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This is a NASA photograph taken with
the James Webb Telescope
of the cosmic hand nebula.
I call it the Hand of God!

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Introduction

Have you ever wondered just for the sake of wondering? Have you gone to your limit in wondering how and why certain things happened to you? Did your wondering ever cross over the line into the realm of your Christian beliefs? Would you be willing to explore with me some of the wonderings that have occurred in my lifetime?

Allow me to take a short side trip to explain some of what has happened in my life. I'm now seventy-eight years old. I grew up in the city of Louisville, Kentucky and graduated from high school in 1963. In October of 1962, there was the Cuban Missile Crisis about which our president, John F. Kennedy, was having to deal with Nikita Khrushchev. Shortly after this crisis, President Kennedy was assassinated. In 1964, I enlisted in the US Air Force and spent 27 years on active duty. I learned so many things during those years on active duty. One item you learned very early in your military training was the term DEFCON and its five levels of readiness. Allow me to explain what DEFCON is. The term stands for Defense Condition and represents the level of war time readiness the military of the United States is currently under. It may be that only certain units are on a different status than other units. A combat unit may be on DEFCON 3 and a supply unit may be on DEFCON 4. Let me take this one step further and explain the five levels in this system:

DEFCON 5 is a full stand down level or a peacetime posture.

DEFCON 4 represents the normal readiness posture of our fighting units, it does not matter which branch we are discussing.

DEFCON 3 tensions building someplace globally, assume an increase in readiness posture.

DEFCON 2 one step from nuclear war, enemy attack is expected, all submarines are at sea, bombers are on the runways.

DEFCON 1 war has begun, which could start out as conventional and escalate to nuclear.

I must make one more statement concerning DEFCON levels. For security reasons, the US military never publicly releases the current DEFCON level. In February 2022, a senior official with the US Department of Defense confirmed that the federal government will not publicly reveal the current DEFCON level of the US military. I can only assume that the current DEFCON level is 3 due to the situations in Ukraine and Israel. Neither situation has pulled the United States into a DEFCON 2 posture.

In those twenty-seven years on active duty, and during the Vietnam War, I saw the DEFCON level increase on only one occasion. That was in 1973 during the Yom Kippur War in Israel. However, there was a story that was told that gave me great concern. The people sitting comfortably at home during the Cuban Missile Crisis had no idea how close we came to nuclear war. President Kennedy received a threat from Nikita Khrushchev and the DEFCON level was raised to DEFCON 2 for our Strategic Air Command (SAC). Not only were there bombers on the runways, they were in the air. Kennedy had SAC bombers out of Louisiana circling just off the coast of Florida, and, if Khrushchev did not accept Kennedy on his word and agree to remove the missiles in Cuba, all it would have taken for bombs to be dropped on Cuba was one word from the President.

A portion of my military assignments was at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. I was assigned duties at our listening post on Clark to know the message traffic being sent from Vietnam to China, and what China was sending to Vietnam, and also to Russia. Our intercept position allowed us to hear what was called "chatter" and there were many intercept operators on duty 24 hours per day. I was a maintenance man for all the radios and during drills I was responsible for what to do if we went to DEFCON 3 from DEFCON 4. I was to take thermal grenades and place one on each rack of radio equipment. If we were to go to DEFCON 2, we were to go through the building and pull the pins of all

the grenades to destroy the equipment as we evacuated the building. That was over fifty years ago and I can only imagine how things have changed. Instead of listening to “chatter” over the air waves, I can only think that our new US Space Force is listening to “chatter” over the Internet. What else has been developed over those last fifty years between drones, particle beam weapons and heaven only knows what.

That was just a side bar of information. What the military really gave me was a great understanding of discipline. I now relate the discipline of military life to the duties of Christian life. I had a Commander in Chief, the President, now I have a new Commander, God. When I was in uniform, I represented the United States and was an unofficial ambassador when serving in a foreign country. Nowadays, I represent my God and His Son Jesus (Yeshua) no matter what I’m wearing or where I may be. God has led me to write what He sends to my spirit, and I now have over 2,600 pages of material on my website, www.vqpub.org. God has blessed me in my mission and ministry. I have accepted that my ministry is for the benefit of pastors who are exploring a different viewpoint for sermon material. I am not tied to any denomination, I do not have a church that I must support financially. I can present the truth as God has given it to me, and if it doesn’t match with the dogma of a particular denomination that’s also okay. I can be straightforward and quote the Word of God without having to bend to the ideas or desires of any one group. If by chance, the group you associate with is one of those that God says is an abomination, I can tell you that fact without compromising my personal belief. In other words I can be controversial and repeat what the Word of God says without any bending on my part.

