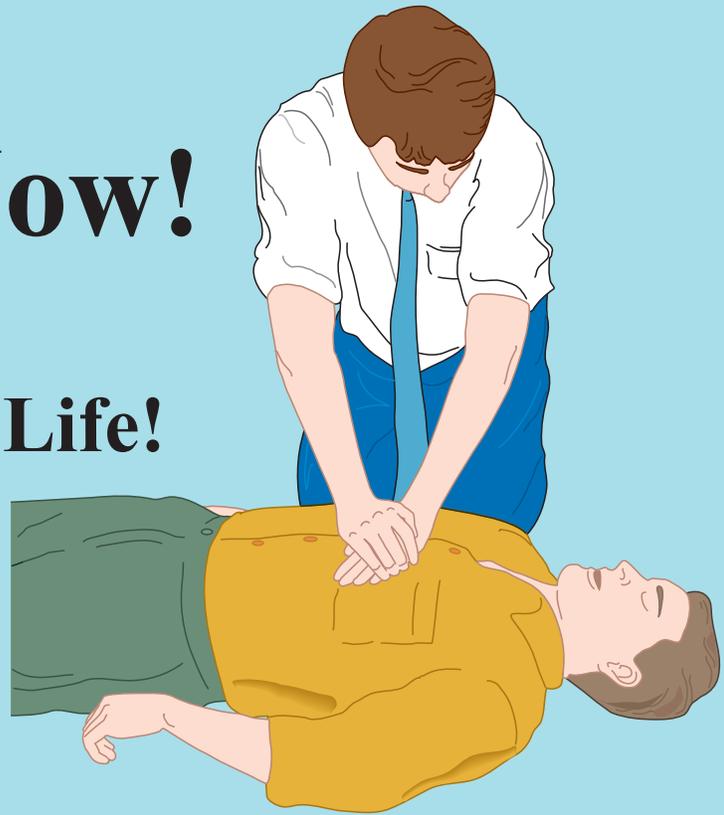


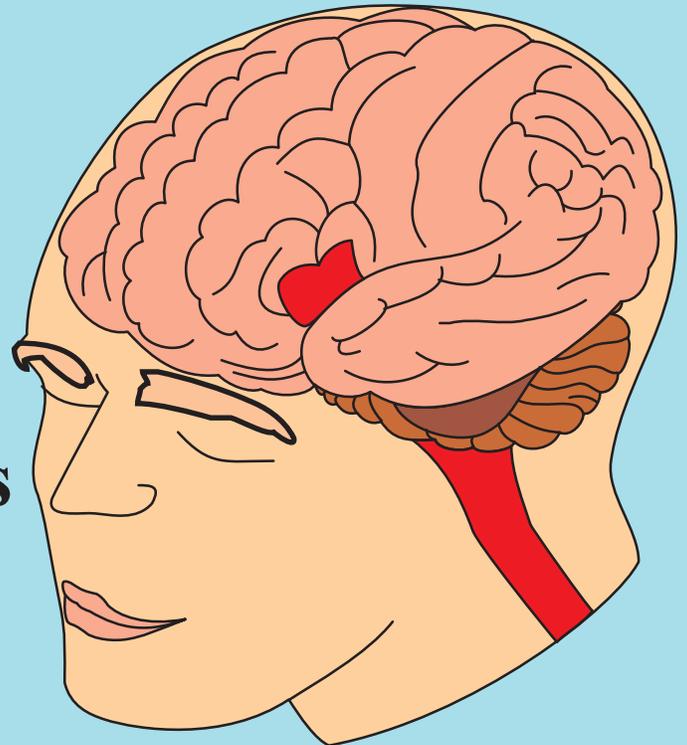
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The Time Is Now!

The cover is a statement that is being made to an ungodly world! I could, most likely, give a number of short statements identifying or describing those who are included in this ungodly category. There should be backsliding Christians, as well as those of the far left, who desire a one world government, of which they play a controlling part. It could also include all those who have their personal faith in their new gods of science, health, global warming, and most certainly, all those who feel that the God of creation made a mistake in declaring that there are only two genders or unfair that two people of the same gender should not marry. I understand the age that mankind is presently in, and the fact that most people, currently residing on planet Earth, do not believe in a Most Holy God who created all things.

