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Every person on the face of this planet should know this one fact from history: The veil in the Jewish Temple was supernaturally torn in half the moment Jesus declared “It Is Finished” while hanging on a Roman cross in Jerusalem, dying. Matthew 27:50-51, ⁵⁰ *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.* ⁵¹ *And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.* (ESV) John 19:30, ³⁰ *When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.* (ESV) It does not matter what your religion is because this is a fact from history! This has nothing to do with your creed, religion, gender, race or where you were born. This event placed into motion new concepts for mankind to ponder. Why did the Jews hate this Man so much that they wanted Him crucified? Why did the sky turn so dark that some standing at the base of this cross were afraid? The Centurion standing there uttered the words: “Truly, this was the Son of God!” Matthew 27:54, ⁵⁴ *So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”* (NKJV)

I have no doubt there are some people who are senior in age and claim to be Christian and will understand my words with a full Biblical belief as their basis for thought. There will be others who proclaim to be New Testament Christians and know this as a fact of history. Moslem, Hindu and even Buddhist will most likely have some idea of this incident. Those who hate the Jewish people will use this as one of their teachings against the Jews as mean spirited people and people who should not even be on the face of the Earth.

No matter how you have taken this brief introduction of the words of this book I would like to tell you that you are wrong in your thinking and wrong in your conclusions toward this matter. Let’s look at kingdoms and allow me to show you some differences. Every nation on earth could be considered a kingdom, they all have a government, they have laws, they surely have a military and they have a court system. To be a member of any kingdom, you are born into that kingdom. Otherwise, you have to go through their laws and courts to become a citizen of their kingdom. After becoming a citizen you may be subject to some time as a member of their military. You are also subject to their taxes and all their laws. Your driver’s license, passport and any other identification will come from that particular kingdom. Here is one important trait that you will have. Your training in the ordering of things will be prescribed by either your foreknowledge prior to becoming a citizen of this kingdom or your teachings in a school of that kingdom as you grow older. The language, numbering system and all other things that have an ordering will come from your training. This could be learning your alphabet or progressive numbering from 1 to 100. You will learn from the beginning to the end of these structured orders.

Here is my first question for you. Do you think that all kingdoms operate in this same manner? I just said they did, but is that so? Consider that earthly kingdoms operate this way, but the heavenly kingdom does not operate fully, completely or exactly in these manners. Allow me to explain. You were born into your earthly kingdom with a body made by your parents. But, you existed as a spirit in the heavenly kingdom prior to your being placed into an earthly body. You were created by God as a spirit and He knew you long before you began life on earth. Here are two references that make that statement. First, Jeremiah 1:5, ⁵ *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”* (ESV) Secondly, Isaiah 44:2, ² *Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: . . .* (ESV) You must be born again to become a citizen of Jesus’ forthcoming kingdom. Please see John 3:3, ³ *Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of*

God." (NKJV) It is interesting to see the full account that Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, John 3:1-15, ¹ *There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (NKJV)*

I have underlined many different areas in this passage and need to go through these areas to see if I might be able to give you more understanding. Look at this item:

- (a) **a ruler of the Jews** — Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin, or ruling council.
- (b) **This man came to Jesus by night** — the reason he came by night was so no one would see him going to Jesus to speak to Him.
- (c) **we know that You are a teacher come from God** — notice that the 'we' stated here is in lower case and he acknowledges that Jesus has the Spirit of God with Him. The 'we' here is the Sanhedrin.
- (d) **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God** — Jesus clearly states that a second birth is necessary to enter the kingdom of God.
- (e) **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God** — the water is your birth from your mother's womb, the Spirit is the internal presence of the Holy Spirit in your heart.
- (f) **born of flesh is flesh** — once again, that is your earthly birth, the presentation of your physical body to the world.
- (g) **born of the Spirit is spirit** — This is the second birth whereby the baptism of the Holy Spirit has taken place and you are what Paul says is a new creature. 2nd Corinthians 5:16-17, ¹⁶ *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJV)*
- (h) **'You must be born again.'** — Jesus confirms that everyone must be born again to see the heavenly kingdom. John 14:6, ⁶ *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (NKJV)*
- (i) **In verse 11 there are three We and one Our** — all are in upper case, meaning the Trinity in all four uses of these words.
- (j) **If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?** — Through the passages of God's Word, it is my intention to provide you with a written document of things to come, or in other words the dawning of a new day.