I have one standard that goes along with the words I write. If the material is in black print it is my words. What I say, I try to back up and prove by direct quote from the Bible. All references from the Bible, that are used to support my thoughts, are printed in Blue type and the Bible translation used will be placed in parenthesis after the quote(s).

With that said, let’s begin our journey together.

A Hidden Mystery

I have recently come to an understanding that I have sought for years. What connects the Bible together in all of its meanings and statements? Boy! That alone has kept me awake at night. There had to be a thread, that I was missing, in my wondering of what the great meaning of the Word really was. I think all the situations in the Middle East, at this moment, has brought this together. To illustrate my confused state of mind, let's look at the term mystery and gather some simple knowledge just for the moment. The word mystery is not even used in the Old Testament. I find that to be confusing just for the simple fact that there are what appears to be mysteries that are in the Old Testament. Things such as: Why did God leave the Hebrew people in a state of slavery in Egypt for over 300 years? Why did the people continue to rebel even after hearing the promises of God and the reassurance that He would protect them? Why were some of the prophets married and others were not? What ever happened to Jeremiah, it seems that the book of Jeremiah was closed with certain unanswered questions: He was given six items to complete but only four appear to be completed in the book? What happened to the planting and the rebuilding?

Even so, there is only one entry in the Gospels when the word mystery is used, Mark 4:11, ¹¹ *And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,* (NKJV) There are 21 other entries in the New Testament when the word mystery is used. Here is that list:

Romans 11:25, ²⁵ *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.* (NKJV);

Romans 16:25, ²⁵ *Now to Him who is able 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* (NKJV) Notice that this mystery has been kept secret since the world began. We really must dig deep to find, locate and understand what this mystery provides for us. We will find this out before this work is completed. These are the two references from Romans;

1 Corinthians 2:7, ⁷ *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,* (NKJV);

1 Corinthians 15:51, ⁵¹ *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—* (NKJV) These are the two references from 1st Corinthians;

Ephesians 1:9, ⁹ *having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,* (NKJV);

Ephesians 3:3, 4 and 9, ³ *how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), — ⁹ and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;* (NKJV);

Ephesians 5:32, ³² *This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.* (NKJV);

Ephesians 6:19, 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,* (NKJV) These are the six references from Ephesians;

Colossians 2:2, ² *that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,* (NKJV);

Colossians 4:3, ³ *meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,* (NKJV) These two verses are the references in Colossians;

2 Thessalonians 2:7, ⁷ *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.* (NKJV) This verse is the only reference from 2nd Thessalonians;

1 Timothy 3:9, ⁹ *holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.* (NKJV);

1 Timothy 3:16, ¹⁶ *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.* (NKJV) That concludes the 21 passages of scripture that contain the word “mystery”. Actually, if you read this list out of context, as presented in this list, most likely you would come away more confused, instead of being wiser concerning the mystery of the Bible. Along with these verses there are an additional 5 verses that contain the plural form “mysteries”. Here are those verses:

Matthew 13:11, ¹¹ *He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.* (NKJV);

Luke 8:10, ¹⁰ *And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'* (NKJV);

1 Corinthians 4:1, ¹ *Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.* (NKJV);

1 Corinthians 13:2, ² *And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.* (ESV);

1 Corinthians 14:2, ² *For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.* (NKJV)

With these additional verses, there are a total of 26 verses in the entire Bible that contains either the word mystery or mysteries. It appears that some of these verses pertain to a hidden mystery concerning God’s will that was created or established prior to the creation of the universe. Other verses may apply only to Jesus (Yeshua). Still, other verses give us a hint that there are mysteries concerning the kingdom of heaven. Finally, it may even appear that the Apostles possessed the knowledge of some things that were a hidden mystery to other people. Let’s see if we can decipher some of these verses to provide an opening as to what the primary mystery might be.

In the various passages of scripture that contained the word mystery, there was another word that might give us a little more information. Turn back a page and look at the first verse reference from Mark 4:11. I stated that this was the only verse in the Gospels that contained the word mystery. Even so, the word mysteries appears in Matthew and also in Luke. Look once again at the verse from Mark 4. The other word that jumped out of text is parables. Now, if we look a little deeper at the list of scriptures, we find the word parables used in the Luke 8 account, and, we need to add a little more information to what we presently know. Luke 8:4-18, ⁴ *And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. ⁸ But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

⁹ *Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" ¹⁰ And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'*

¹¹ *"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe*

and be saved. ¹³ *But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.* ¹⁴ *Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.* ¹⁵ *But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.*

¹⁶ *"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.* ¹⁷ *For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.* ¹⁸ *Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."* (NKJV) Read verses 14 and 15 very carefully. Here is a question: Are you beginning to see a conflict in these two verses? Doesn't verse 14 identify a vast number of people living today? They are more concerned with what is going on around themselves than they are with knowledge of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, verse 15 illustrates a righteous person who is striving to have other people understand the kingdom of God and see the need to believe in the Good News that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Christ who is offering a free gift from God.

