning, because God has the wisdom and the power to ensure that his plan will be fulfilled to his entire satisfaction.

The bible states that Jesus was slain 'before the foundation of the world', but I have not met one Christian who believes that Jesus actually shed his

physical blood sometime back in eternity before he was born on earth. They believe it literally happened 2000 years ago. What then does this scripture mean?

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

It can only mean one thing, and that is, that God planned everything in eternity before he started the clock of material time. (A good definition of time is the running out of energy.) Although it was done in the spiritual realm it still had to be materialised in time and in the dispensation according to God's plan. God's physical timing is very accurate and Jesus died exactly on the day it was planned – the Passover. The Holy Spirit came exactly on the day that God planned it from eternity – the Feast of Weeks which is Pentecost. We can be sure therefore, that Jesus will return and restore the kingdom to Israel and they will be saved in a day on the last feast in God's calendar during the Feast of 'Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles. I will look at this in the next volume.

I think it is now the correct time in this series to look at the dispensations of Jesus, for there are 3 distinct periods of history that he needed to fulfil, and without this understanding we will not know the times or the seasons, and our understanding of God's plan will be flawed.

It is the ministry of Jesus as 'prophet', 'priest' and 'king'.

In the mind and plan of God it was established that Jesus would be all three before the creation of physical things, but in the physical realm this would span from his birth 2000 years ago to the end of his millennial reign, and will be in three distinct periods of history.

Prophets and King

In the Old Testament there were many people who were a prophet and also a king. David, the shepherd boy, is an good example. He was anointed to be king of Israel by Samuel.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:13

He was also recognised as a prophet by all the apostles and Jesus himself, for they regularly quoted his prophecies.

And David said, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them:

Romans 11:9

Prophet and Priest

In the Old Testament there were men who were prophets and also priests. Jeremiah was an example of this. He wrote one of the major prophetic books in the

bible, much of which has still to be fulfilled. He was also of the Aaronic bloodline of the priesthood.

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, **of the priests** that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom **the word of the LORD came** in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

Jeremiah 1:1-2

No King and Priest

However, in the Old Testament there was not one person who was a king and a priest. Why was this? Simply, because no one could hold these two offices in flesh and blood – even Jesus – as we shall see. There was one king who did try to officiate the priestly functions and he was struck down by God with leprosy. Here is the story.

When King Uzziah was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, **It is not right for you to burn incense unto the LORD, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense:** go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honour from the

LORD God. Then Uzziah was angry, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out of the temple. And he also hastened to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in an isolated house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD:

2 Chronicles 26:16-20

Melchizedek

Although I have stated that not one man held the office of priest and king, it is not strictly true that no one was king and priest in the Old Testament for there was one person, and only one, who was king and priest in the old dispensation. It was the mysterious figure who met Abraham after his battle to defend the king of Sodom. His name was Melchizedek and he was the **priest** of God and also a **king** of Salem.

And Melchizedek **king of Salem** brought forth bread and wine: and **he was the priest** of the most high God.

Genesis 14:18

There is much I could say about this person, but it is enough to know that **he was not flesh and blood.**

He was a spiritual being who must have existed before creation. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews confirms that he was priest and king and that he was not flesh and blood. To have flesh and blood you need a father and a mother – Melchizedek had neither.

For this Melchizedek, **king of Salem, priest of the most high God**, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him ...**Without father, without mother**, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abides a priest continually.

Hebrews 7:1-3

Prophets are in Flesh and Blood

The office of a prophet is only applicable to a person in flesh and blood. There will be no prophets in the new heaven and new earth. A prophet is to give God's word to the people, he is a mediator, but when heaven and earth pass away then everyone will hear God for themselves and will not need any man, or even an angel, to mediate for them. When Jesus came to the earth the first time he came in flesh and blood and in the office of a prophet only. He did not come as a priest for he was of the wrong lineage. No priests came out of the line of Judah.

For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood

Hebrew 7:14

Jesus did not come the first time as king, and this is important to understand for he is still not a king. Everything about the first coming of Jesus speaks of the prophet's ministry. Jesus came the first time to earth to fulfil the role of a prophet.

God had told Moses that there would be another prophet to come.

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a
Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren,
like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Numbers 18:15

The law came by 'the prophet Moses', but grace and truth came by 'the prophet Jesus Christ'.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

Even Islam will accept that Jesus was a prophet. Of course, they will not accept that he was God's son, died to redeem us back to God by the forgiveness of our sins, or that he rose from the dead in a new spiritual body to start his ministry as a priest, but they do accept his first ministry – that of a prophet.

Here are 5 reasons Jesus came as a prophet.

1. Prophets don't speak their own words

Prophets only speak the word of God – Jesus **was the word** made flesh, he was the ultimate prophet.

...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself:
but the Father that dwells in me.

John 14:10

2. All the prophets were persecuted

Jesus was persecuted from the first time he preached in his home town of Nazareth – they tried to throw him over a cliff – until they finally crucified him as a blasphemer and heretic.

3. Jesus rode the prophets beast

Jesus rode on an ass into Jerusalem, not on a king's steed. Kings are not born in stables and they do not go as 'a lamb to the slaughter', as prophets do. They die fighting for their kingdom. When Jesus comes as king he will subdue all his enemies and come on a white horse with the armies of heaven; he has not yet done this.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

Revelation 19:11

4. The Gospels declare Jesus a prophet

Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a

king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

John 6:14-15

Many in Israel thought that John the Baptist was 'that' prophet and questioned him about it. They were expecting this prophet to be a judge like many of the prophets of old and to restore the kingdom to Israel.

And they asked him, What then? Are thou Elias?
And he said, I am not. **Art you that prophet?**
And he answered, No.

John 1:21

5. Jesus claimed he was a prophet

For Jesus himself testified, that **a prophet** has no honour in his own country.

John 4:44

Voices in the Wilderness

If we, as God's children, want to be kings and priests and reign with Jesus, then we have first to fulfil the role of a prophet – a voice in the wilderness – just like John the Baptist and Jesus. We have to come out of Egypt – the world – then go through the wilderness to be tested and proved to see if we qualify for the promised land. I have shown that the promised land is not heaven, but the victorious reign of Jesus for 1000 years. This is when we will subdue all our enemies and take over the land. The wealth of Egypt is stored up for us to use in our promised land – the millennial reign of Christ.

Paul protested to the Church at Corinth for living like kings in this present age, and told them about his own life of frugality and persecution. He ends with the exhortation to follow him. What a far cry from the preaching of today where we are told how prosperous and successful we all should be; read the following passage slowly and carefully.

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. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; and labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have you not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I **beseech you, be you followers of me.**

1 Corinthians 4:8-16

The Roles Will be Reversed

If we refuse to live as a voice in the wilderness and a prophet now, and we live like kings in this present age, we will be shocked when the kingdom comes and the roles are reversed.

But woe unto you that are rich! For you have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! For you shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! For you shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Luke 6:24-26

Just as the man says, "You pays your money and takes your choice, but you can't have your cake and your halfpenny". As for me and my house I am happy to live like Christ and the apostles in this present age, for the hope of the resurrection and to reign as a king with Christ later.

You, the reader, will also have to make your own choice.



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Chapter 4

A Priest after Melchizedek

*The LORD has sworn, and will not repent,
You are a priest for ever **after the order of
Melchizedek.***

Psalms 110:4

*Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died,
yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the
right hand of God, who also makes intercession
for us.*

Romans 8:34

When Jesus died for the sins of the world he became the Passover lamb. He was flesh and blood and he could die. He had to be exactly the same as the first Adam, but without sin. However, when he rose from the dead he was no longer flesh and blood – he was spiritual flesh according to what he told the disciples.

God told Noah after the flood that he should eat flesh, but he could not drink blood because **the life of the flesh is in the blood.**

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall you not eat.

Genesis 9:4

Jesus was of a new order that had never existed before, even in eternity past. Angels, demons, or even God himself had never been flesh and blood. This was a body that had changed from mortal to immortal. It was a literal body, one with flesh and bones – but no blood. Jesus is a spirit, just as you and I are, but after the resurrection he lived in a spiritual body as opposed to a physical one. It was a real body that could walk, talk and eat, but it could also manifest in other forms and appear and disappear at will. His body was not subject to the laws of matter, for it was not made up of matter, but spirit.

Jesus stood in the midst of them, and said, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and frightened, **and supposed that they had seen a spirit.** He said unto them, Why are you troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: **handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see me have ...**And he said, Have you here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. **And he took it, and did eat before them.**

From Luke 24:36-43

Angels have spiritual bodies and can appear in differing forms, but they have never been flesh and blood. Jesus started a brand new creation and the bible says that his resurrection is the 'first fruits' of a new order and that when his bride changes to a spiritual body the resurrection will be complete. Millions of people will be resurrected to face God at his Great White Throne, but they will be raised in their flesh to account for deeds done in their bodies of flesh and blood.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, **and become the first fruits** of them that slept ...But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; **afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

From 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

The New Ministry of Jesus

When Jesus rose from the dead he was now ready to start his second ministry – that of the priesthood. This was a brand new ministry, and this was to be an entirely new dispensation. He could not be a priest on earth, for his descent was from David of the tribe of Judah, which was the wrong tribe to be a priest. Paul told the Hebrews there was no need of a new priesthood while the Aaronic priesthood still stood. This was a new order of priesthood, the **order of Melchizedek**, the spiritual priesthood that existed before creation.

If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that

another priest should rise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 7:11

David also prophesied that Jesus would be a priest after the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD has sworn, and will not repent,
You are a priest for ever **after the order of Melchizedek.**

Psalms 110:4

Jesus' Own Blood Atoned for Sin

Jesus did not, as priest, take the blood of bulls and goats to atone for sin and sprinkle the 'Mercy Seat' as the High Priest did once a year in the temple at Jerusalem. When Jesus rose from the dead he took his own blood into the temple in heaven, as an eternal atonement that would last, not for a year as with the Aaronic priesthood, but for eternity.

Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entered into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:25-26

There is much I want to say on the Passover and Atonement for I have found that most Christians do

not understand the difference between the two feasts and what they signify to us. They put them together, as though Christ fulfilled them both fully at Calvary. They are two different feasts separated by many months and prophesy completely different events. I will cover this later in this series when I am looking at the restoration of physical Israel.