When we become a part of the heavenly kingdom, we are subject to the laws in that kingdom. No! There are not as many laws there, in Jesus' kingdom, as there are here in this earthly kingdom. The fact of the matter is that there are really only ten laws, six feast days, one day for rest each week, one mandatory day of fasting and one new command given to us by Jesus Himself! There is no requirement

that you will serve in the military of this kingdom. The fact is that there are at least 12 Legions of angels on call at any moment if needed to defend that kingdom. That would mean that there are at least 72,000 angels ready to serve the Lord God of heaven. Allow me to show you two statements: First, there is Jesus' statement made the night He was betrayed and arrested by temple guards at the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 26:53, ⁵³ *Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?* (ESV) Secondly, there is even a larger counting of angels in the book of Daniel, look at Daniel 7:10b, ^{10b} . . . *a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;* . . . (ESV) That would make the armies of heaven to be greater than 100 million angels.

During our journey together, I will attempt to provide you with two other aspects of the heavenly kingdom. There will be a discussion on the ordering of things and on the grand court of that kingdom. I do have one more item I'd like to address. During the thousand year reign of Jesus as supreme ruler of the earth, it appears that most of the current world's items of convenience will not be there. There will not be cell phones, computers, electric cars or the Internet. The fact is, it could be understood that the earth's population will revert back to an agrarian society. That society will work in their fields, raise food, tend flocks and herds and live a simpler life. Here is one verse that gives me that idea. Isaiah 65:22-23, ²² *They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.* ²³ *They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.* (ESV)

The Order of all Things — Knowing the Beginning from the End

We follow things in a progressive order. It doesn't matter if we are using the alphabet or numbers, we start at the beginning and go to the end. In the heavenly kingdom, God starts at the end and goes to the beginning. View Isaiah 46:9-11 to understand this, ⁹ *remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,* ¹⁰ *declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'* ¹¹ *calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.* (ESV) There are several items to review in this passage. Let's look at the underlined portions just as I did in the introduction:

(a) **I am** — God uses the term or title 'I am' to identify Himself in more than one place in the Bible. This would be one place, and another would be when Moses came across the burning bush and he asked God who he was to tell Pharaoh had sent him to release the Israelites. Exodus 3:13-15, ¹³ *Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"* ¹⁴ *God said to Moses, "I am who I am."* And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ *God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.* (ESV) Jesus also called Himself or His ministry 'The Way,' John 14:6, ⁶ *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* (ESV) The third part of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit and Jesus called the Holy Spirit The Advocate, Helper, Comforter or Councilor. John 14:16-17, ¹⁶ *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.* ¹⁷ *He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.* (NLT) John 14:26, ²⁶ *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.* (ESV) John 15:26, ²⁶ *"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.* (ESV) John 16:7, ⁷ *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.* (ESV) Finally, Acts 1:4-5, ⁴ *And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."* (ESV) Add the three terms together and you have the full name of the Trinity, 'I Am The Way to the Comforter!'

(b) **declaring the end from the beginning** — Here is the statement from God Himself declaring that in His kingdom the end is resolved first, and then all things to get to that end are put in their proper place so that everything fits from beginning to end. Complete and total with all things working together for those who love the Lord. Romans 8:28-30, ²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.* ²⁹ *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.* ³⁰ *Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.* (ESV) There seems to be a lot of people who learn verse 28 and they stop at that point. It is interesting to also read verse 31, ³¹ *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* (ESV) But, we can go further and we can read with even more interest all the way to the end of this chapter.