Let's look at another sequence of verses from our mystery list. Consider what is proclaimed in Romans 16:25; 1 Corinthians 2:7 and Ephesians 3:9. I'll place those three verses together: Rm 16:25, ²⁵ *Now to Him who is able 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* (NKJV) 1 Cor 2:7, ⁷ *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory*, (NKJV) Eph 3:9, ⁹ *and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;* (NKJV) Here is my question for this set of verses: Do you see where this mystery has been hidden since the beginning of the ages or the beginning of the world? Do you also see the unity of God and Yeshua, Christ, the anointed one of God?

One more set of verses with a different question. Look at Colossians 2:2 and 1 Corinthians 13:2. Col 2:2, ² *that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,* (NKJV) 1 Cor 13:2, ² *And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.* (ESV) Do you see where love is a part of this mystery? This has to be agape love: agape, in the New Testament, the fatherly love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God. In Scripture, the transcendent agape love is the highest form of love and is contrasted with eros, or erotic love, and philia, or brotherly love.

There are three verses which stand alone in the hidden mystery. The first verse is Romans 11:25, ²⁵ *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.* (NKJV) Notice what this verse says about Israel: *that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.* In my understanding, this must be referring to what Paul called a door (Col 4:3) to the Gentiles to bring them into the knowledge of Yeshua as Christ. Israel will fully understand and accept Yeshua as their Messiah during the tribulation. Next, 2 Thessalonians 2:7, ⁷ *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.* (NKJV) Notice in this verse that, there must also be a mystery of lawlessness. My question would have to be: Who, what entity, is considered to be the master over lawlessness? Isn't that Satan who is the god of this world, according to scripture? Our third verse is 1 Timothy 3:16, ¹⁶ *Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.* (NLT)

Can we begin to see a conflict that is a portion of the mystery? Doesn't our last two scripture passages hint at this being a very good possibility? Look at 2 Thes 2:7 again, ⁷ *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.* (NKJV) Doesn't this simply state that there is a mystery of lawlessness? Isn't that referring to the work of Satan? Now, on the opposite side of this is what is implied in 1 Tim 3:16, that there is also a mystery of Godliness, ¹⁶ *Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.* (NLT)

It seems that there is a spiritual battle going on. There is the Godliness of Yeshua on one side, and the lawlessness of Satan on the other side. Since this appears as a spiritual battle, we have to shift things slightly and place our thoughts on the spiritual side and not the fleshly side. Remember, we are created in the image of God and the Godhead consists of three entities: God, the Father; Yeshua, the Son; and, the Holy Spirit. In similar fashion, we are spirit, soul and body that makes up our three parts. If we are going to be in a spiritual battle, we should understand that it is our spirit that is under attack by Satan and his demonic forces.

In a spiritual battle, we must also have an understanding of the weapons used by Satan, and the defense our spirit has to defend against Satan's weapons. For the most part, Satan uses four means to attack us. On God's side, He has given us a counter defense for each one of these attacks. Let's look at the four weapons and the four counter defenses.

Temptation — Satan uses temptation to mislead us away from God and from righteousness. The defense against temptation is the Word of God. Yeshua modeled this for us in Matthew 4. For each of the four temptations that Satan spoke to Yeshua, He in return stated, "It is written:" and quoted from Deuteronomy. This is the reason that it is necessary to have a very good understanding of the whole Bible, not just the New Testament. Remember, Satan was an angel and understands the Bible. We must be able to counter his suggestions with the wisdom of God through Christ and His Word. Recall what is written in John 1:1, Yeshua is the Word! John 1:1-5, ¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was in the beginning with God.* ³ *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.* ⁴ *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.* ⁵ **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** (ESV)

Oppression — Satan uses oppression to beat you down, to tell you how pitiful you are, what you have done wrong in the sight of God and how God will punish you. Let's use two verses to demonstrate the counter for oppression. First, from the Old Testament, look at Isaiah 10:27, ²⁷ *It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And **the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.*** (NKJV) The bold underlined section of this verse may appear to be correct in this version of the Bible, but other versions have a different word with no explanation for the difference. Look at the same verse from the English Standard Version (ESV), ²⁷ *And in that day his burden will depart from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck; and **the yoke will be broken because of the fat.*** (ESV) How did anointing oil become fat? We have to explain this in order to come away with the correct interpretation. This section of Isaiah is telling about the remnant of Israel and the regathering God intends for them. The word used in verse 27 crosses in Strong's Concordance to entry 8081 as oil (grease) used in perfume or figuratively as anointing. Without this being annotated and explained, anyone reading these words would come away with an incorrect thought and think this verse is identifying fat (as in excessive weight). For a different thought let's look at James 5:14-16, ¹⁴ *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*** ¹⁵ *And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.* ¹⁶ *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.* (NKJV) Oppression is broken by the anointing.