For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

Hebrew 9:24

As high priest, Jesus is now at the right hand of God interceding for his bride and waiting until the time he comes back to earth to reign. This has been his ministry for the last 2000 years and until his father has prepared the bride for him he will remain in this role.

Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yes rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Romans 8:34

Let me follow the challenge of the last chapter and say that if Christ died as a prophet and has now become an intercessor, then it follows that we also must enter the same ministry now that he has redeemed us. The problem is that the intercessory ministry is not for flesh and blood, it is for the spiritual man, and unless a Christian will take up **their** cross and deny **themselves**,

they will never follow Christ as an intercessor. There is a high price for this ministry and few are willing to pay it. The price is death – death to self, for only the new spiritual man will accomplish what this ministry demands.

Paul, in his letter to the church at Colosse, encouraged the christians to be seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, but it is impossible to do this while we are still pursuing the things of this world that make us the enemy of God (see James 4:4-5). Heavenly places with Christ Jesus is the place of intercession. If the head is interceding it is logical that the body should also follow and intercede.

If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **For you are dead**, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-2

Notice that Paul expects us to be dead to self and alive to him to fulfil this vital role with Christ.

Our Coming King

When Jesus comes again to this earth he will not be a prophet, he will be a priest and king. Those who reign with him will also reign as priests and kings. They will have an immortal spiritual body after the order of Melchizedek, that qualifies them for this role. The kingdoms of this world will become Christ's kingdom,

and his bride will be co-heir with him and rule the nations of this world.

And has made us unto our God kings and priests:
and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:10

I will share more of this kingly role of Christ and his bride when we come to that period in history, but it is enough to state that Christians who think that the Church is the kingdom now, when Christ is not yet king, are sadly misguided and have been seduced by the doctrines of Babylon. Jesus will sit in the temple in Jerusalem and rule this physical world as a one world ruler, as King of Israel and ruler of the planet.

All power and authority has been given to Jesus, but he has not yet exercised it, he is waiting at the right hand of God. When he comes the second time to earth he will rule with this authority and power for 1,000 years. Until this happens he must remain as intercessor.

We also, as his body, must seek this ministry with all our mind, spirit, and body, and present ourselves as living sacrifices – staying alive but acting as though dead – that we may know and prove the perfect will of God. An intercessor cannot, and dare not, pray according to their own will and desires.

Part 2



The New Kingdom

Chapter 5

The Mystery Kingdom Comes

*Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of **the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,***

Romans 16:25

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

Colossians 1:27

Jesus preached everywhere that the kingdom of God was at hand, but he emphasised that it was not the physical restoration of Israel. The disciples did not understand this and when they saw the risen Jesus they thought that he now had the power to depose of Rome

and rule as king over Israel from his seat of power in Jerusalem. I have looked at this in volume 2 of this series, but below is the scripture from Acts to confirm how they thought after his resurrection.

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

Acts 1:6

Temples of God

Jesus told the disciples that it was in the future and not in his own hands anyway, but they must wait in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Ghost. As I also showed in volume 2, the Holy Ghost had been with the Prophets since Moses. All the gifts of the spirit, with the exception of speaking in tongues, were manifest in the Old Testament. The disciples had also cast out devils and healed the sick before Jesus had died (see Matthew 10:1).

Now that Jesus has ascended into heaven the Kingdom comes, not outside of people, but inside them. The Holy Ghost would now take up residence in a person and they would be a temple of God and of his Holy Spirit. That is why they all spoke in tongues – it was a proof that the Holy Ghost was now inside them. Jesus had already told his disciples that out of their bellies should flow rivers of living water: this was the fulfillment of that statement.

He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38

When the temple veil was rent in two it was not to allow ordinary men into the Holiest of Holies on earth. The veil was rent when God came out of the temple made with hands, and he will never again return to a physical building as his dwelling place. Now we do not go to Jerusalem to meet God as they did in the old dispensation. God came out of the temple to dwell in a new location. This new location was no less than the physical bodies of men and women all over the world. Male and female, bond and free, Jew and Gentile – all could be this new temple of God. This was the kingdom that Jesus preached about, the kingdom that was hidden to the natural eyes – the kingdom within a man. This kingdom is not to do with outside buildings, or power, or status, it is in the people who are filled with the Holy Ghost, who are the building – the living stones.

The Mystery of all Ages

This was the mystery that Paul says the prophets of old did not understand. This is the mystery that had been hidden from the foundations of the world. Israel could never have envisaged a kingdom that was not territorial or physical, because that was all they knew.

God's people today are still as blind as Israel were, and are still trying to build a kingdom based on buildings, status and power and politics. This is the evidence that they are still in Babylon.

The mystery that had been hidden from the foundations of the earth, until the time of the Apostles, was that God would now dwell in a person and they would be the physical habitation of God Almighty. This is an amazing revelation to anyone the first time the

Holy Ghost reveals it to them, and yet the scriptures have been there for all to see for thousands of years – unbelievable! It just goes to show that unless a mystery is revealed it will remain a mystery forever. Read the following scriptures slowly and see how they can only fit into this present age.

Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of **the mystery, kept secret since the world began.**

Romans 16:25

Even the mystery which has been **hid from ages** and from generations, but **now is made manifest to his saints:**

Colossians 1:26

Let me state again that the mystery is that Christ now dwells **not with his people, but in them.** You never again need to ask God to go with you, for you can take him wherever you go. You are his tabernacle - his dwelling place. It is **Christ in us** the hope of the resurrection and **not Christ with us.**

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

Colossians 1:27

Know ye not that **you are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

This of course places an entirely different perspective on how we live and I fear that the devil has kept this mystery hidden from most Christians so that they don't change their lifestyle accordingly.

Under the old dispensation when a man had more than one wife, or paid a harlot for her services, the bible did not condemn these acts. It was not forbidden for a man to practice polygamy. David, Moses, Gideon, and most rich men had more than one wife. The tribes of Israel come from one man, his two wives, and his two concubines. However, it was never what God intended. He allowed these things because of the the hardness of men's hearts (see Matthew 19:8). These practices were an indulgence of the flesh.

Why is it different under the new covenant – as it obviously is if we read the New Testament. The answer is simple; now we are a temple of God. When a person has the living God **inside** them, and not just with them, it is an entirely different matter. It is not just an indulgence of the flesh to have more than one wife or pay a prostitute for her services. Paul clearly shows this in the following passage from Corinthians.

Don't you know that your bodies are the members of Christ? **Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot?** God forbid. What? Know ye not that **he which is joined to an harlot is one body?** For two, says he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is without the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body. Don't you

know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: **therefore glorify God in your body**, and in your spirit, **which are God's**.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

We are no longer our own for we were bought with the blood of Jesus and woe betide anyone who tramples this under their foot. The consequences are dire. Let each reader judge for himself, but I think that this revelation of Paul's should put the fear of God into every man who contemplates committing adultery or paying for sexual services, or joining Christ to another man.

A New Order

Jesus had already given them the manifesto for this kingdom with his 'Sermon on the Mount' dialogue, and shared with them that it was not the outward actions that God was looking at, but the inward attitude. All of the beatitudes are ways of kingdom thinking in a man's heart and not his actions. Of course the actions will follow, but they never start in the outward physical world, they have to emanate from the heart. Disciples of Jesus are the only people on earth, that have no outward moral code. Everything we do is because laws are written on our hearts. The actions are therefore consequences and not causes.

What changes would come about now that the Holy Ghost had taken up residence in the disciples? We only have to look at the Acts of the Apostle to see the amazing transformation that took place when this new

kingdom came. Acts 2 says that the apostles, and those in the upper room, who had obeyed Jesus and waited for the promise of the father, were rewarded and the Holy Ghost filled them.

And they were all **filled** with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4

Under the Old Covenant men were moved by the Holy Ghost, but now it had come to live in them and the New Covenant says they were **filled with** the Holy Ghost not **moved by** the Holy Ghost.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all **filled** with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

The Last Days.

When Peter stood up after the Holy Ghost had come into him, he quoted from the book of Joel and confirmed that the last days had started. He was proclaiming the new and second dispensation of God's people.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Acts 2:16-18

The first kingdom was the physical kingdom of Israel with its own land, culture, laws and a king. Now, a new manifestation of the kingdom had come and it was the kingdom of Israel within – it started the last days. Now Jesus is King of this hidden Kingdom. He reigns in our hearts, but not yet in Israel or on this earth. The Apostolic age started this dispensation and we are now in the last of the last days. We are very near to the third and final dispensation – the millennial reign of Christ, where the kingdom is again a physical kingdom. Its new King, Jesus, will rule from the throne of his father David in Jerusalem.

Amazing Consequences

Two things now happened in the lives of those 120 who had been in the upper room – those that now had the kingdom within them.

1. Spontaneity

The first thing that we should notice is the spontaneity of these disciples. Under the old covenant people enquired of God for what to do and how to act, but now they had the answer inside them and they could act immediately with answers and actions that even surprised themselves. When the amazed crowd heard the apostles

speak in their own languages, the only thing they could imagine had happened to them was that they were drunk. Peter, the one who had denied Jesus and said that he did not know him before this experience, immediately stood up and gave a sermon that had nothing to do with Peter. He now understood what was a mystery before the kingdom had come to him. Now it was all crystal clear, because the spirit of truth was in Peter, and he reminded him of all that Jesus had told him which before had been a mystery.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

Peter's sermon was full of revelation. He went through the history of God's people in a way that he had not understood prior to the Holy Ghost entering him. He was speaking revelation that he only understood as he spoke. Maybe only a preacher will identify with this, but I know that I have said many things whilst teaching that I did not know before I said it. All teaching and preaching should be prophetic – that is inspired utterance – and not the wisdom and knowledge of men.

The Beautiful Gate

A good example of the spontaneity of this new Holy Ghost life was the man at the 'Gate Beautiful' in Acts chapter 3. Jesus must have passed this crippled man many times as he and his disciples went to the temple,

and they may very well have given him alms. This day however – after the Holy Ghost had come to dwell in them – Peter and John were going to the temple to pray, and the crippled beggar asked for alms. Peter realised he had no money with him and without thinking said, "I have no money, but I have something to give you. In the name of Jesus rise up and walk". He did not preach salvation to him or build up his faith levels, he just spoke.