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

(c) **from ancient times not yet done** — the ancient times must be prior to the creation of even heaven and earth. Genesis 1:1, ¹ *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* (ESV)

(d) **My counsel shall stand** — Genesis 1:26, ²⁶ *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."* (ESV)

The key to God's counsel is here: 'Let us.' The us is the Godhead proper, or the Trinity. That means the three entities of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God speaks to Himself as a council made up of the three parts. Think about something. If all things created by God are from the end to the beginning, that would mean that everything for every individual is already finished before it began. That would also mean that Jesus' (Jehoshua) crucifixion, as Messiah, on the cross was established at this beginning council.

(e) **I will accomplish all my purpose** — I need to lump these three together. What God says He

(f) **I will bring it to pass** — will do, He will do it. Granted it may be at a later time.

(g) **I have purposed, and I will do it** — But it will be done! God cannot lie! Titus 1:2-3, ² *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;* (NKJV)

We have now established the fact that God works from the end to the beginning. There is another item we need to investigate. We should all know that mankind has an adversary, the devil, Satan himself and all of his demonic angels. Paul provides us several clues to tell us **we are in a battle**. Look at Ephesians 6:10-20, ¹⁰ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.* (NKJV)

Let us break this passage down as we have with the two other presentations. There are five main items I'd like you to see and think about:

(a) **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might** — Understand what we learned in the previous passage statement—what God purposes God will do! Even Satan must have permission from God to attack us. Review Job 1:8-12, ⁸ *Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.”* ⁹ *Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God.* ¹⁰ *You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is!* ¹¹ *But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”* ¹² *“All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.* (NLT) Do you see where Satan questioned God about Job, and God had to grant Satan permission to even test Job. Even so, God instructed Satan that he could not take Job’s life.

(b) **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** — from these words of the Apostle Paul, we should understand that our battle is in the spirit realm. Every situation that a person faces in life will, in some way, have a connection to the spirit realm. This could be a situation where the angels of God are on your side, and through prayer the answer to the problem is presented to you. It could also be the opposite situation where the force you are having a battle with is demonic, and you are having a difficult time with the pressures being put upon you. This could be a multitude of sins: from drugs, to immoral sexual practices, to the murder of an unborn child because of a sexual encounter.

(c) **take up the whole armor of God** — just like the knights of old, there is a suit of armor that you have if you are a born again follower of Christ. The parts of this armor follow:

(1) **girded your waist with truth** — this is the belt around your midsection—truth surrounds you.

(2) **breastplate of righteousness** — the breastplate protects the heart and it is the heart that God searches in every person to see their true self and their intent in all things.

(3) **shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace** — every place we travel (walk) we should be prepared to spread the gospel with peace and understanding.

(4) **shield of faith** — in ancient days there were many shields that were not made of metal, they were made of wood and covered with thick leather. Prior to going into battle they would soak the shield in water, between the leather and the wood a flaming arrow would be quenched instead of catching the shield on fire. In our discussion, the shield would be our faith, which is eternal hope.

(5) **helmet of salvation** — our salvation rests with the fact that we are born again believers in Jesus, the Messiah. We should wear our salvation like a helmet or especially like a robe covering us fully and needing a belt around the middle (above).

(6) **sword of the Spirit** — the answer is stated just following these four words. Our sword of the spirit is the Word of God. We have been taught to test all things against the Word to see if it is truth or a false prophet with a false doctrine.

(d) **make known the mystery of the gospel** — Oh my! What a task we are given with this phrase! If we review numbers, we should know that six is man’s number and seven is God’s number. Look at the previous item (the armor of God), there are only six items making this a mankind function. We (mankind) have the items that we need to enact God’s charge (task) for us. However, if you add the ingredient here in this item, you have two things: (1) We have the full count of God’s number—seven. (2) We also have the revealing of God’s Word being a mystery that mankind needs to read and study to have a full understanding of what God’s puzzle (the Bible) really teaches to every one of us.