Stop for a moment and look at the cover of this work. At the top is one person assisting another person to hold on to life by performing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on the person lying down. That's a human compassion trait to sustain life. It takes training to perform CPR correctly, but done properly, one person can save another person's life. There are several things I want you to understand at this moment. First, as a human being on planet Earth there is only one blood for mankind, that is human blood. Yes! I understand that there are four major types of human blood: A, B, AB and O. But, for the species of mankind, there is only one type of blood, human blood. There is no such thing as Black blood, Brown blood, White blood, Yellow blood, or Red (skin) blood. There is only one blood, human blood. Skin color does not have an influence upon the blood, it is still only human blood. Secondly, there is the fact that you must have blood in your body to support human life. Without blood you are dead. Therefore, all lives matter, no matter the skin color, because we all have human blood that supports our human life.

I can show you in the Word of God, the Bible, that there is a difference between killing and murder! Currently there is a war situation going on in Ukraine and those who are defending their homeland may kill a foreign invader, that is killing and not a sin. On the other hand, those who shed innocent blood have murdered another life. This may be the act of violence that occurs when one person becomes angry and stabs or shoots another person. That's one form of murder and is a sin. There is one more form of murder I desire for you to understand. The taking of human life through an abortion is murder and the same as shooting someone during a riot. The Bible provides rules for the violating of a virgin, but if you are using an abortion as a means to clear up an act of lustful sex, you have sinned not only as being the murderer and taking an innocent life, but you have also sinned by virtue of your improper sexual activity. In baseball, they would call this strike two, remember there are only three strikes before you are officially out. Many who might pick this up and begin to read it will get very angry because they feel I'm overly harsh in my writing and should be more tolerant of others. I don't mean to hurt your feelings, what I'm trying to do is perform spiritual CPR on your soul. I have written many little booklets on God's Ten Commandments and His seven Feast Days. These are the 17 rules that God wants you to understand and to live your life in obedience with these rules. By the time I complete the writing of this booklet, I pray that I will be able to show you why it is so important for you to understand these things now, today, not tomorrow, or next week. TODAY!

Truthfully, why is it that I am writing as strongly as I can? Look at the book of Hosea and maybe I can get you to understand some things from many of my previous writings. Hosea 4:6 says, ***My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*** (ESV) I am a Bible Believer, an American and also a veteran of twenty-seven years of active duty defending your right to believe as you want. You have the God given right of freedom and this

nation made a covenant with God to follow His ways and His teachings in all that we undertook as a nation in our Constitution. Our Constitution gave you certain inalienable rights in the Bill of Rights. Now, as we approach the two-hundred and fiftieth year after the writing of our Constitution, you want to destroy everything that made this nation great. You don't want law, which would also mean that there would be no order to anything. You tear down statues of the great men who formed our Constitution. You want to protest the majority of the people's mindset toward abortions and pride festivals. You feel that there is only one way for things to go, that being your way, and if there is a protest, you set out to character assassinate the individual who does not go along with your thinking. Thus depriving their inalienable right to choose what they believe! Most of society now has a smart phone of some type that is capable of retrieving social media postings. Go to Facebook and look up the post from Ben Bland for June 8, 2022 at 10:18 and read the change in this young man's life. He states what pride month may mean to some, but what it now means to him on a very, very personal level. He tells you the truth, but how many will hear what he says? I guess in some small way that leads to the ear as the second clip-art on the cover. How does a person hear from reading? The truth is that there is no hearing from the standpoint of an audible level. The hearing is in the spiritual heart of mankind. Ben Bland found that connection and heard his spiritual heart speak to himself. If it worked for Ben, it can work for you. Follow his lead and go through the same process. I'll tell you what, I have the habit in my writings of placing Biblical text in blue when I use words from the Bible. Why don't I really get bold and just insert the post from Ben here and now:

The following is a Facebook Posting made by Ben Bland

There is a song on YouTube that's titled....
You Can't Pray the Gay Away.
If you don't know my backstory...
I had a boyfriend. I was a drug addict for many years.
I lived a promiscuous lifestyle. I was in terrible shape.
I was going to die and I didn't even care. I overdosed. Contemplated suicide...many times.
One day I met an Apostolic Pentecostal pastors wife who took me out for coffee. I almost didn't go with her that day but thank God that I did!
That coffee turned into a weekly Bible study.
That turned into repentance.
That turned into water baptism in Jesus name.
I received the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues shortly after!!!
God radically changed and is STILL transforming my life!!!
God is a process and there is POWER in that process.
Don't rush what God is doing in your life!!!!
Take your time with Jesus. It takes time. Study the word of God.
I went from being a Drag Queen to becoming a child of the KING! #truestory
It's #pridemonth for the rest of the world but my true identity was found in the precious blood of Jesus Christ!!!! I'll never be the same. I never want to go back to the life that I once lived.
The Bible tells me that I am a new creature in Christ. Old things have passed away and behold all things have become new!!!
Today I am a man of God.

Today I am a Christian. That's the flag that I fly.
Today I live the life that God created for me to live.
Don't EVER stop praying for your loved ones. Prayer goes where you can't!
The rainbow is a promise from God it's not a lifestyle.
GOD WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE IF YOU WILL LET HIM!
I praise God for the change in my life!! I love Him with my whole heart. I'm glad to know who Jesus is. He's the best thing that's EVER happened to me!
The Love of God covers a multitude of sins and my sins were many.
I am not who I once was and I am so grateful for that!
With all that being said....
I am living proof that you can ABSOLUTELY pray ANYTHING away...through the powerful name of Jesus Christ!
#Acts238 #apostolicpentecostal #apostolic #pentecostal #holiness #HolinessIsStillRight #Jesus #upci

Solomon, King David's son and one of the wisest men who ever lived, asked God for great wisdom, and yet, in Solomon's life, he allowed his wives to draw him away from the one true God and to practice idolatry for a period of time. When Solomon returned to God, he wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. There are many things that we all could learn from this writing. One of the first things everyone should notice is the phrase 'under the sun'. Solomon apparently used this phrase to identify the realm of mankind. At the beginning of this short book he writes: *What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.* Eccl 1:9 (ESV) He wrote of things that seemed to be meaningless to himself but he concludes the book with the following verses: ⁹ *Keep this in mind: The Teacher was considered wise, and he taught the people everything he knew. He listened carefully to many proverbs, studying and classifying them.*¹⁰ *The Teacher sought to find just the right words to express truths clearly.* ¹¹ *The words of the wise are like cattle prods—painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep.* ¹² *But, my child, let me give you some further advice: Be careful, for writing books is endless, and much study wears you out.* ¹³ *That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: **Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.*** ¹⁴ *God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.* Eccl 12:9-14 (NLT)

It would seem, from these words of Solomon, that mankind is on a destiny course that we have been on before. Mankind has rebelled against God and had warnings to return to the truth. When God finally got full of mankind's disobedience, He would send forth His wrath and punish those who were in the nation of rebellion. This happened in the book of Genesis when Adam was given instructions on what his duty was to be in the garden. His only duty was to tend the garden: ¹⁵ *The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.* ¹⁶ *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* Gen 2:15-17 (ESV) We see in verse 15 where God tells Adam to work and keep the garden, in other words, to tend it. In verse 17 we see the warning and the level of punishment that God would chastise Adam for disobedience. At the beginning of the book of Exodus, we see the generations of Israel (Jacob) and the 70 persons in the group that went to Egypt and became slaves to Pharaoh for 430 years. We see the captivity of Judah in Babylon for 70 years because of their rebellion against God. We learned of the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the sinfulness of these two cities, plus two other cities.