Unexpected Joy

When the crippled man jumped up, I am convinced that Peter and John were as surprised as the cripple. It was an unpremeditated act of the Holy Ghost and not of Peter and John. Peter didn't pray for the man, he gave what he had – the Holy Ghost was now in him. The modern evangelists have come a long, long way from operating like this. Everything seems to be choreographed and organised in a building prepared for the build up of miracles. They preach faith into the congregation because they do not have faith themselves. If they healed people in the supermarkets and shopping malls it would cause the multitudes to come as they did in Jesus' day. Jesus said go out and do the signs and wonders, not bring people in.

Story in Acts 3:1-9

2. Boldness

The Apostles had reckless boldness after they had received the Holy Ghost, and this is another manifestation of the kingdom within a man. From timidity to boldness is a sign that the kingdom is within

a person. Fear, timidity, or shyness, are all inward instincts but so are boldness and faith. When the Holy Ghost comes into a person the manifestations are boldness and faith in their everyday life. Not something that is worked up, but something that is a natural part of their spirit being one with the Holy Spirit.

Now when they saw **the boldness of Peter** and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **they spoke the word of God with boldness.**

Acts 4:31



The early Church, as soon as they were filled with the Holy Ghost, started to do four things spontaneously and naturally. They started to live the kingdom lifestyle just as if they had always known it. These four things are a consequence of having the spirit in them. The spirit does not come because we try to instigate them; it can only work one way round. First we are filled with the Holy Ghost, and then we do 'what comes naturally'.

Chapter 6

New Wine - New Wineskins

And no man puts new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

Luke 5:37-38

...but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

John 2:10

This new wine, the Holy Ghost, led to a Holy Ghost lifestyle. By Holy Ghost lifestyle I am not talking about signs and wonders and the power of God. Those things are not how we live, they are the things that follow the way we live. Christians are looking for signs and wonders, but they would be better to concentrate on the lifestyle and the signs and wonders would follow them. This is the biblical way round.

Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature ...**these signs shall follow** those that believe; in my name they will cast out devils...

From Mark 16:15-17

The lifestyle within is the key – we need the Holy Ghost inside us first. Then we will be able to live the **inward life** of holiness. When we have the inward life and are full of the Holy Ghost then it will naturally **manifest in our inward life** – the outward signs and wonders will follow and we will have an effect on those outside us. Signs and wonders are always a consequence, never a cause. When Jesus sent his disciples to preach, the order was the same. Signs and wonders were number 3 on the list.

1. Go into the world

This does not mean invite them to your Church. The ministry of evangelism is out in the market place, not in the comfort of Church buildings.

2. Preach the Gospel

This is simply the truth. Good news is always the truth about God and man. The word of God is truth.

3. Signs will follow those that believe

The signs and wonders are the automatic consequence of the life of God in a believer. Unless the 'gifts of the spirit' are controlled by the 'fruit of the spirit' we have a recipe for disaster. Many evangelists have the signs and

wonders in their ministry because the Holy Ghost is working **with** them, but their lifestyle proves that they do not have the Holy Ghost **in** them. How can you have the Holy Ghost in you and manifest an unholy life outwardly? How can you be covetous, proud, unteachable and claim to have the Holy Ghost inside of you. How can you have a humble, meek, sacrificial God inside you and not manifest it outwardly. It is impossible! The bible says that by 'their fruits', and not by their suits or gifts, 'you shall know them'.

You will have to come to your own conclusions, I am just provoking you to ask your own questions. Christians have been naive for too long and it is now time to wake up and prepare for Jesus to return and judge his church.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envying. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil its lusts.

Romans 13:11-14

Awake you that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:14-16

As soon as the early Church were filled with the Holy Ghost they started to do four things spontaneously and naturally. They started to live the kingdom lifestyle just as if they had always known of it. These four things are a consequence of having the spirit in them (the subject of the next chapter).

Doing What Comes Naturally

The Holy Ghost does not come because we try and instigate signs and wonders, and try to work up faith; it can only work one way round. First we are filled with the Holy Ghost and then we do what comes naturally. Anything planned, or based upon our own common sense and culture, will fail. The Holy Ghost has no earthly culture, status, or preference, for men. The spirit is not for us or against us but is there to show the will of the father. The Holy Spirit has no will or direction of his own and neither should we. The spirit blows where God breathes, and it returns when it is not received. It is easily grieved by the flesh, and the dove will fly away very quickly when men seek their **own** glory whilst using **God's** power.

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

Jesus said, new wine must go in new wineskins, or the new wine will burst the old skins, the wine will be wasted, and the skins will be useless even for old wine.

And no man puts new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

Luke 5:37-38

What did Jesus mean? Well, he was talking to Pharisees and it was to them that he was referring – they were the old wine skins. How could the new wine – the Holy Ghost – fit into the traditions of the elders. Jesus had to have new wineskins, so he chose fishermen, tax gatherers, prostitutes, murderers, and cleaver people who could think like little children, to fill with the Holy Ghost – these were the new wineskins.

The Small Remnant

And so it is today. What true revival of God's people has been started by a traditional Church? The Church have always resisted the new wine and put those out of the system who thirsted for it. A small remnant always start a revival of the Kingdom lifestyle. I am sad to say, men soon take the glory to themselves and grieve the Holy Dove. The skins burst and the wine is wasted once again. This is the story of the Children of Israel from the time they were in the wilderness to the time God put them into Babylon. The new wine of the early Church did not last long before the wineskins burst. However, we do have a glimpse of what should be 'the nor past revivals and from the early church. These fl light into the darkness and deadness of our relig us some insight to true kingdom life and lifesty





The modern Church service would seem a strange ritual to an early believer. They just met in houses and talked about God and allowed the gifts to flow from one to another. There was nothing that was pulpit led and there was no Pastor or congregation. It is very hard for present day Christians to even visualise what it must have been like, we are so traditionalistic and brainwashed with our rituals. Imagine – no Church buildings, no sermons, no Sunday Schools or youth work, no Christian counselling, no deacons or elders, no paid ministers. All the early christians had was the body of new believers ‘fellowshipping’.

Chapter 7

The Holy Ghost Lifestyle

He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But he spoke of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:38-39

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:42

I want to look at the 4 things the early church disciples started to do when the Holy Ghost invaded their hearts and bodies. It seems to me that they did not have to organise anything at all. Everything they did was just the natural outcome of the Kingdom within them, that

Jesus promised would come after he had risen and sent the Comforter to them. Now this 'Spirit of Truth' resided in their mortal bodies.

And they continued steadfastly in **the apostles' doctrine** and **fellowship**, and in **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**.

Acts 2:42

Let me discuss them one at a time for this is the key to true discipleship and should be the 'norm' for us today.

1. The Apostles Doctrine

What was the apostles doctrine? Well, first we need to look at the word doctrine. It is translated from the Greek word 'did-akh-ay', and simply means teaching. It has nothing to do with 'Church doctrine' as we know it for there was no 'Church' in the beginning – just disciples. They weren't called 'Christians' at first either – just believers or disciples.

What did the apostles teach, for nothing was written down for them to study? Neither did they have proof texts to persuade each other of their doctrinal bias? All they had was the teaching that they had heard from Jesus, and the Holy Ghost to remind them of what he had taught them.

The Teaching of Jesus

It is very easy for me to know what they taught for the epistles are full of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. I have been teaching this sermon for thirty years on most

days of the week and I can assure the reader that there is nothing in the epistles that Jesus did not cover in his sermon. It should not surprise us, for Jesus was the 'Master Teacher'. In three chapters he covered everything we need to know about the hidden kingdom lifestyle, and how to practically live it in our everyday lives. After 30 years of study I am still amazed how Jesus managed to cover so much with so few words. I believe that the Church neglect this teaching at their peril. By teaching it I do not mean studying it, I mean living it – that is – **doing what it says rather than just believing it.**

2. Fellowship

This is a difficult one for most Christians to understand for it is easy to think that 'fellowship' is mixing with other Christians. Of course it means mixing with other disciples, but if all they do is socialise it is not fellowship. When Christians talk about everyday things it does not constitute fellowship. There is nothing wrong with Christians socialising, but it is only what they could do with those in the world. Neither are Church services fellowship, for you cannot have fellowship looking at the back of somebody's head whilst listening to a monologue – however anointed it is. For it to be fellowship there has to be reaction and dialogue, questions and opinions. There have to be contributions from members of the body of Christ and not just talks from the pulpit.

I have preached in numerous Churches and the pattern is the same. After the benediction the minister suggests that we all go into a side hall and have coffee and fellowship. I have purposely walked around the congregations gathered in Church restaurants and found

that the conversation was hardly ever about what the preacher said, it was about their social life and what they planned to do next week. They may be talking about plans to grow the church, but that constitutes church business and not fellowship. I have found it a rare occasion to be built up in Christ by the conversations in the coffee rooms.

The modern Church service would seem a strange ritual to an early believer. They just met in houses and talked about God and allowed the gifts to flow from one another. There was nothing that was pulpit led – for there was no pulpit to divide the congregation from the leader, there was no pastor or congregation. It is very hard for present day Christians to even visualise what it must have been like, we are so brainwashed with our Christian rituals and traditions. Imagine, no church buildings, no sermons, no Sunday schools or youth work, no Christian counselling, no deacons or elders, no paid ministers. All the first believers had was a gathering of like minded Holy Ghost filled people, and this body of new believers worshipping and fellowshiping.

Truth is at Great Cost

Is it possible to go back to our roots in this modern culture? Of course it is possible, but only if we are willing to let go of our traditions. The cost is too great for the majority of Christians. The status and security of paid ministry alone would stop almost 100% of ministers from this radical change, even if they believed it were for the best. However, a few find the strait gate and the narrow way, and it leads to this Holy Ghost lifestyle. In following volumes I will show that most of what we do

in Church including our 'Holy Days' and 'sermons', have come from paganism through the Catholic Church and have been assimilated into mainstream Protestantism.