(e) **I am an ambassador** — When you make your profession of faith in Christ you become (1) a citizen of God’s kingdom; and (2) an ambassador representing that kingdom and not yourself. To be

honest, you are no longer an ambassador for this earthly kingdom, but instead an ambassador for the heavenly kingdom. As a citizen of heaven and as an ambassador, you now represent the opinions of the government of heaven who sent you to this kingdom. Also, as an ambassador you are no longer fighting battles on the battlefield. You may still have tests to come your way, but you have discovered that as an ambassador you have a new privilege to take your petitions to the court and let the judge decide what the rule of law says. We must also understand that since we are not on the battlefield that we are occupiers waiting for the return of our Lord to take us home to heaven.

Look at historical facts concerning this nation and our end results after a battle. When the Allied Powers of World War II defeated Germany, we won the war but we are still, to this day, occupiers, to some extent under NATO. With the surrender of Japan during World War II, we became occupiers of Japan and General McArthur was in Japan for years to set up a democratic government. When Saddam Hussein was defeated after three days of fighting, most of our troops came home but there was an occupationary force that remained for the next three years. Our only ugly outcome of occupying an enemy was our withdrawal under our current president when, by the president's order, we suddenly, and without notice to our allies, withdrew from Afghanistan. Therefore, if we are ambassadors waiting in an occupier position until the return of our Lord to take us home to heaven where our citizenship is held, what is this court system that we now have access to in order to have our petitions handled by a judge. In fact, where can we even get an idea that this is available to us? Turn with me to Luke 18:1-8, ¹ *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.* ² *He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.* ³ *And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'* ⁴ *For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,* ⁵ *yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'* ⁶ *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.* ⁷ *And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?* ⁸ *I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"* (ESV) From this passage of scripture, we should understand that it is impossible to have faith (pray) and to lose heart at the same time. These are basically opposites. Look at the situation in this parable. The widow continues to bother (pester, query) the judge and finally the judge grants her request. Jesus then states that God will grant justice to the elect and that He would do it speedily.

There is our answer! As an ambassador, we are not fighters, we are representatives of the government of Heaven and in those situations where we need assistance and someone to hear our petition, all we need to do is take it to court. This is not a fighting situation, this is now a legal situation and we need to understand the court structure. We will examine the kingdom of Heaven court system, where it is, and who is who in our next section.

The Kingdom of Heaven Court System

To even begin to understand the Heavenly Court System, we must define where it is, who is who as to the judge, prosecuting and defending attorneys and the witnesses or evidence presented in court. For some of this presentation, I will go back to the scripture verses already shown in order to pick up an item for presentation as evidence before the court.

Where is this court and what does it look like. One of the more important passages of scripture to illustrate the courtroom of Heaven is Daniel Chapter 7 in full. Daniel 7, ¹ *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.*

² *Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.*

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

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

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

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

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

⁹ *"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days (God/Judge) was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened. (The question should be, what books?)*

¹¹ *"I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.*

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

¹⁵ *"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.*

¹⁶ *I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this.*

So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

¹⁹ *Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which*

spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. ²¹ I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² until **the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.**

²³ "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He (Anti-christ/Satan) shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. ²⁵ He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

²⁶ 'But **the court shall be seated,** And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. ²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

²⁸ "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart." (NKJV)

One more segment of scripture illustrating the throne room of God comes from Revelation 4:1-7, ¹ After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are **four living creatures,** full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. (ESV) These four living creatures are the basis for the ensigns (standards) of the four tribal groups in the wilderness and they represent all Israel. The twelve tribes were camped around the Tabernacle with three tribes on each side. Each group had their own standard (banner): on the North was Dan with Asher and Naphtali under the standard of an Eagle; on the East was Judah with Issachar and Zebulon under the standard of a Lion; on the South was Reuben with Simeon and Gad under the standard of a Man; and finally, on the West was Ephraim with Manasseh and Benjamin under the standard of an Ox (calf). This last group on the west places the children of Rachel together. Actually, Ephraim and Manasseh replace Joseph and this gives Joseph his double portion and these two are Rachel's grandsons. Also recall, Levi is removed because they (Levites) are the priests and are serving all the tribes at the Tabernacle. Count and you will see that there are still twelve tribes as the Bible states.