But, on the other hand, we see the promise made in John 3:16-21 (ESV), ¹⁶ *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal***

life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” We can go further and show you that God does not desire for any soul to perish, but that all persons are saved from punishment through the shed blood of Jesus. Read this next passage from 2nd Peter, ⁹ *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish**, but that all should reach repentance.* ¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.* 2 Peter 3:9-10 (ESV)

I have indicated that with reading, hearing comes from the spiritual heart. There are two statements from Paul’s writings to the Romans that I’d like for you to hear. First, from Romans 1 we find the following, ¹⁶ *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* ¹⁷ *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”* Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) Turn over just a few more pages to Romans chapter 10 and read, ¹⁷ *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* Romans 10:17 (NKJV) Allow me to tell you more about the development of faith. There is a ministry with the name of ‘Faith Comes by Hearing’, they have partnered with the John Ankerberg Show, www.jashow.org. Bible translation companies had discovered that there are over 7000 languages in the world and that many of these languages have never heard the good news of the Gospels, or who Jesus is. They went to Morgan Jackson, president of Faith Comes By Hearing and asked if there was any way possible to get the translations into some type of device that can be used anyplace in the world. Mr. Jackson listened to the translator’s stories and found that there was a great need for an audio device to proclaim the good news of Jesus. One story was that the translator company had missionaries in the field in countries that they had managed, after many years of translation work, to have the Gospels in the language of the people in remote corners of the world. One such place received cases of newly printed Bibles in their own language and the missionaries were passing them out to the people. They went to one village and the chief greeted them with open arms. They told the chief that the Bible was the bread of life and left the Bible with him. Going back a couple of months later the missionary noticed the printed Bible was torn and appeared to be much smaller. The missionary asked the chief why. The chief told the missionary that he had said the book contained the bread of life, therefore they tore out a page each day and put it into their soup and ate that page. The missionary reported this back to the translation company and explained that the people could speak their language but that they were illiterate and couldn’t read it. The translation company went to Mr. Jackson and explained the problem this revealed and why they needed something that spoke the Gospels to the people in their native tongue.

The engineers at Faith Comes By Hearing came up with a device that is solar powered, and also has a hand crank to generate current, contains up to 4 translated languages that will be in the native tongue of the people and can be heard by many people at one time. The Faith Comes By Hearing company have people who go out to a remote village and find enough native speakers who speak the parts of various characters in the Gospels to inform and teach the people. This group will use a village hut, turn it into a studio, and the Gospels are read and recorded in the native tongue of the people. Afterwards, the folks at Faith Comes By Hearing add music and background to present a full drama for each language. They call the device a proclaimer and they now have expanded their ministry to 4

different devices for missionary work throughout the world. Of those 7000 languages, the various translation companies have managed to reduce this number down to about 2000 languages that have never heard about Jesus, nor do they know about the Bible. The goal is to have all the languages of the world to be translated by 2034. We, my wife and I, have watched many stories of the great work that these devices provide to the peoples of the world. We have contributed over sixty of these devices through our giving and the matching of others or even double matching. We have received information back that over three million souls have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior because of our donations. We couldn't imagine having to be a missionary and attempting to win that many souls to Christ in a lifetime. Of all the books that I have written, now over 2000 8 1/2 by 11 pages, I seriously doubt if three million people have even visited my website, much less made the choice to accept Jesus as their Savior.

But I really feel the need to express my personal desires to those who have the courage to read some of the items I've written. I must recall the verse that provides to me the punishment that I will receive should I add to or take away from God's Holy Word. I just can't get that out of my mind or off my chest. I have the desire to teach as quickly as I can some of what has taken me over 40 years to learn. I can imagine having proclaimers passed out in the English speaking portions of the world so the people of the scattered lost tribes of Israel could hear the Word of God in audible form. There is a multitude of English speaking people that these devices could serve. People in nursing homes, prisons, military service, those traveling, or even men out hunting or fishing could learn more of God's Word. Even so, I hear some who say all that these devices are is a play, a voice-over portrayal of what the Bible says. They just don't get the truth behind the fulfillment of what the proclaimer does. For the first time, I am hearing people say that they know Jesus because He is one of them. He is speaking to them in their own language. Wouldn't life be great, if the people in this nation heard the words of Jesus in their own language. Yes! I know that the language is English, but what if it was spoken within your hearing and you didn't have to read it. Wouldn't it be like a child and the more you listened the more you know and the more you can repeat what you have heard. Attending church every Sunday has not given you that feeling of knowing the words of Jesus or knowing what he spoke to the Apostles. It is time for many people to open their ears and hear what the Bible is proclaiming.