Fear — Satan uses fear to slow you down, to back you up, to have you to go in a different direction. Read with me Romans 8:15-17, ¹⁵ *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* ¹⁶ *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,* ¹⁷ *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* (NKJV) Once again, I believe that the manner this passage is worded could cause misunderstanding. Therefore, I am also presenting to you this passage from the New Living Translation (NLT), ¹⁵ *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."* ¹⁶ *For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.* ¹⁷ *And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.* (NLT)

The fourth weapon Satan uses against you is to accuse you before God on a daily basis — We find this recorded in Revelation 12:7-10, ⁷ *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,* ⁸ *but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.* ⁹ *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.* ¹⁰ *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.* (NKJV) The counter for this is given in the next verse from Revelation, 12:11-12, ¹¹ *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.* ¹² *Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."* (NKJV)

I surely love a good puzzle and God has presented a great puzzle to all of mankind. It is written in Proverbs 25:2, ² *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.* (NKJV) Doesn't Yeshua instruct the churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 to overcome certain situations? Didn't we just discover in Revelation 12:11 that *they*, meaning us as believers, *overcame him*, him referring to Satan, *by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony*? Haven't we found a fact that we are all overcomers if we will observe this one fact. We have on the authority of Christ that we can defeat Satan in our lives if we stand by the blood of the lamb and by our personal testimony! That, my friends, is a major portion of the mystery that Yeshua, Matthew, Luke and Paul all proclaimed.

Here is another major question: Why is there spiritual warfare? It is about the blood of the Lamb! Every spiritual battle is being fought over the blood of the Lamb. This is the mystery that Satan desires to keep hidden from you. In order to understand everything that you need to know about the mysteries of the Bible, we need to go back to the beginning of the written Word of God. In some cases, we must also seek out what we may learn about the creation of the universe. There are hints in the Bible that will provide us with additional clues during our search. Let's establish an answer to the following questions: Where did God come from? For any reasonable answer, we must turn to the oldest book in the Bible. No! It is not Genesis, my Bible indicates Genesis was written by Moses between 1445-50 BCE. However, my Bible indicates that the book of Job was written in 1530 BCE, thus the oldest book in the Bible. Remember, we are looking at BCE numbers, negative numbers, so the largest number is the oldest. Job makes a statement in Job 26:7-11, ⁷ *He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.* ⁸ *He binds up the water in His thick clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken under it.* ⁹ *He covers the face of His throne, And spreads His cloud over it.* ¹⁰ *He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters, At the boundary of light and darkness.* ¹¹ *The pillars of heaven tremble, And*

are astonished at His rebuke. (NKJV) If God can stretch out the north over empty space and hang the earth on nothing, we have to accept that God was, and is, and shall ever be. In other words, God preexisted, and if He preexisted there was nothing prior. From this one verse, we see that God can take nothing and make it something, and hang that something onto nothing.

We must also look at God's angels. We know that there are two types of angels, sometimes mentioned as Seraphims (Isa 6:2) and Cherubims (Gen 3:24). At other times, we can find the angels under the terms of "sons of God" (Job 1:6) and "morning stars" (Job 38:7). The angels Michael and Gabriel would both be considered "sons of God". On the other hand, Lucifer would be the chief among the morning stars, however if we look at Job 1:6, we could most likely be able to call Lucifer a son of God, Job 1:6-7, 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 *And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."* (NKJV) I'm going to also use verse 7 from the ESV Bible, 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) It would seem that the verse in the NKJV is representing a horizontal movement and the same portion of the verse in the ESV would represent a vertical movement. In either case, we know, from Revelation 12:10, that Satan accuses believers night and day before God.

Now, with all of that said, can we look at Lucifer for a moment? We know that Lucifer became Satan by his own actions of rebellion. We can see this is the statement from God to Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 28:11-15, ¹¹ *Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,* ¹² *"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.* (NKJV) Lucifer means bright, shining (i.e. a morning star), yet, he was a walking musical instrument by virtue of his timbrels and pipes. Every time he opened his mouth a tone would come out. Now, in his rebellious state, he attempts to turn music into noise or a statement of sinning. I know that there are those who do not believe what I just said about Lucifer. Try this on for size, the morning stars also sang. Job 38:7, ⁷ *When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?* (NKJV)

There are those who do not believe that God is an entity from whose likeness we are formed. They say that God is nothing more than a bright light with no form whatsoever. Funny, the Bible says that God wrote with His finger on the stone to give Moses the ten commandments, Exodus 31:18, ¹⁸ *And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.* (NKJV). Aaron and certain elders saw God on the mountain, Exodus 24:9-11, ⁹ *Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,* ¹⁰ *and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. (ESV) Can we assume that God also ate and drank with them, or would that be going a little too far? What about eyes and ears? Look at Psalms 34:15, ¹⁵ *The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.* (NKJV) How about having a face? Look at the next verse from Psalms, verse 16, ¹⁶ *The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.* (NKJV)*

That should be enough information to show and prove that God is not just a bright light of someone's imagination. God is real, and while He is a spirit, He does have body features. There is one more subject that I'd like for my readers to think about with me.