We need to place our defense attorney into the throne room. We do that with the verses from Hebrews 9:24-28, ²⁴ For **Christ has entered,** not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.** ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. **But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.** ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those

who are eagerly waiting for him. (ESV)

There are other places where we need to gather information about the throne (courtroom) of Heaven. One place would be Isaiah 6:1, ¹ *In the year that King Uzziah died **I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.*** (ESV) Another portion of the mystery of God's throne room is found in Revelation 11:19, ¹⁹ *Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and **the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.** And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail. (NKJV) Another verse is Revelation 15:5-6, ⁵ *After these things I looked, and behold, **the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.** ⁶ *And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. (NKJV)***

The book of Hebrews contains some facts we need to gather Hebrews 12:22-24, ²² *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,** to **God the Judge of all,** to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to **Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,** and to the **blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.** (NKJV) As a portion of our evidence, we need to review Genesis 4:10-11, ¹⁰ *And He said, "What have you done? **The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.**" ¹¹ *So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. (NKJV) From these two references, we must understand that blood has the ability to speak to God. The blood of Abel spoke to God and we have to put a couple of things together to fully understand the entry in Hebrews 12:24. When Jesus was crucified part of His blood was still in His body when He greeted Mary at the tomb. Recall that He told her not to touch Him because He had not been to His Father yet. We also need to recall the act the chief priest did on the Day of Atonement. He, and he alone, went in to the Ark of the Covenant to sprinkle the sacrificed blood of a bull and a goat on the atonement cover. Jesus, as the sacrifice for all of mankind's sins, had to sprinkle His blood on the Ark of God in the Temple of God. Therefore being a **blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*****

We also need to have our adversary or the prosecuting attorney as an entity in the court room. First, we find him on earth, Job 1:6, ⁶ *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ⁷ The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "**From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.**" (ESV) We need to understand why Satan was going to and fro on the earth. Look down this page to the entry from Revelation 12. Understand that Satan is the accuser of the brethren and in order to go before God and accuse them he must have an accusation to present. It's the old story of Satan asking God, "Have you seen what so-an-so is doing down there?" In other words Satan is going about gathering information to take before God to accuse all who have sinned, and he does this day and night. We find another entry concerning Satan in 1st Peter 5:6-9, ⁶ *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.** ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (ESV) We also find him in Revelation 12:10-12, ¹⁰ *And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for **the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.**" ¹¹ *And **they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,** for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (ESV)****

Two more short verses about some of the books in heaven: Revelation 20:12,¹² *And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and **books were opened**. Then another book was opened, which is **the book of life**. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done* (ESV) Malachi 3:16-18,¹⁶ *Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and **a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name**.*¹⁷ *“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.*¹⁸ *Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.* (ESV)

There is a passage pertaining to evidence I'd like to bring into our court room. That passage is 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-12,⁵ *This is **evidence of the righteous judgment of God**, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels⁸ in flaming fire, **inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**⁹ **They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,**¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.* (ESV)

It must be shown that there are two different times and two different places that mankind is to be judged. The 1st judgment seat is the Bema Judgment of Christ. This will be the judgment of those who are the faithful followers of Christ and the judgment will be made when you die. In the Old Testament, this would be the judgment of those who were found to be righteous before God. Remember, there wasn't a new covenant prior to the time of Jesus. There is a passage of scripture I'd like to show you to establish that this is a true fact. Please look at 2nd Corinthians 5:7-10,⁷ *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*⁸ *We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*⁹ *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.*¹⁰ ***For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*** (NKJV) This passage should establish the Bema Judgment of Christ. At this judgment, Christ will ask you why you did not ask to be forgiven any sin that has not been placed under the blood. Sins forgiven are that: forgiven. However, any sin not forgiven must be confessed and burned prior to your entry into Heaven. No sin may go into Heaven and you may lose a crown for some form of good works or for some other reason as payment for any unforgiven sin. Jesus will refine you to a pure state just like pure gold is passed through a fire to remove all dross.