I've attempted to illustrate what the top two clip-art images, on the cover of this work, should mean to you, the reader, but there is still one more image that we need to talk about. Think, think, and think again. I will do all that I can, through written words, to get you to think about your personal beliefs and what the Bible proclaims. The old fashion thoughts within me tell me that this would be 'common sense', however it now seems that many of the younger generations have thrown common sense out the window and the accepted thought of today is me, me, and ME ONLY. There doesn't seem to be any thought toward what has happened in history, or who were the guiding people in generations past? What did they teach us about life, or even living? What was the reason for certain things to happen when and the way they did? Was Solomon correct when he penned the verse that reads *there is nothing new under the sun*? What can we learn, as a people, from the words of the Bible? When I speak about the Bible, I mean the entire Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament! God did not tell us to throw away the Old Covenant when He sent His son, Jesus, to bring forth a New Covenant. If you attend a church that teaches that the church has replaced Israel as the recipient of God's blessings, you need to get out of that church as fast as you can and don't let the door hit you in the backside as you leave! If you need more detailed information about some of these thoughts go to my website and read the booklet *The 17 Things God Wants You To Know And To Honor!* That booklet provides information on the Ten Commandments and God's seven ordained feast days. It, also, clearly explains the feast of Firstfruits, which is misunderstood by many. Maybe you would like to see how the Christian denominations have been deceived into following pagan practices. Read my booklet *Hijacked* to find out. For those who believe my statement above, concerning what is called replacement theology, whereby the

church has replaced Israel, read my booklet, *God's Word Shall Stand, Man's Word Shall Fail!* To illustrate how far mankind has fallen from the grace of God, read the booklet *Choice - It Is Your Choice*, or the book *We Are Marching to Hell By Our Own Choice*. Either the book or the booklet, will give you an idea of just how far mankind has fallen from the grace of God. My website address is www.vqpub.org

I am not a minister in a church, my ministry is writing. I am not a teacher of prophecy in the sense of having visions or dreams of things to come in the near future. I do not have name recognition such as Perry Stone, Jonathan Cahn, Amir Tsarfati, David Regan or even Robert Jeffress. I have been writing, what God has sent to me to write, since the 1990's, and all through that time frame God has carried me through one teaching, to another, to the point of understanding the knowledge I possess today. You can see part of that teaching in the booklet *Our Great Journey - Summer of 2016*. God was with my wife and I as we traveled in our RV from Kentucky to Alaska and back over the span of 62 days. God showed us His greatness and creativity along the way. We met wonderful people and encouraged many as we handed out copies of my little printed book *The Simple Index*. We covered over 13,525 miles in those 62 days and fully understand that the same trip would be nearly impossible to complete today. Since 2016, we have seen the change of presidents of this nation, the decline of this nation's influence around the globe, and the disastrous pull-out and loss of face for this nation with the leaving of Afghanistan. We have seen the rise of these new gods of science, health, artificial intelligence and what is now claimed as climate change. Those of this nation, and around the world for that matter, have become a ME society. They only want to have what they want and all else is to be denied. Through fake media broadcasts and the manipulation of facts there is no telling what is true and what is a bold faced lie! It really is a time that many people need to stop, slow down, and view reality for a moment. Stop listening to that urge to take drugs, or alcohol, or the thought that the white race is trying to enslave all other races. Stop the foolish idea that God did not know what He was doing when He made you male or female and you think or believe you are another gender. By all means possible, you need to stop and think about what the taking of innocent life means to a loving, forgiving God and what He declares to do to those who do such things. You really have to engage your brain to think and to reason in a functioning, living, and breathing society. Your little utopia world does not exist, nor will it ever exist in the manner that you are currently thinking. Stop and understand that it is Satan, the fallen angel Lucifer, the devil that is guiding you through his minions to envision this nonsense that you are following. This is not God given, nor God directed. Go back and reread what Ben Bland said in his post on Facebook. That view was given earlier in this writing.