3. Breaking of Bread.

I do not have to say much about the communion because I have covered it in previous chapters in volumes 1 and 2, but the fact that they did it as they met together from house to house shows that they knew it to be more than symbolic – it was their spiritual food. By faith they partook of the divine nature whenever they ate and drank together. What a difference it is today where many Churches only partake of it once a month and it is a meaningless symbolic ritual that does not feed anyone. There is no divine life in it, no one is healed by it, and it has become part of our tradition. It is so very sad and pathetic. The communion meal could bring healing, life, and change to the body of Christ. Sadly, because it is not neutral it brings, to those who do not understand it, weakness, sickness, and death (read 1 Corinthians 11).

4. Prayer

I wonder how and why the early disciples prayed. We can only speculate but I am sure their prayers were alive, vibrant, and relevant to all the miraculous goings on. Peter was in prison ready to be executed. James had become the first martyr. There was something to pray about. They were not praying about the building fund and the need for more business people to join the Church so that the tithes could build the new extension. There

were no elders and deacons to pray for, no Sunday school or old people's meeting to commit to God, no fun days to be blessed by God, no Christian musicians that needed the anointing as they led the meeting. They were actually free to pray without the hindrance of programmes, buildings and clergy.

Free to Pray

Most of the prayers I hear are all about the above things, and so we miss the miracles and signs and wonders in our own lives. Am I being critical? Of course I am, for the apostles were very bold in their condemnation of these things, and because I need to confess that I am also prone to pray for those 'things'. The cares of this world and my ministry all fight against me praying the things that really matter to God.

The proof that we are doing these 4 things, and in the correct spirit, is not difficult to obtain because there are automatic consequences that will be evident in the community life of our fellowship. Let me show from the Acts of the Apostles what happened when the disciple did these things.



There has never been a true revival in history that has not had the fear of God at its inception. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and revival is always at the expense of man's thinking, planning, and wisdom. God's ways are not man's ways, and the way of planning, as the world's system plan, with finance, strategies, and celebrities, are foreign to the wisdom of God.

Chapter 8

Consequences of the Kingdom Lifestyle

People care about their religion, but God cares about people

Henry Drummond 'The City without a Church'

What? Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:19

In this chapter I want to look at the transformation that happened to the disciples after the Holy Ghost took residence in their physical bodies and they became temples of the Holy Ghost. How would this new and unprecedented move of God translate into practical

living. It is very easy to evaluate for it is recorded in history. The bible also records the 'ACTS' of the apostle in detail so we should be in no doubt as to what transformation took place. Let us forget our prejudices and traditions and look afresh at what happened after the day of Pentecost. It did not take a few years training in a bible school, or evening 'signs and wonders master classes'. Everything happened from the first minute after they were indwelt by the Holy Ghost.

1. A community lifestyle

When the Holy Ghost came into the disciples their whole attitude to money, material possessions, status, and culture changed dramatically. This series is not about history but about the plan of God's love and romance. When anyone is filled with God then the manifestation is always love. Never be deceived, for if there is no love there is no God. Love is his essential character and it will always manifest when he indwells a person. John Wesley, a man who did bring revival, said that "true religion is the love of God spread abroad in the heart to all men". Love God and love your neighbour is always the manifestation of God and that is what happened in the first few weeks of the early church.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Acts 2:44-46

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Acts 4:34-35

Why was there such a fundamental change from the arguing and status seeking of the disciples? It was very simple indeed for it was a natural consequence of what was in them. The disciples now realised that, with the Holy Ghost inside them and being the temple of God, the 'outward physical kingdom did not matter any more to them. What mattered now was the Kingdom within and its new attitudes and mind sets. The 'Sermon on the Mount' was now a reality in their hearts and not some information that Jesus had passed on to them. They began to live it instead of believing it.

Unless we realise this fact, our Christianity will be about status, material possessions, buildings, and we may very well still be under the law and traditions of men.

A Change of Heart

The disciples now started to esteem others greater than themselves rather than vie for a position in the Kingdom – as they did whilst Jesus was still alive. They began to meet the needs of those less fortunate in their community. Note, that they did not live in a community, but **as a community**. What I mean by this, is that although they counted nothing their own, they did not all live together. I have seen so many disasters when

Christians have tried to live in a community. Communism is not the way of the Bible and can never work – God did not make us all equal. We have differing needs and lifestyles and can not be treated as clones with the same needs.

Spontaneous life

The early church did meet daily from house to house and were involved with the welfare and spiritual growth of each other, but there was no 'Church life', for there were no Church buildings or organisation. There were no services and singing items, and no programmes. It was all a spontaneous response as a result of the Spirit of God dwelling in them.

This life can not be copied or transferred to a cultural setting or ideology. It transcends all cultures and societies and has nothing at all to do with them. It will of course affect the culture and society around it, but this is a consequence of the life – **it is not that life**. It has nothing to do with planning or design. If the lifestyle doesn't happen spontaneously and unassumingly, then it doesn't happen at all. It is dead religion at best or Babylon at its worst. We have 2000 years of failure in Christendom to attest to this fact.

There is no middle line, it is either the Holy Ghost moving in the hearts and minds of God's people, or it is the Church 'system', which is Babylon!

2. The fear of God

And fear came upon every soul ...

Acts 2:43

There has not been a true revival in history that has not had the fear of God at its inception. The fear of God is always the beginning of wisdom and revival is always at the expense of man's natural and carnal thinking, planning, and wisdom. God's ways are not man's ways and man's ways are never the ways of God. The way of planning, finance, and celebrities are foreign to the wisdom of God, and to him our best planning is redundant and foolishness. It is very hard for us to understand this, never mind live it. We have lived and moved in our worldly Christianity for so long that it is natural to us, and we hardly see the need to change, never mind to actually put the life of the Holy Ghost into practice.

The foolishness of God is wiser than men;
and the weakness of God is stronger than men
...God has chosen the foolish things of the world
to confound the wise; and God has chosen the
weak things of the world to confound the things
which are mighty; and base things of the world,
and things which are despised, has God chosen,
yes, and things which are not, to bring to nought
things that are:

From 1 Corinthians 1:25-28

No Flesh Should Glory

Without a fear of God we will do our own thing in his name and produce the system of Babylon rather than the life of Christ. Why does God not allow our own wisdom and knowledge to do his will? The answer is simple and is explained in the next verse.

That no flesh should glory in his presence

Verse 29

All or Nothing

If we want even one percent credit for what we do in God's name then he will give us one hundred percent. He wants one hundred percent or nothing. He will not share his glory – the credit that is due to him. I have a verse that I have put in the front page of my Bible and it reads:

No man can be witness to himself and to Christ at the same time.
No man can give the impression that he himself is clever,
and that Christ is mighty to save.

Martin Luther said;

"God creates something out of nothing, so until we become nothing God cannot make anything of us".

Unless we have the fear of God, this 'foolish wisdom' will never be ours and we will pursue what silly preachers tell us and try to become mighty men of God instead of following Jesus – a man of sorrows, despised and acquainted with grief. Or, of following Paul who was happy to be the offscourings of the earth that he might win Christ and obtain an eternal crown. How the Church have perverted the true message and commission of the gospel of the Kingdom. Our present Church attitudes in the West are based on pride and not the fear of God, and until it changes we will continue to build 'Babylon'.

3. Signs and wonders

I think most Christians would believe these signs and wonders were about physical healing, but it does not say this. Of course there were many healed, and the gifts of healing were obviously present, but this is the gift of miracles and of faith, and not the gifts of healing. In Acts, Luke uses the same words when rehearsing the history of the children of Israel.

He brought them out, after he had shown **wonders and signs** in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Acts 7:36

The wonders and signs in Egypt were not healings, they were judgements – signs to Pharaoh that these were God’s people. These signs and wonders will always be present when God dwells within a man and he is full of the Holy Ghost. It was a sign when Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Ghost and dropped down dead at the words of Peter. It was a wonder when Elymas was cursed with blindness.

Peter said, Oh full of all subtlety and all mischief, you child of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness;

Acts 13:10-11

Notice the verse before states that Paul '**filled with the Holy Ghost**' set his eyes on him'. The Holy Ghost was not with Paul, he was in him and this sign was a consequence of what was now dwelling in his mortal body.

Then Saul (who also is called Paul), filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

Acts 13:9

Surely it was a wonder when the prison doors opened of themselves and Peter's chains fell off, or when an earthquake caused Paul and Silas to be freed from the jail where they were held – the list could go on. These are the signs of the Holy Ghost in people. They have nothing to do with entertainment, music or 'corporate faith' so called. This is the wind of the Holy Ghost blowing where it wants despite our efforts and organisations.

Fear is Missing

These signs brought fear to the early Church and this is a great omission from our present day frivolous and pleasure seeking Church. It is no wonder that there are no changes in the morals and lifestyle of our Christian societies in the West. There is no other Church life or lifestyle. It is as simple as this – either the Church is the same as in the Acts of the Apostles, or it is a counterfeit. If it is not the Bride, it is the Whore. If it is not New Jerusalem, it is Babylon. There are no in between conditions. Lukewarmness is not acceptable to God. Every individual, every Christian society, and denomination is gravitating towards a house of prayer, or a den of thieves. Compromise is an abomination to

God and he will spew us out of his mouth, for it makes him sick.

So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:16



If the cross and resurrection did not bring about the physical Kingdom, then we have no mandate to bring it in either, and we must wait until the father sends Jesus, the second time, to set this Kingdom up and to reign with his bride. He will restore the Kingdom to Israel.

Chapter 9

The Kingdom & the Early Church

*Has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and **heirs** of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love him*

James 2:5

It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power.

Acts 1:7

What did the early Church teach about the Kingdom of God? Did the apostles believe that the Kingdom of God was the Church or that it was eternal life? No, all the apostles were consistent with what Jesus taught. Before they received the Holy Ghost they believed the Kingdom that Jesus taught about was the physical restoration of Israel with Christ as king reigning on earth over all the nations.

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

Acts 1:6

Before his death, Jesus did not tell them that the Kingdom would never be again restored to Israel and that they were going to start the Church – a new spiritual Israel. He told them that the timing was wrong. After he had risen from the dead he did not tell them that the Kingdom of God was symbolic of heaven, or that now the Kingdom of God was going to be the 'Kingdom of the Church' – Christendom. Jesus told them that they must still wait for the Kingdom to come and that it was not in his hands to bring about.