The second judgment is the Great White Throne Judgment held at the end of the Thousand Year Reign of Christ. This judgment will be for everyone else who did not meet the requirements of the Law to be considered righteous. or those under the New Covenant who did not, nor have not accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, the Messiah. There are four passages I'd like to use to show that this is also a true fact. First, view Romans 14:10-12,¹⁰ *Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? **For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;**¹¹ for it is written, **“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”**¹² **So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*** (ESV) For the second passage please view 1st Corinthians 4:4-5,⁴ *For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.*⁵ ***Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring***

to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. (NKJV) The third passage comes from 1st Timothy 5:24-25, ²⁴ *The sins of some men are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later.* ²⁵ *So also good works are conspicuous, and **even those that are not cannot remain hidden.*** (ESV)

Finally, look at the passage found in Revelation 20:11-15, ¹¹ *Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.* ¹² **And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.** ¹³ *And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.* ¹⁴ *Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death, the lake of fire.*** ¹⁵ **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.** (ESV)

Surely, God had a reason to do the things He has done. Look at the encouragement that God has given to mankind to fulfill the destiny of everyone. It does not matter if some were under the Law when they walked on this planet or that some are under Grace as they walk on this planet. All will be judged! I personally feel that I ran across several passages of scripture on my search for material to place in this booklet that provided reasons. I saved three of those selections. The first is Romans 5:12-21, ¹² *Therefore, just as **sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned***—¹³ *for **sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.*** ¹⁴ *Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of **Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.*** ¹⁵ **But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.** ¹⁶ *And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.* ¹⁷ *For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.* ¹⁸ **Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.** ¹⁹ *For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by **the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*** ²⁰ *Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,* ²¹ *so that, **as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*** (ESV)

My second selection was also taken from the book of Romans. This second selection is Romans 2:1-11, ¹ *Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. **For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself,*** because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² *We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.* ³ **Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?** ⁴ *Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, **not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?*** ⁵ **But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.** ⁶ **He will render to each one according to his works:** ⁷ *to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;* ⁸ **but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.** ⁹ *There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,* ¹⁰ *but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.* ¹¹ **For God shows no partiality.** (ESV)

My third passage of scripture comes from Jude 1:14-25,¹⁴ *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,*¹⁵ **to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way,** *and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*¹⁶ *These are **grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.***¹⁷ *But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:*¹⁸ *how they told you that there would be **mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.***¹⁹ *These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.*²⁰ *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,*²¹ *keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*²² *And on some have compassion, making a distinction;*²³ *but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*²⁴ *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,*²⁵ *To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen. (NKJV)*

There is one passage that I must place in this document. I was brought up under the 'Once saved, always saved' ideology and didn't think too much about falling from grace. I have since learned that backsliding is a very dangerous thing and there is a selection of verses that I'd like to show you. These verses are Hebrews 6:1-8,¹ *Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,*² *and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.*³ *And this we will do if God permits.*⁴ **For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,**⁵ **and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,**⁶ **and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.**⁷ *For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.*⁸ *But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned. (ESV)*

There is one more area that is normally a part of any court and that is punishment. Someone will be subject to the ruling of the court and there will be a punishment as restitution in the case. The same goes for God's court room. I have four groups of verses that I would like to add to our court room case. The first comes from 2nd Peter 2:9-16,⁹ *then the **Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,***¹⁰ *and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,*¹¹ *whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.*¹² *But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,*¹³ *and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,*¹⁴ *having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.*¹⁵ *They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;*¹⁶ *but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. (NKJV)*

My second passage is Hebrews 10:26-31,²⁶ *For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,*²⁷ *but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.*²⁸ *Anyone who has set aside the law of*

Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ **How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?** ³⁰ For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "**The Lord will judge his people.**" ³¹ **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.** (ESV)

My third selection is Jude 1:5-7, ⁵ *But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having **saved the people** out of the land of Egypt, **afterward destroyed those who did not believe.** And the **angels** who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, **He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;** ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (NKJV)*

My final group of verses on punishment is found in 2nd Peter 3:4-7, ⁵ *For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,* ⁶ *and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.* ⁷ **But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.** (ESV)

Now, for the final presentation of items to be presented in the Heavenly Court Room. What are these books that are spoken of in many of the verses gathered here for this booklet? To some extent I can give you a clear example of the books that are kept in heaven. To my reasoning there are at least five different books. There is the (1) book of destiny that God placed on record when He planned your existence on earth. There is the (2) book of good works that Peter speaks about. There is the (3) book of your testimony that is the actual record of every thing you spoke and did in your existence. There is the (4) **book of remembrance** spoken of in the book of Malici. Finally, there is (5) the Lamb's Book of Life.