GOD IS LOVE!

God wanted His creation to be seen as faithful sons. He first created angels as the sons of God, this is stated in four places, twice in the book of Genesis and twice in the book of Job. Here are those verses: Genesis 6:2, 4, ² *that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. — ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.* (NKJV) I must, out of necessity, add a little more to these two verses. This passage identifies the fallen angels who had sexual relations with the daughters of men. These are not Satan and his rebellious angels. Allow me to show you another passage from the book of Jude, 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. ⁶ 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 desire was to show you, not only the outcome to these fallen angels in Genesis (Jude verse 6), but to also show you, the statement in verse 5 pertaining to the Hebrew people who left Egypt, and also in verse 7, those who practice sexual immorality and their destruction in eternal fire. The other references for sons of God is in Job 1:6; and 2:1, ⁶ *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.* And in chapter 2, ¹ *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.* (NKJV) We have also seen where some of the angels were called “morning stars” over whom Lucifer was the leader. We have already discussed Lucifer and some of his pride on the last page.*

To return to my statement above, concerning God desiring His creation to be faithful sons, we see that Lucifer, now as Satan, rebels against God and takes one-third of the angels with him. It appears that God then came down to earth and took the soil of the land and formed a man to be His obedient son. We know from the story of the Garden of Eden that Satan influenced the woman, who gave some of the forbidden fruit of the tree to Adam, and they were cast out of the Garden for being disobedient. The outcome of this is that we see one of the first sons, Lucifer, rebelling against God the Father. We then see the formed son disobeying the Father and being expelled from the Garden. It appears that God desires a family with whom He can spend eternity. God finds one of the descendants of Adam to be friendly and fully believes in what God says. This man Abram believed God, trusted God and was God's friend. They walked together, ate together and spoke together. It appears that God was so pleased with Abram that He intended for the descendants of Abram to be a major portion of the family with whom He would spend eternity. Review with me the following verses, Genesis 12:3; 18:18-19; 22:18, ³ *I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.* (NKJV); 18:18-19, ¹⁸ *seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?* ¹⁹ *For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.* (ESV); 22:17-18, ¹⁷ *blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven*

and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.
¹⁸ *In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.*" (NKJV) These three passages of scripture were spoken to Abraham. His son Isaac was the son of promise and the following verse carries the promise of God one generation further, Genesis 26:3-5, ³ *Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.* ⁴ *And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;* ⁵ *because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.*" (NKJV) Isaac's son Jacob was the next generation to receive the promise, Genesis 28:13-15, ¹³ *And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.* ¹⁴ *Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.* ¹⁵ *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."* (NKJV)

These were Old Testament passages prior to the split between the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. They are also prior to the period of captivity for both kingdoms. God's desire for an obedient family has not turned out as God expected or intended.

In the time of the New Testament Apostles, we find the following two passages from the teachings of Paul. Galatians 3:6-9, ⁶ *just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?*

⁷ *Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.* ⁸ *And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."* ⁹ *So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.* (ESV) Hebrews 11:12, ¹² *Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.* (NKJV)

It is from these passages that we see that God had to go to His Master Plan, which sent His only begotten Son to show to mankind that there is a means to find salvation, and become a member of the family of God to be with Him and His Son, Yeshua for eternity. Remember this fact: God knows the ending from the beginning and all things from the foundation of creation. Allow me to use Revelation 13:8 to show this. Revelation 13:8, ⁸ *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* (NKJV) We find the two principle players in the spiritual warfare in this verse. The him is Satan on the one side and the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world is Yeshua on the other side. God knew at creation that eventually, He would have to send His Son to provide a way out of the spiritual war that has been going on ever since Lucifer rebelled.

I will continue shortly, but first I must give you a little more reading. While using my Bible program, I found a feature that I hadn't used prior to writing this book. I could run a search and show all of the verse references for that search and then copy them over to my publishing program. I am inserting the partial outcome of a search on the phrase "God is love". I used the English Standard Version (ESV) for this search and was amazed at the results. I can only pray that you will be amazed, as much as I was, when you read the result that begins on the following page.