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in his own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Acts 1:7-8

We Must Wait for Jesus' Second Coming

It is important for us to understand the implications of this statement of Jesus, for if the cross and resurrection did not bring in the physical Kingdom then we, as Jesus' followers, have no mandate to bring it in either, and we must wait until the father sends Jesus, the second time, to set up this Kingdom and to reign on earth with his

bride. However, he will restore the Kingdom to Israel at his second coming. The Church have never had the Kingdom of God, the only kingdom that has stood from Daniel's time is the kingdom of Babylon and it is still standing.

The King of Israel

I will show in following chapters that unless a person becomes grafted on to Israel, they will never be a part of the soon coming physical Kingdom. I find nowhere in the Bible where any of the Apostles mention the 'Kingdom of the Church'. The Kingdom is always referring to the millennial reign of Jesus and the restoration of Israel. Jesus is never referred to as 'King of the Church', he is always referred to as 'The king of Israel'. He is the bridegroom, and he is the head of the body – which is the church, but never king of the Church.

Of course, at this present time, the Kingdom is 'within us' because Jesus now dwells and reigns in our mortal bodies, and in that sense he is King of our life, but it is the spiritual life that he rules over and it is personal. There is no 'Corporate Salvation' of a body of people or system. The only manifestation of this 'Kingdom within' is the life of Christ shown without – in the fruit of the spirit – the very character and nature of Christ. The consequences of the life within will bring changes to a society because people change, and not because we change buildings, or systems, or anything outward. The physical is only because of the change in the spiritual realm. Of course a true disciple will feed the poor and meet the needs of the widows and orphans, but only as a consequence of a change of heart and not to produce

one. I have listed all the references to the Kingdom of God, that appear after the Gospels, at the end of this chapter, but I want to look at a few of them to establish what I have stated. All of the scriptures that mention the Kingdom of God are referring either to the Kingdom as the life that is now in us – the Kingdom that does not come with observation and within a man, or to the coming Kingdom that we are working and waiting for at the return of Jesus to this earth.

Acts 14:22 ...Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must **through much tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you **also suffer**:

A Family - Not a Kingdom

The two above scriptures talk about Christians suffering to be worthy of the Kingdom. It is obvious this is not for Salvation and eternal life, for all the suffering has been done by Christ. Eternal life is by grace through faith and a free gift. It is suffering to be counted worthy to reign with Christ. Paul told Timothy a young minister;

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

2 Timothy 2:12

When heaven and earth pass away and we have the new heaven and earth, then we will live as a family and not a Kingdom. God will be our father and will dwell with us on the new earth. I will show this to be true in later volumes when we look at the culmination of God's glorious plan of love and romance.

Don't you know that the unrighteous shall not **inherit the kingdom of God**? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit** the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Hearken, my beloved brethren, has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and **heirs** of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love him

James 2:5

Envy, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not **inherit** the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:21

Know this, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any **inheritance** in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5:5

The above scriptures all talk about the Kingdom of God **as an inheritance**. Paul lists some of the sins that would stop anyone entering into this coming kingdom, and yet to mention just one – covetousness, it would be ridiculous to think that there are no covetous 'Born Again Christians' in this world. I know thousands of 'saved' Christians who live as worldly as the world, but I don't doubt their salvation, and I believe they will live for ever on the new earth.

An impossible Task

If we had to live a sinless life without any carnality to be fit for eternal life then no one would obtain it. Paul can only be talking about those who will, or will not, reign with Christ on this present earth. Remember, Jesus said that the meek (the teachable) will inherit the earth, and so the un-teachable will not. The poor in spirit – the humble – will inherit the Kingdom , so the proud will not inherit it.

There are millions of proud Christians who have an assurance of eternal life, but they will not reign when the Kingdom comes. Jesus humbled himself to obtain this inheritance, and pride will never qualify anyone for this privilege. All of those Christians who practice the above lists of sins, after they have been bought with a price and have eternal life awaiting them, will not inherit 'The Kingdom'

Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

1 Corinthians 15:50

If flesh and blood can not inherit the Kingdom, then only those who have a spiritual body will reign with Christ in the Kingdom. Therefore, this must exclude this present Church age.

The Last Trump

These scriptures will establish the Kingdom reign as the millennial reign of Christ without contradiction, for it shows that the Kingdom will come to earth at the last trump – the seventh – when Jesus comes again to this earth to judge and reign over the nations.

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

I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead **at his appearing and his kingdom**

2 Timothy 4:1

Overleaf are the rest of the verses about the kingdom. Some may seem ambiguous, but none of them contradict the Kingdom as the millennial reign of Christ or the hidden Kingdom that is now in a Christian.

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then comes the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father;

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when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Colossians 1:13 Who delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Colossians 4:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

1 Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Thessalonians 2:12 That you would walk worthy of God, who has called you unto his kingdom

2 Timothy 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he said, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

2 Peter 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women.

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Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Acts 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.



God never wanted Israel to be a religious people, they were supposed to be a family – God wants relationships while men want religion. The two are entirely different. The Catholic Church started the lie that 'Israel' and 'The Church' were different, separate, and enemies, and millions of Jews have been killed because of it.

Chapter 10

No More Aliens!

That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Ephesians 2:12

Therefore they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:7

I want to expose a misconception that has been in Christendom from the time that religious Rome took over from Imperial Rome. God called Abraham out of Babylon to be a special people, to be the wife of God and to produce his son (I showed in volume 1 that Israel was the wife of God).

For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Redeemer the Holy

One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall
he be called.

Isaiah 54:5

In the fullness of time Jesus, God's son, was born through Israel. Jesus was not a symbolic son, he was flesh and blood and was from the seed of David, and therefore we must not say that Israel was God's symbolic wife – we must be consistent.

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

Romans 1:3

Jesus died and rose again from the dead and is now at the right hand of God waiting until he returns to earth to rule and to take his bride to himself. When the Holy Ghost came into the disciples, who were God's called out people, the Kingdom was now within them and the laws of God were written on their hearts. They did not change into the Church and start a new religion, for they were already God's people who were called out. – they were Jewish believers.

God's People did not Recognise Jesus

God's wife had been put away for her whoredom, and when Jesus came unto God's people they did not recognise him as God's son and had him crucified by Rome. God then turned to the Gentiles and the way was open for all nations, cultures, and races to receive salvation and to be a part of God's family. The vital

question is this. Did this opening of the gospel to the whole Gentile world mark the beginning of the Church? The answer is an emphatic, "**No**!" I have shown in previous volumes that Abraham started the church – the assembly of those called out. If it is true that Israel was God's church then what was the difference now that the Gentiles could be saved. Did the Gentiles start a '**New Church**' - implying that there were two bodies of people? **1. God's Church Israel**, and, **2. God's Church the Gentiles**. Did Jesus come to start a Gentile Church and a new religion called Christianity? Certainly not. Israel had already started a new religion, Judaism, which was full of Babylonian doctrines and occult practices.

No Religion Please

God never wanted Israel to be a religious people, they were supposed to be a family – God wants relationships while men want religion. The two are entirely different. The Catholic Church started the lie that 'Israel' and 'The Church' were different, separate, and enemies, and millions of Jews have been killed because of it. I will explain the history of this in later volumes. Protestantism has perpetuated the separation to this day (Martin Luther and Calvin were both anti-Semitic). Footnote 1

Paul, who was the apostle to the Gentiles, explains very clearly what is true in his letter to the Ephesian church – who were Gentiles. The fact that Christians fail to understand this subject when it is written in their bible only confirms that they read the bible with their doctrinal glasses on, and cannot see what is plainly written. I will go through Paul's teaching for he states it quite clearly.

Wherefore remember, that you being **in time past Gentiles** in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Ephesians 2 :11

Paul starts his teaching by saying that these Ephesians were Gentiles **in the past**, so what are they now? How does salvation by grace make any difference. Paul continues to tell them the position they were in before they accepted Jesus, according to God's view.

That **at that time** you were without Christ, being **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise**, having **no hope**, and **without God** in the world:

Verse 12

Without Hope

The Gentiles had no covenant with God and therefore were without the possibility of redemption (the exception being that they joined and became part of Israel and accepted their God and practised his laws). Paul now shows that the blood of Christ made both **Israel and Gentiles one people** and broke down the wall of partition that was between them.

But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, **who has made both one**, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his

flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for **to make in himself of two one new** man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. He came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Verses 13-18

Now Paul states quite clearly the conclusion of this reconciliation between Israel and Gentile.

Now therefore, **you Gentiles are no more strangers and foreigners**, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Ephesians 2:19

This means that Gentiles become part of the '**Israel of God**' that Paul speaks about in Galatians. It has nothing to do with circumcision, natural birth, culture, or religion. It is the family of God that Abraham started when he came out of Babylon.

As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, constrain you to be circumcised; lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified

unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the **Israel of God**.

Galatians 6:12-16

Unless you leave your religion, whether it is Judaism, Christianity, or any other, you are not the true family of God. Do not mistake what I am saying here. I am not talking about going, or not going, to a Church or belonging to a body of people that give themselves a name. I am talking about the difference between a religion on one hand and a relationship that brings you into a family on the other. That family is the family of God. It is the spiritual 'Israel of God'. I also need to state here that physical Israel, as a people and nation, are not replaced by this spiritual nation. God still has a plan and will restore the physical Kingdom to physical Israel when he returns.

The Apostle and Prophets

I used to think that the Church was built on the foundation of the Apostles, but Paul says differently. He says that the Gentiles, just as true Israel, are built on the foundations of the Apostles **and the Prophets**, showing that we join what was already established and not a new foundation – a new religion called Christianity.

And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the

building, framed together, grows unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Verses 20-22

Paul states again in Ephesians chapter 3 that we are now part of the one building and one body and we are fellow heirs with Israel. He says that God revealed this mystery to him. I find it strange that it is still a mystery to so many Christians even 2000 years after Paul revealed this to the Gentiles.