Let's look at a possible Last Great Day of the Lord situation. Imagine the largest stadium you could think of that could contained over ten billion souls of people. Jesus is there, Satan is there, the living creatures are there, the 24 elders are there and the host of angels are there. All stand as the Lord God enters as His heavenly vestment's train trails behind the Lord God and He sits down on His throne. You are the criminal who has sinned against the will of God and you are called forward to answer the charges against you. Satan addresses the Judge and unrolls the charges against you. The Judge turns and tells the four living creatures to open the **the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony** and **the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.** The Judge instructed the four living creature to bring forth the books and your name, date of birth, place of birth and parents names are called out. The books are brought forth and the books set on a huge table between Jesus and Satan. The Judge instructs Satan to present his charges against you and Satan begins. As each entry is read, you are asked to explain why you did what you did. It could be for a simple lie you uttered in your sixth grade class or the lustful leering at a classmate in high school. The Judge calls to the blood of sprinkling upon the Ark and inquires whether these sins are under the blood, and the blood replies back that they are not. The Judge tells Satan to go on with his case, and he states that you were on drugs through your college years and that you liked parties, raped a co-ed, and had sex with a soul of the same gender. The Judge looked at you sternly and once again called to the blood of sprinkling to see if you had requested forgiveness and if any of these charges were under the blood. The answer is again, No! The Judge tells the four living creatures to open your book of destiny and your book of testimony. Both books were read back and forth. The book of destiny recorded the plan for your life and what God desired for your life. The book of testimony was the record of every word you spoke, every action you made and the actual path you followed through your life.

The Judge spoke firmly to you and said,

“Great things were planned for you, but you were given free will to make your own choices concerning what you would do with your life. The deviations you made usually resulted in you sinning against My will as God and going your own way.”

The Judge goes one step further and tells you the following,

“Do you see the entity that is making these charges against you? Do you understand that at one point I permitted him to guard My throne and he was My third chief angel? He desired a kingdom and his pride and greed changed him and he became the devil. He convinced one third of My angels to follow him in his quest. He is now the accuser over My human creation and is the one bringing charges against you. Let me tell you the fact. He does have a kingdom and it is an eternal kingdom of punishment for sin. You now have a chance to cleanse your name.”

The Judge goes one step further and tells you the following,

“Do you see the entity (spirit) that is making these charges against you? Do you understand that at one point I permitted him to guard My throne and he was My third chief angel? He desired a kingdom of his own and his pride and greed changed him and he became the devil. He convinced one third of My angels to follow him in his quest. He is now the accuser over My human creation and is the one bringing charges against you. Let me tell you the fact. He does have a kingdom and it is an eternal kingdom of punishment for sin. You now have a chance to cleanse your name.”

The Judge once again turns to the four living creatures and asks them to check the book of good works and the book of remembrance. They do and tell the Judge there are a few entries in the book of good works where you claim to be just as good as that other person was.

The Judge says, “Yeshua open Your book of life and tell Me if this soul’s name is recorded there.” Yeshua (the Messiah) opens the book of life and carefully goes through the names and raises His head, looks at the Judge and says, “No Father! That soul’s name is not recorded in the book of life. I know him not!”

You hear Satan say, “He’s one of mine. Welcome to my kingdom!”

You are escorted over to a door, it reads ‘Lake of Fire,’ it is opened and you are cast through the opening.

I am not a prophet, however, I have been saying in my writings for well over twenty years that the return of Jesus (Yeshua) is getting closer and closer to happening. Every person has free will choice and every person must make a choice of where they desire to spend eternity. It will be either in the Kingdom of God or in the Lake of Fire.

You must make your choice.

Make it a good one!

Maranatha