The ESV gives a narrative outline of every book in the Bible. The following is a portion of that introduction for the book of Deuteronomy: *Deuteronomy, which means “second law,” is a retelling by Moses of the teachings and events of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. ... Moses reminds them of God’s faithfulness and love, but also of God’s wrath on the previous generation of Israelites because of their rebellion. ... Deuteronomy is a solemn call to love and obey the one true God.*

Deuteronomy 7:9,⁹ *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,* Deuteronomy 13:3,³ *you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.* 1 Kings 8:23,²³ *and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.* 2 Chronicles 6:14,¹⁴ *and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.* Psalms 36:7,⁷ *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.* Psalms 42:8,⁸ *By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.* Psalms 69:13,¹³ *But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.* Psalms 70:4,⁴ *May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”* Psalms 109:21,²¹ *But you, O God my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name’s sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me!* Ecclesiastes 9:1,¹ *But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him.* Please stop for a moment and view this last verse. Notice the underline portion! There are always two choices in everything. For example, this verse quotes love and hate, but, it can run the full range of choice all the way to life and death, notice the ending of this verse. Doesn’t it say that both are before man? Always your choice, that is free will choice, however, God already knows what your answer will be.

As with the introduction for Deuteronomy, the following is the introduction for the book “The Song of Solomon:” *According to the most common interpretation, the Song of Solomon is a collection of love poems between a man and a woman, celebrating the sexual relationship God intended for marriage. ... God established marriage, including the physical union of a husband and wife (Gen. 2:18-25), and Israelite wisdom literature treasures this aspect of marriage as the appropriate expression of human sexuality (Prov. 5:15-20). ... The Song of Solomon has also been understood as an illustration of the mutual love of Christ and his church. ... It is possible that Solomon (tenth century b.c. ...) is the author (1:1).* Notice that the celebration of sexual relationship is between a man and a woman, it is not established as two men, two women, or a union between a person, either male or female, and an animal. It is also clearly stated that this union is between a husband and wife. The second aspect we see in this introduction would be that of mutual love between Christ and His church. Recall, the end of Revelation is the marriage feast of Christ and His bride, the church.

Continuing with our search. Jeremiah 32:18,¹⁸ *You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them. O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts,* Hosea 4:1,¹ *Hear the word of the Lord, O children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land;* Here is a question: Do you see this as being a statement pertaining to today? How much knowledge of God do you see in the actions of many people in many places today? Joel 2-13,¹³ *and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.*

The introduction to the book of Obadiah provides the following insight. *Obadiah prophesied that Edom would be repaid for mistreating God's people. ... Obadiah also asserted that God is sovereign over the nations and that the house of Jacob would be restored because of God's covenant love for his people.* Do you see the hand of God working in the present situation in the battle between Israel and Gaza? Can you see the outcome of all the hate speeches and wars against the Jews? *Jacob* (Jacob is another name for the Jews, meaning today's Israel) *would be restored because of God's covenant love for his people.* Continuing with our search, we find in the book of Micah the following: Micah 6:8, ⁸ *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* Micah 7:18, ¹⁸ *Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.* Zephaniah 3:17, ¹⁷ *The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.* That completes the verses from the Old Testament, now for the New Testament. 1 Corinthians 2:9, ⁹ *But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"* Colossians 2:2, ² *that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.* Oh! We almost had the full mystery revealed, but that is not the full answer. Close, but no cigar! We are getting closer to the full explanation of the mystery that Satan doesn't want you to understand! James 1:12, ¹² *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.* 1 John 2:5, ⁵ *but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:* 1 John 3:1, ¹ *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.* 1 John 3:10, ¹⁰ *By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.* 1 John 4:7-21, ⁷ *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

¹³ *By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

Amazing, I can only pray you found that to be encouraging as much as I did. Now, we must admit that God has only one begotten Son, Yeshua, the Christ. However, we saw in the passages from Galatians and Hebrews that those who believe the Good News by faith are counted as sons of Abraham.

Actually, if you go to my website, www.vqpub.org, and read “God’s Test For Mankind” and “Mankind’s Reply to God’s Test”, you will discover many truths from the Bible that are not taught in many modern day churches. Yes! There is one specific test that God set for all mankind. Most people of today have no idea what that test is, and in many cases they don’t believe or accept the test that God stated. There is another truth in which you might be interested in the second book. I took the time to trace the birthright down from Abraham to many people living today. I know that sounds crazy, but if you can hit the royal lines of Europe, in your personal genealogy work, you can, in most cases, connect to King David, and that will most certainly take you back as a descendant of Abraham. But we need to establish facts for Yeshua and the rest of the mystery as to why God sent His Son to earth in the manner He did. Stay with me, we will find the mystery and the conclusion!