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me towards you. How that **by revelation he made known unto me the mystery** (as I wrote before in few words, Whereby, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ); which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. **That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body,** and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Ephesians 3:1-6

Contradictions

I find it a strange misnomer that there should be a class of Christians called 'Messianic Jews' and that we have Messianic fellowships. Now, in Christ, there are

no 'Christian Jews' or 'Gentile Christians' for we are all one in Christ. I don't call myself an English Christian and my friends in Africa would not call themselves African Christians for we are the same family. Those who accept Christ whether Jew or Gentile are now the Children of Abraham, not because of circumcision or uncircumcision of the flesh, but because both have been circumcised in the heart and are the true Israel of God.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:28

He is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Romans 2:28-29

Circumcision of Heart

God always counted Israel, not as a physical seed, but as a people who were circumcised in heart.

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff necked.

Deuteronomy 10:16

And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

Deuteronomy 30:6

There was always Israel after the flesh and Israel after the spirit. The Gentiles in Christ become Israel after the spirit and are true Israel. We are the children of the promise and are counted for the seed of Abraham even though we were born of the seed of the flesh.

For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall your seed be called. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but **the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**

Romans 9:6-8

How can anyone with an open mind come to any other conclusion after reading these words from Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Footnote 1

John Calvin. *A Response To Questions and Objections of a Certain Jew.*

Their [the Jews] rotten and unbending stiff neckedness deserves that they be oppressed unendingly and without measure or end and that they die in their misery without

the pity of anyone. Excerpt from “Ad Quaestiones et Objecta Juaei Cuiusdam Responsio,” by John Calvin; *The Jew in Christian Theology*, Gerhard Falk, McFarland and Company, Inc., Jefferson, NC and London, 1931.

Martin Luther – 1543 *Of The Unknowable Name and The Generations of Christ*

But your [God's] judgment is right, justus es Dominie. Yes, so shall Jews, but no one else be punished, who held your word and miracles in contempt and ridiculed, insulted and damned it for such a long time without interruption, so that they will not fall, like other humans, heathens and all the others, into sin and death, not up in Hell, nor in the middle of Hell but in the pit of Hell, as one cannot fall deeper...

Even if they were punished in the most gruesome manner that the streets ran with their blood, that their dead would be counted, not in the hundred thousands, but in the millions, as happened under Vespasian in Jerusalem and for evil under Hadrian, still they must insist on being right even if after these 1,500 years they were in misery another 1,500 years, still God must be a liar and they must be correct. In sum, they are the devil's children, damned to Hell...

The Jews too got what they deserved. They had been called and elected to be God's mouth as Jeremiah says ...Open your mouth wide and I will fill it; they however, kept tightly closed their muzzles, eyes, ears, nose, whole heart and all senses, so he polluted and squirted them so full that it oozes from them in all places and devil's filth comes from them. Yes, that tastes good to them, into their hearts, they smack their lips like swine. That is how they want it. Call

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more: 'Crucify him, crucify him.' Scream more: 'His blood come upon us and our children.' (Matthew 27:25) I mean it came and found you. ...Perhaps, one of the merciful Saints among us Christians may think I am behaving too crude and disdainfully against the poor, miserable Jews in that I deal with them so sarcastically and insulting. But, good God, I am much too mild in insulting such devils...



Most bible students accept that in this story, Abraham is a type of God and that Isaac is a type of Christ. If this is true then it is obvious that the servant who was sent to find the bride for Isaac is a type of the Holy Spirit and that the bride, Rebekah, is a type of the bride of Christ.

Chapter 11

The Wild Olive Tree

*The LORD called your name, A green olive tree, fair,
and of goodly fruit:*

Jeremiah 11:16

*For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if
the root be holy, so are the branches.*

Romans 10:16

It is very important, at this point in our study of God's great plan of love and romance, to show that God has not finished with his people Israel after the flesh – the promised seed of Abraham. God called this people his wife and through this nation he had a son in the flesh – Jesus. God will, one day in the future, restore his wife back to himself after he has chastised her and the reunion will be glorious, romantic, and passionate. Our God is a lover far beyond our finite conception.

The story of Abraham, Isaac, and Rebekah is a romantic one and is a wonderful prophecy of God, the Holy Spirit, Israel, and the bride of Christ. I am sure most readers are familiar with the whole story that is told in Genesis chapter 24, but briefly, Abraham in his old age realised it was time that he found a bride for his son Isaac.

And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray your hand under my thigh: and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, **that you shall not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites**, among whom I dwell: but you shall go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:2-4

Abraham told his servant that he must not take a wife for Isaac from the Gentiles, but that she must belong to the same family. This shows that the bride of Christ can not be from the Canaanites but from the household of faith, that is Israel. God's wife and daughter in law must come from the same family. The conclusion to this is that unless Gentiles are brought into the family of Israel they will never be a part of the bride of Christ.

We All Have a Free Will

The Holy Spirit is now searching through this world for those who have become part of God's family. Just as Rebekah had a choice to accept or refuse, so do those

who have accepted Christ and are his family. It is not an automatic progression that because we are part of Israel we become the bride. There are condition for us to fulfil before we can become the bride and reign with Christ as I have shown in this series.

I should state here so as not to cause confusion that if a Jew in the flesh – the wife of God – accepts Jesus as God's son and is redeemed by his blood then they are no longer the wife of God, but the bride of Christ. It is not possible to be the wife of God and the bride of his son at the same time. This is one of the problems I have with 'Gentile Christians' trying to live like Jews and observing the Talmud. It is a strange mixture. We are now one in Christ and the division between Jew and Gentile has gone forever. We are all the same family. A Jew who by faith keeps the law is righteous before God, being blinded to the fact that God has a son. One day soon the whole nation will be saved in a day – the day of Atonement – and I will write about this in the next volume.

Two Become One

Let me now look at another of Paul's teaching in the book of Romans, chapter 10. Paul says very clearly that the Gentiles become the **'Israel of God'** when they accept God's son, that came through his wife Israel. He starts the chapter by proclaiming that God has not cast away his people because of Jesus, and says that there is still a remnant who worship God in spirit and truth.

I say then, has God cast away his people? God forbid ... God has not cast away his people which

he fore knew. Don't you know what the scripture said about Elijah? How he makes intercession to God against Israel, ...but what was God's answer to him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. **Even so then at this present time** also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel has not obtained that which he seeks for; but the election has obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

From Romans 10:1-8

Paul then says that because Israel stumbled it does not mean that they have fallen forever. God will pick them up when the fullness of the Gentiles is accomplished.

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? ...For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

Verse 11-15

Paul now comes to the illustration that is a favourite of mine and I believe is a definitive illustration proving that what I have said up to now is based on scripture and

not Church doctrine or bias. He uses husbandry, just as Christ did, to show that Jew and Gentile become one. He does not use the vine as Jesus does in John 15, but the symbol used in the bible to represent Israel – the olive tree. His first statement is that if the roots are holy, then all that is produced upwards is holy – the trunk, the branches, and the fruit. The whole tree has been separated to God to be a peculiar tree – nation.

For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy:
and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

Verse 16

The Gentiles – Wild Olive Tree

Paul shows that some of the branches were broken off for their lack of fruit. He then describes how the Gentiles, as a wild olive tree, have been grafted onto the stock of the true olive tree and become partaker of the roots. He warns the Gentiles to be careful not to despise the branches that were rejected, because they were from the same roots. He also warns us, the wild olive that was grafted on, that we also might be cut off if we are not fruitful.

And if some of the branches be broken off,
and you being a wild olive tree, were grafted in
among them, and with them partake of the root
and fatness of the olive tree. Boast not against
the branches, but if you boast, you bear not the
root, but the root bears you. You will say that
the branches were broken off so that I might
be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they

were broken off, and you stand by faith. Be not high minded, but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not you. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but towards you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise **you also shall be cut off.**

Verses 17-22

Israel Can be Grafted Back

Paul goes on to say that the original branches that were cut off, if they again return to faith, will be grafted back on to that same olive tree, for God does not retract his calling or gifts once he has given them.

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: **how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?** For I don't want you brethren, to be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved ..For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God

are without repentance. For as you in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

From verses 23-30

I have put whole passages of Paul's letters in the text of this chapter for it is important to understand the context and not just the pertinent verses. The conclusion of what Paul is saying to these 'Gentile Christians' is obvious to any unbiased person. There is only one tree – the olive tree that God has chosen – and the 'Church' are not a new tree, a new nation, or a new kingdom. The Gentiles who accept God's son are grafted onto that nation, and people, and kingdom, and are the Israel of God. Abraham is now the father of us all. What a blessing that we are not some new religion, but fellow heirs with Israel and God's son.

A Diabolical lie

Therefore, to say that the 'Church' is the Kingdom of God is to believe the lie that the Church of Rome has invented to steal the Kingdom from Israel and God. Jesus is not the King of the Church he is the king of Israel according to the Bible and he will restore the Kingdom to Israel when he returns. The Gentiles who have accepted Jesus have been hijacked into the kingdom of Babylon and have never even questioned it, even though Paul writes extensively against it. I will explain how all this happened in the following chapters of this volume.

Part 3



Back to Babylon

Chapter 12

The Statue Still Stands

*This would be the best of all possible worlds if there were
no religion in it*

John Adams, second President of the United States

*Religion is the antithesis of relationship to God and is
its biggest enemy*

Author's quote

I have shown in previous volumes that the statue Nebuchadnezzar saw, was the statue of the history of Babylon. It is the progression of the counterfeit religious system that God put his own people into because of their rebellion (see volume 1 chapter 10). In Christ's day the statue was manifested in the 'legs of iron' – the Roman empire. In the days of Jesus, God's people were under this iron fist and, although Jesus was God's son and had

all power, he did nothing to challenge or provoke this military and political system. Neither did the Apostles challenge the legal or political systems, for there is nothing in any of the letters to the churches that would indicate any resistance or criticism. On the contrary the letters tell us that we must obey those in authority and the laws of the land as they are ordained of God – this was while they were still under Rome.

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. **Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God:** and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Romans 13:1-2

Traditions of the Elders

Jesus challenged God's people who had adopted the doctrines of Babylon, disguised as the traditions of the elders. Many of these had been formed during their exile in Babylon. Jews today mostly use the Babylonian Talmud. For example, the Jewish days of the week are not Hebrew names – they came from Babylon. (God called the days of the week the 'first day' or the 'third day', and so on). I will expose more of these traditions in the next volume.

Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they wash not 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?
...But in vain they do worship me, **teaching for
doctrines the commandments of men.**

From Matthew 23:2-9

When the Holy Ghost fell on the Apostles, they immediately realised why Jesus had contempt for the traditions of God's people and they started again in a fresh and innocent new lifestyle. The 'Sermon on the Mount' was no longer information and knowledge, it was a vibrant and exciting lifestyle that flowed over into miracles and reckless abandonment. They were now happy to suffer and die to follow their master, whereas before Peter – the leader – was frightened to be implicated and even denied being with Jesus.

The Bride Becomes the Whore

As we have now the hindsight of history we can see that the pattern does not change with God's people. Just as Israel changed the commandments of God for Babylonian traditions and made a religion instead of a relationship – Judaism – so the followers of Jesus have been seduced by this woman, have assimilated the doctrines of Babylon, and started a new religion called Christianity. No longer 'ecclesia' – those called out – but those drawn back in. Let me show from the 'Acts of the Apostles' how easily God's people reverted into this false woman, and the bride slowly prostituted herself and became the whore.

This book is about God's plan for his wife, his son, and his son's bride. Adam was put to sleep so that his wife could be taken out of him and it prophesied that

one day the second Adam (Jesus) would die and so enable the spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead produce his bride. The early church was the woman that came out of Christ. Adam was not deceived, but partook of his wife's sin so as not to be separated from her. This also prophesied of the second Adam who knowingly partook of the sin of the world so as to be united with his bride at his second coming.

Seeds of Babylon

Unfortunately, as early as Acts chapter 5, we find the seeds of Babylon (covetousness) creeping into the body of believers. Eve was being seduced again. They had no religion at this point and were not called Christians, but the beginnings of Babylon were initiated by a couple of believers called Ananias and Sapphira. They acted as if they had given all the proceeds of the sale of their house and yet kept back part of the money. Covetousness is the root of all sin according to Paul, and Babylon is a system that seeks power and success through the accumulation of wealth. (Footnote 1)

For the love of money is the root of all evil:
which while some coveted after, they have erred
from the faith, and pierced themselves through
with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:10

Ananias and Sapphira had prostituted their integrity, and God dealt very swiftly and decisively with this situation for they both received the death sentence from God – and the disciples carried them out and buried them.

The Statue Still Stands

A certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ...And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him ...Then she fell down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth and buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

From Acts 5:1-11

You would think that this would put a stop to the rot, but although fear came upon the church, the flesh is so strong that it was inevitable that it would soon occur again and it started to spread like leaven throughout the whole body. In the next chapter of Acts we find there was murmuring among the believers.

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Greeks against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Acts 6:1

Murmuring is just the same as rebellion and, as every bible student knows, was part of the reason that

God punished Israel so many times in the wilderness, culminating in their exclusion from the promised land.

How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmuring of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

Numbers 14:27

Paul warns the Corinthian Christians not to be like those in Israel – showing that it was now manifesting in the early church.

Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them **for examples**.

1 Corinthians 10:9-11

Nothing has Changed

In Acts, chapter 8, we see that one of the believers offered Paul money to receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost. There was a constant pressure from many Jews that the Gentiles should be circumcised and keep the ceremonial law of Moses, not realising that the types and shadows of these things had been fulfilled in Jesus. I could write another couple of chapters showing from the letters to the churches that there was a constant battle to keep the doctrines of Babylon out of this new relationship body of believers. However, I think it will be self-evident when I quote from the letters that John

wrote to the 7 churches in Asia. This was in the year 70 AD, which was only a generation after the new 'Kingdom within' had been birthed.

Here is a list of the doctrines and practises that had permeated the church. I find it so sad that all of them are alive and well and practised in our 'Christian Churches' in the 21st century.

Ephesus

Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because **you have left your first love.**

Pergamos

But I have a few things against you, because you have there them that hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. You also have them that hold **the doctrine of the Nicolatians**, which thing I hate.

Thyatira

Notwithstanding I have a few things against you, because **you suffer that woman Jezebel**, which calls herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Sardis

I know your works, that **you have a name that you are alive but you are dead.** Be watchful,

and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found your works perfect before God.

Laodicia

I know your works, that **you are neither cold nor hot**: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and don't know that **you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked**:

All quotes from Revelation 2-3

It was not long before the miracles, and the signs and the wonders stopped. The fear of God, that the signs and wonders should gender, was missing and religion took over. The philosophies of Babylon started to infiltrate God's people all over again. Greek, Roman, and eastern thoughts and philosophies permeated the early church and it has never been able to fully recover, even up to this day. Nor will it cease until Babylon falls just before Jesus returns to establish God's order (with his remnant who have not bowed the knee to the statue of Babylon). The bride are those who will love him enough to suffer the fiery furnace and the lion's den. The Apostle's letters to the churches are full of this kind of exhortation.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

2 Timothy 2:12

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As Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin;

1 Peter 4:1

For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps:**

1 Peter 2:21

When the suffering stops apostasy takes its place. The principles have not changed and they never will until Babylon is completely destroyed, never to rise again. Then, we can all sing the 'Halleluiah Chorus' as explained in the book of Revelation chapter 19.

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he has judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Revelation 19:1-4

Footnote 1

I can recommend a book by George S Clason. 'The Richest Man in Babylon'. (ISBN 0-451-16520- 9) It was

a multi-million best seller. It shows that Babylon is a system for the accumulation of wealth. The cover says "The success secrets of the ancients – an assured road to happiness and prosperity".



Money, like writing, seems to have been invented by the priests of the old Babylonian cities, probably because they needed a way of measuring the value of sacrifices and offerings to the temple. In Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon, the first great money centre in history, several priests were also bankers, and all bankers were priests.

Chapter 13

The Fowls of the Air

Politics is the largest part a function of culture: at the heart of culture is morality: at the heart of morality are the ultimate truths we call religion

Richard John Neuhaus, editor-in-chief, 'First Things'

The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

Ephesus, the first Church that John the apostle writes about, is very interesting because the condemnation from Jesus is that she has 'left her first love'. If the 7 Churches are chronological in historical order (as well as being principles in all ages), then it is not by chance that a lack of love is the root of the

problem in the early church. Once love fades and dies then the vacuum that is left must be filled with a counterfeit. The law of God must now be fulfilled by religious dogma. Jesus and the Apostles all show that **love fulfils the law.**

Love does no evil to his neighbour. Therefore,
love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:10

The life of Christ can only be fulfilled and manifested by the workings of love. Anything else is false and religious. Religion does not rely on love but rather on morals and rules. Love has no morals or rules and so is the most dangerous and fearful thing to orthodoxy and religion. That is why people will not give one hundred per cent for love – it is just too risky. God, the greatest lover, risked all when he sent his son in sinful flesh to die for the sin of the world. Thank God, that true love believes all, hopes all, and never fails. Without love all we have is a dead religion and the traditions of the elders – Babylon. When love dies then ritualistic practices and the mindset of the world take over very swiftly indeed.

Binding or Loosing

The root meaning of religion is 'to bind' or 'adhere to', and it is a good description for it binds us to a morality or code of practice. Love is free and can not be bound. True disciples are not bound to a code of conduct or practice, but to a person and this is a fundamental difference. Personal relationship and religion are diametrically opposed. The whole of the law and the prophets can be

summarised in the terms of love to God and to people; never by statements or creeds.

Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

Matthew 22:37-40

After the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, by the Roman Emperor Titus (Josephus claims that 1,100,000 people were killed during the siege, of which a majority were Jewish, 97,000 were captured and enslaved), the centre of Christianity moved to Alexandria, in Egypt – the very type of the world. It is no surprise then, that the thinking of the 'world' slowly perverted all the love and simplicity of the gospel. Miracles, angel visitation, and signs and wonders do not happen without the mind of Christ, and so Babylonian and Egyptian philosophies took over God's people. They were heading back to Babylon. Doctrines were formulated on the thinking of pagan philosophers such as Aristotle and Plato (I do not hear of the miraculous ministries of Clement and Origen, or of Arius and Athanasius, only of their divisions and doctrines – my definition of Church doctrine is 'Christian philosophy').

In 364 AD, Constantinople (Byzantium) was established as a seat of Christianity along with Rome and we continued along the legs of Iron that Nebuchadnezzar saw hundreds of years before. I do not want to look at

the whole perversion of Christianity in the first few centuries, nor do I feel qualified. It is an academic and historical study that is far beyond my intellect. Footnote 1. However, I do want to show that as Imperial Rome accepted, or more correctly took over Christianity, and 'Religious Rome' took over 'Imperial Rome' then it spread through its empire. The whole of our western culture is based on the thinking and culture of the statue of Babylon. The spread of Christianity in the West was the spread of Babylon. This in itself is a subject for a whole book, but I will list a few of the areas where our Christian roots are in this statue. Remember that the statue covers Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome.

Money

The change from bartering to promissory notes and coins was first initiated in Babylon.

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From the book 'Babylon is Everywhere' by Wolf Schneider

Music and Culture

As a Music teacher for many years, specialising in Jazz improvisation, I taught my pupils the scales that Western music rely on. They all had Greek names, Ionian (the diatonic scale that we all learn at school - doe ray me), and other scales such as Dorian, Lydian,

and Phrygian. Much of what defines Western European culture in terms of philosophy, science and the arts had origins in the culture of ancient Greece. Music played an integral role in the lives of ancient Greeks and was almost universally present in society, from marriages and funerals to religious ceremonies, staged dramas, folk music and the ballad-like reciting of epic poetry. It is important to note that the entire study of such things by the Greeks was less a formula for the production of playable music than **it was a mathematical and philosophical description of how the universe, in general, was perceived to be constructed** — the stars, the sun, the planets, all vibrating in harmony.

Maths

I am sure we can all remember the following formula from our days at school.

In any right angled triangle the square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides.

It is indelibly etched in my grey matter and I can quote it verbatim at will. Of course, it comes from the Greek mathematician and philosopher, Pythagoras. Our numerical system in the West has now conformed to the Roman numerical system of units, as has our weights and measures.

Politics

Democracy – a Greek word – is a form of government in which power is held directly or indirectly

by citizens under a free electoral system. It is derived from the Greeks in the middle of the 5th-4th century BC to denote the political systems then existing in some Greek city-states, notably Athens following a popular uprising in 508 BC

Legal Systems

Roman law in a broad sense refers not only to the legal system of ancient Rome, but also to the law that was applied throughout most of Western Europe until the end of the 18th century.

Voting in Antichrist

Most of the Western world is governed by democracy, and Christians have assimilated this into their religion. This is strange as there is no biblical precedent for it. Executive boards of all Christian denominations have a voting system to choose leaders – no wonder holiness and love have been taken over by lobbying and position seeking. Most Churches have a system of voting and have a membership that qualifies them for this democratic practice. God, on the other hand is a King and he wanted to rule his people Israel by speaking to them through his prophets.

In the end, when all the world is democratic, then 'the people' will democratically vote in the worlds greatest dictator – antichrist. How deluded do God's children become when they embrace Babylon and its doctrines?

Our science, medicine, and legal system all have roots in the culture of Babylon. The tree is enormous just as Jesus said it would be. The parable of the mustard seed

is misinterpreted by evangelical Christians, because to them growth and success is synonymous, and they have been blinded by their own pride and ambition. It is easy to interpret this parable, for Jesus tells us the keys. We are left in no doubt that the parable is a warning against mega-churches and 'taking the world for Jesus', and is not a motivation to expand the Church. This is the parable as Jesus told it in Matthew, chapter 13.

Jesus said unto them, the kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

The Sower is the Key

Jesus tells his disciples that the parable of the sower is the key to all the other parables. In other words **the symbols will be consistent throughout all the parables** of the kingdom. The sower will always be Jesus – the seed always the word of God and so on.

He said unto them, If you don't understand this parable, how will you know all the other parables?

Mark 4:13

In the sower it is clear that the 'birds of the air' are the evil spirits that take away the word before we hear it. Luke says that the birds of the air is 'the Devil that takes away the seed'.

Those by the way side are they that hear; then comes the devil, and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Luke 8:12

Therefore, in the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus is warning us that when the tree grows too big then the birds of the air will nest in the branches and stop the true word taking root. There has to be a pruning which comes from opposition and persecution. This keeps the tree bearing much fruit. In our modern Babylonian Christianity the Church has majored on growth above everything else. We are more interested in the size of the tree than the quality of the fruit.

As soon as the persecution stopped in the early church the tree began to grow and it is now one of the biggest religions in the world, which by Jesus' definition is the most corrupted. It is no surprise to me that Jesus called his disciples 'little flock' and warned them that when all men acclaim them they have become a false prophet of the broad way.

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Luke 6:26

Wiser than the Children of Light

I will close this chapter with a quote that I took from a new age website, to show that the world knows more about the perversion in the Church than God's people.

"The Babylonian cult eventually made its way to other cities including Pergamos, the site of one of the seven churches of Asia.

The chief priest of the Babylonian cult wore crowns in the form of the head of a fish, in recognition of Dagon the fish god, with the title 'Keeper of the Bridge,' that is, the 'bridge' between man and the gods, imprinted on the crowns.

The Roman equivalent of the title, Pontifex Maximus, was used by the Caesar and later Roman emperors, and was also adopted as the title for the bishop of Rome - the popes. In the early centuries of the church in Rome, the features of the mystery religion of Babylon combined with the Christian faith, a confusion which has continued down to the present day."

**Taken from <http://www.strayreality.com> 'Babylon's Mystical
Occult Influence Over the World'**

Footnote 1

I can, however, recommend an excellent book by Jacques Ellul. 'The perversion of Christianity'..

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Chapter 14

Rome Steals The kingdom

*The French religious scholar Ernest Renan has suggested that the destruction of Jerusalem expedited the rise of Christianity – first **by effecting its dissociation from Judaism**, and secondly, by shifting its centre of organisation to Rome.*

From 'Babylon is Everywhere' Wolf Schneider.

Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it

Will Durant 'Caesar and Christ'

When the emperor Constantine embraced Christianity in 312 AD, it was not to save Christianity from persecution, as many Christians are led to believe, for Christians had enjoyed complete tolerance in the Roman Empire from 260-302, and there was persecution under Constantine for those who disagreed

with the teachings of the Church. Religious Rome has massacred millions more than ever imperial Rome did throughout the following centuries. Sadly, the Church had lost the teachings of Jesus and had embraced the philosophies and culture of imperial Rome. I have shown that by AD 70 letters to the churches expose these deadly doctrines. Worldliness was rampant in the churches even before the death of the Apostles. What Constantine did was to start the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and we started to move away from Imperial Rome to Religious Rome. However, the religion was just the same at its roots. The bishops of Italy became the heirs of the Roman Senate, and the bishop of Rome became the Emperor's successor. Throughout the Empire, Catholic bishops used monks as terrorists to enforce their rule.

The Wall is Erected Again

For me the greatest disaster that the Catholic Church brought about has gone unnoticed by almost all of the millions of people who call themselves Christians today. It was to separate Israel from the Church. As soon as the headquarters changed from Jerusalem to Rome then the Catholic Church set about to become the Kingdom of God on earth, with the popes as mediator between God and man (Vicarius Christi has been used since Pope Gelasius I 492 - 496).

Even though Martin Luther started the reformation, he didn't finish it. The middle wall of division that Jesus broke down between Jew and Gentile, and that the Church erected again, has never come down even to this day. Below is a passage from a book by a secular historian

to show again that the world seem to understand more about this than God's people.

In AD 70 the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, because the Jews had revolted against the mastery of the gods of Rome. The holy city of the Jews and the Christians was extinguished. The small Christian community had fled ahead of time.

Rome, where due to the missionary work of Peter and Paul many people adopted the Christian faith, now became the centre of Christendom, and it was not to its disadvantage. Christianity spread in the capital of the world and from there along the Roman streets gradually over the whole imperium. Where previously a hundred languages had created a big confusion of tongues, Christian missionary work, thanks to Rome, could get along with two – Greek in the East, Latin in the West. The French religious scholar Ernest Renan has suggested that the destruction of Jerusalem expedited the rise of Christianity – first by effecting its dissociation from Judaism, and secondly, by shifting its centre of organisation to Rome. It is plausible. In an imperial city, the missionary can preach not only to members of all classes but also to representatives of all peoples within the imperium, with the heightened possibility that the seeds of his teaching will be carried throughout the empire. And of course, the chances of gaining the emperor's adherence means the chance of employing the apparatus of the state in the missionary work. For Christianity these possibilities were realised.

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I showed in chapters 10 and 11 that all who accept Christ are the children of Abraham and are grafted on to the olive tree – which is Israel. To start another religion – which is what religious Rome did – and call

it Christianity is to be in opposition to the true children of Abraham. This is exactly what happened, the middle wall, that Jesus' cross broke down, had been built again.

The Church have been traditionally opposed to Israel and the true remnant of disciples and have persecuted it throughout the centuries until now. I have quoted already Martin Luther and Calvin to substantiate this, and it is well documented that the Catholic Church helped Mussolini into power and supported Hitler. Footnote 1. Islam is not the only religion to persecute the Jews. The connection between Catholicism and Islam is closer than Christians realise and I believe they are in for a shock as history unfolds in these last days. I will write more about this in the next volume of God's plan.

Parable of the Vineyard

Jesus gave a parable that prophesied perfectly what I have just stated, about the wall being erected again. It is in Luke chapter 20;

Jesus began to speak to the people; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out. Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do?

I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him. But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them? He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

Luke 20:9-19

It is obvious that this parable is about God sending his prophets throughout the history of Israel to obtain fruit – the life and character of God. We know that all the true prophets were persecuted or killed. It is also obvious that the beloved son that the owner of the vineyard sent to collect the fruit is Jesus (John the Baptist had warned the Jews that they must bring fruit or they would suffer the consequences).

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto

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them, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

Matthew 3:7-8

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The words of the husbandmen are revealing at this point for they said “**Let us kill the heir and obtain the inheritance**”. What is Jesus' inheritance except to obtain the Kingdom and rule this earth in justice and peace?

I will declare the decree: 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

Psalm 2:7-8

The Jews, who were the synagogue of Satan (Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers and Scribes), persuaded Imperial Rome to kill this heir for they wanted the inheritance. Religious Rome has stolen the Kingdom from Israel. Protestant denominations believe that the Church is the Kingdom of God. They are crucifying Christ afresh with this doctrine, for the Kingdom belongs to Jesus alone and he will restore it to Israel when he returns.

I will show in the last volume of this series that the modern Pharisees (Zionists), also have a desire to obtain the Kingdom by political means and set up their own Messiah, before Jesus comes and they are at this present time planning to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (with the support of the Church, of course), for antichrist to

set up his throne there. Footnote 2. Christians do not realise that the first Messiah to bring world peace and sit on the throne in Jerusalem will be the false Messiah – antichrist.

The parable of the husbandmen stealing the inheritance is a principle, and wherever there is a claim to the physical Kingdom before Jesus comes again is always counterfeit.

Suffering for Reigning

Jesus had to suffer to obtain his right to the coming Kingdom, and all who follow his teaching, and love him enough to obey him, will also obtain this Kingdom and reign with him. The conditions for reigning are stringent and painful, but the Holy Spirit has to find a worthy bride for this son who paid such a price.

As I finish this volume, please do not forget that all this suffering of the true remnant is part of this romance that God planned before the foundations of the world. All romantic stories end with the joy, and God's plan is no different for he will obliterate all pain and suffering. Read what Paul says about the joy and pleasure that awaits those who truly love him.

However, we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. None of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, **Eye has not seen,**

nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Footnote 1

The Catholic Church refused to accept Israel's existence for 46 years after the world accepted the state of Israel in 1948.

'Hitlers Pope', by John Cornwell.(ISBN 0-14-026681-X) is a good book on this subject of the Catholic Church's implications with the Nazis in the slaughter of Jews in the last war.

'A woman Rides the Beast', by Dave Hunts, is a another book that documents these facts. ISBN 1-56057-199-9

Footnote 2

The book by Barbara Victor – 'The Last Crusade', published by Constable (ISBN 1-84119-955-9) shows conclusively that 80 million Christians in America are funding Israel to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

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