Why is there spiritual warfare? It is about the love of God and the blood of the lamb! We have seen the verses of the entire Bible that prove to us the love of God for His human creation. We have also seen that it would be necessary to send His only begotten Son to heal the breach created in the Garden of Eden. When Adam disobeyed and took of the forbidden fruit he caused the creation of a second kingdom, the kingdom of Satan. **It is this combined knowledge, pertaining to the love of God, the blood of Christ and this second kingdom which is the mystery that Satan wants to keep from you.** If Satan can keep this awareness from you, then you will surely follow him in his kingdom. Remember that Satan is the ruler over the earth by virtue of this breach through disobedience. It is through his false prophets, false ministers and his blinding of the eyes, ears and mind of mankind pertaining to the Word of God that he reigns as king over the earth and has all the subjects he desires by these facts.

Look at Biblical history. In Genesis, after the disobedience had already happened and God was announcing the punishment for all three of the players in this incident there was the statement made by God to Satan, in the form of the serpent, in Genesis 3:15, ¹⁵ *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.* (NKJV) God went further and made the following statement to the woman in Genesis 3:16, ¹⁶ *To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."* (NKJV) In verse 15, we have the establishment of the battle between Satan’s offspring and her offspring. Of these two seeds, stated in verse 15, we find the story that Cain murdered Abel, later on in chapter 3. We see the offspring of Satan’s seed, Cain, as the first murderer by the killing of the seed of the woman, Abel. Modern day ministers do not want to even begin to think about this fact and that there are two genealogies given in the Bible, one for Cain, Satan’s seed, in chapter 3 and one for Adam’s seed, Seth, in chapter 5. If you do not believe me in telling you these facts, would you believe Christ’s words concerning two seeds? Look at the following in any red letter edition of the Bible to see who is saying what is recorded in John 8:39-47, ³⁹ *They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but He sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”* (ESV)

Both seeds produced offspring, and we come to the story of Moses. Once again we see the offspring of the one attempting to eliminate the offspring of the other. Pharaoh, because of the ever growing number of Hebrews, issued a decree that all male children born to the Hebrew women were to be thrown into the river. Moses was saved by Pharaoh's sister, and we know the remainder of that story. We travel farther through history and we come down to the time of the birth of Yeshua. It was because of the telling of the story by the wise men to king Herod, that king Herod issued an order that all male children under the age of two, in and around Bethlehem, were to be killed. Joseph, Mary and the Christ child were told to go to Egypt until the death of Herod.

All of this has to do with the blood of Christ. Satan attempted to kill the offspring of Seth on these occasions and rid himself of the curse placed on him, by God, in Genesis 3:15. On the other hand we see the verse from Revelation 13:8, ⁸ ... *written in the **Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*** (NKJV)

What are some of the things that the Bible tells us about the blood of Christ? To begin, turn to Ephesians 2:13, ¹³ *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.*** (NKJV) Hebrews 10:19, ¹⁹ *Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,*** ²⁰ *by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,* (NKJV) Hebrews 12:24, ²⁴ *to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and **to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*** (NKJV) Hebrews 13:20, ²⁰ *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*** (NKJV) 1 Peter 1:2, ² *according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, **for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*** (ESV) 1 John 1:7, ⁷ *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*** (NKJV) Finally, Revelation 1:5, ⁵ *and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*** (NKJV)

That should give us enough understanding concerning the blood of Christ. But, we must gain knowledge of why Yeshua was sent to earth by God in the manner that he was. What is there about the nature of our three fold makeup of body, soul and spirit that is a cause for a difference? Let's discuss the facts of our soul and spirit first. When we die our soul and spirit goes to either one of two places, either paradise or hell. Our body goes to the grave. Now, there are a couple of facts we need to understand. First, when the Bible speaks of our body being resurrected it is in the form of our spiritual body. Second, whichever place we go, we cannot be transferred to the other side of this vast abyss. Your soul and spirit cannot be preached out of wherever your soul and spirit went. There is no such place as purgatory. Look at the story of Lazarus in Luke 16: 19-31, ¹⁹ *“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers —so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and*

the Prophets; let them hear them.’³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’ ” (ESV)

Here are some things that you need to know about the spirit, soul and the blood in order to fully understand this mystery. God knew that this breach or second kingdom would happen, and that He would send Yeshua to heal the breach and to usher in the kingdom of God. Why did Yeshua come as a man? He could not come as a spirit because the human eye cannot see spirit beings. We do not see angels and we would not have seen Christ if He was sent to earth as a spirit. We have to have spiritual eyes to see spirits. Christ was not sent to earth as an angel. Not only could we not see Christ, because He was a spirit, but it would not serve God’s purpose because angels cannot die, they are eternal beings. What would be the purpose of sending Yeshua to earth as a spirit or angelic being, when we would not be able to see Him, nor could He ever die? He could not be sent to earth as part of the Godhead because He could not be tempted. Can you imagine Christ coming as God and Satan attempting to tempt Him? He could look at Satan and say, “Who do you think you are? Don’t you know who I AM? Be gone and do not bother me!” Therefore, it was necessary for Christ to be sent to earth as a man in a body of flesh. He could model for mankind that, in the flesh, man could also abide through life without sin being found in them. Yeshua proved this for us!

Yet, there is one more important fact that we must understand and realize. Only a body of flesh can carry blood! Why is that important? Here are the reasons: A sinner can repent! A backslider can repent! The only unforgivable sin is the blaspheming of the Holy Spirit. The Bible illustrates that Satan sinned because of his pride and his rebellion. There is nothing which states that Satan ever blasphemed the Holy Spirit. Therefore, there is a question pertaining to Satan and the fallen angels that are being held in Tartarus. If Satan and these fallen angels have not blasphemed the Holy Spirit, why can’t they ask God to forgive them at the Great White Throne Judgment of God? They cannot be redeemed because they cannot repent. Why, because there is no blood in them! Only those who carry blood can repent! There is only one way to repent and that is by the blood of Christ. Yeshua carried blood in His human body and it was shed for all mankind at the cross. Once again look at 1 Timothy 3:16, ¹⁶ *Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith : Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.* (NLT) The following verses illustrate for us the importance of repentance: Matthew 4:17, ¹⁷ *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (NKJV) Mark 6:12, ¹² *And they went out, and preached **that men should repent.*** (KJV) Notice that this verse says **men**, and not spirits or angels, should repent. Luke 13:3, ³ *I tell you, no; but **unless you repent you will all likewise perish.*** (NKJV) Acts 2:38-39, ³⁸ *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, **as many as the Lord our God will call.**"* (NKJV) Look also at Revelation 3:19-22, ¹⁹ *Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on His throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ” (ESV)*

There are those denominations who claim that God wants everyone to be saved. Their belief is that those who **have not received a call** from God, to be saved in this life, will have a second chance to receive Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment. They use the valley of dried bones in Ezekiel 37 as their basis for such a claim. Here is what the Bible says, Ezekiel 37:5-10, ⁵ *Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon*

you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. **But there was no breath in them.**

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. (ESV) There is just one problem with their claim. There is never the addition of blood into these renewed flesh bodies, therefore, they cannot repent nor be redeemed. You must repent while you are alive in a body of flesh that is carrying blood. You cannot do this after your death. Your soul and spirit go to the place that it is supposed to go, and the body returns to the dust of the ground from which it was made.

The fact remains, only a body of flesh carrying blood has the ability to repent and be redeemed by the blood of Christ. Satan tries, as best he can, to counterfeit everything that God established. To my knowledge, he has not yet duplicated the virgin birth but I suspect that he can. It just isn't the time yet. However, there is one thing that Satan cannot counterfeit, no matter how much he tries. **He cannot counterfeit the blood of Christ!**

Even with all of this information, there is one thing that can destroy the entire process. God can forgive and redeem you from past sins, but He will not if you have failed to forgive those who have sinned against you. There are two verses that clearly show this, and I am placing the two verses here, followed with the entire story that is in Matthew 18. Matthew 18:35, ³⁵ **So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.**” (ESV) Luke 17:1-4, ¹ And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.

³ Pay attention to yourselves! **If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,** ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” (ESV)

Here is the full story from Matthew 18:21-35, ²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ **So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.**” (ESV)

I'm not Jewish, nor do I understand how there is a number value given to each letter in the Jewish alphabet. I have seen a Jewish tradition written out so that the number for the Jewish name of Satan equals 364. On the English calendar there are 365 days for one year. If you subtract the 364 for Satan's name that would leave only one day remaining. The one day, each year, that Satan has no power is the Day of Atonement. It is my belief that the Day of Atonement is also the day that Yeshua was born. That's just my belief from years of study. You, most likely, will not find that written anywhere other than this booklet.

That brings our time together to a close. I pray that the information in this booklet provides understanding and confidence in your relationship to both God, the Father and to Christ, the Son. Remember, this is the mystery that Satan does not want you to understand. It has now been shown to you in these pages. May our God bless you and give you peace in the knowledge of the redeeming power of the blood of the Lamb of God.

My desire is to leave you with the entire first chapter to the 1st book of Peter. Please read.

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

*¹⁰ Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—**things which angels desire to look into.***

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because

*"All flesh is as grass,
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers,
And its flower falls away,
²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever."
Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.
1 Peter 1:1-25 (NKJV)*

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