Let's look at some of the things that God has given to mankind to get them to understand. God wants you to govern your life and to be obedient to His simple moral code of Ten Commandments. He wants you to understand how being obedient to these rules affect you. I have repeatedly stated in my writings that the Ten Commandments are not a code of a religion. A religious code will give the dogma and the rhetoric for practices of service and how those services are conducted. The closest these ten rules ever gets to something religious, is in the first commandment, *You shall have no other gods before me*. Exodus 20:3 (NIV) To consider this commandment, or the second commandment pertaining to the worship of idols as religious only demonstrates your contempt of God and your pagan ideas and practices. To have the idea that the New Covenant, ushered in by Jesus, did away with these rules only show that you do not read very well. Jesus either spoke these ten rules verbatim or mentioned them in His teachings. One of the main things I feel you need to understand is the relationship that all of mankind has to Abraham. We do not have to be Jewish to have a relationship to Abraham. We do not have to even be a descendant of any of the tribes of Israel to have a relationship to Abraham. We do have to have a belief in Jesus, as the son of the Most High God, to have this relationship. Through Christ, we are all heirs to the promises God gave to Abraham. We can begin to see this as a true fact in Genesis 15, read the following, ⁴ *And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall*

not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, **"Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them."** **And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."** ⁶ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. ⁷ Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." Gen 15:4-7 (NKJV) We can read even more in Genesis chapter 22, ¹⁷ *I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,* ¹⁸ **and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,** because you have obeyed my voice." Gen 22:17-18 (ESV) Needless to say that there are three major religions of the world that all proclaim that they go back to Abraham, these three are Jewish, Moslem and Christian. Read verse 18 one more time, proclaiming that all the nations of the earth are to be blessed through Abraham. It is amazing to me to see what is happening around the world. We know through Jesus that Christians are co-heirs with Christ. We also know that the Christian church was grafted into the original olive tree as a branch, and that tree represents the Jews. Nowadays, we see people in Iran protesting against their leadership and becoming Christian instead of remaining Moslem. In fact, there is a major movement among Moslems around the globe that are becoming Christian. Some of this change is due to the proclaimers from Faith Comes By Hearing to bring the Gospels to indigenous peoples in distant lands. These people were told things in Arabic and were brought up Moslem, but they never heard anyone bring them truth in their own language. Now, they hear the Word in their language and weep as they understand the truth about God, instead of what they had been told previously about Allah. Suddenly, they hear truth, understand truth and become a new person in Christ. I know you think I need to correct myself and declare that through these three major religions all go back to Abraham. That is true but we must also remember what Jesus said in 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) Today, we see many Moslems converting to become Christian, therefore we have two of the three groups making the journey through Christ. What about the Jews? We should all understand that the Great Tribulation is that time when the truth shall be made known to the Jew, and they too will establish that Jesus is their Messiah and the son of the living Most High God. Jesus is the truth, the life and the way, period!

Let's review some things that should show us how mankind, as a whole, got themselves into this present day situation. Turn back to Hosea and read the first verse in chapter one, ¹ *The word of the Lord that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, **kings of Judah,** and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, **king of Israel.*** Hosea 1:1 (NKJV) Notice that the words of Hosea are intended for both Judah and Israel, that means both the Southern and Northern Kingdoms combined. Read what is said about both kingdoms in verses 10-11, ¹⁰ *"Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God.'* ¹¹ *Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great will be the day of Jezreel!* Hosea 1:10-11 (NKJV) Let's look at verse ten and see what we can figure out. First, the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea that cannot be counted because there are so many. Secondly, this must be the Northern Kingdom because it says Israel. Thirdly, It says they are told, *'You are not My people.'* This must be when Israel is divorced by God and scattered among the Gentile world. Fourthly, it says they will be told, *'You are sons of the living God.'* This must be when God rejoins the two houses of the nation of Israel, which is foretold in several places in the Bible. This is confirmed in verse 11 ¹¹ *Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together.* That day is still in the future, but getting closer with each passing day.

We still need to see why God was so upset that He divorced Israel to begin with. Look at the

charge God brings against Israel in Hosea chapter 4, ¹ *Hear the word of the Lord, You children of Israel, For the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: "There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land. ² By swearing and lying, Killing and stealing and committing adultery, They break all restraint, With bloodshed upon bloodshed.* Hosea 4:1-2 (NKJV) Chapter five begins some of the judgment against Israel, ² *And the revolvers have gone deep into slaughter, but I will discipline all of them. ³ I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the whore; Israel is defiled. ⁴ Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. For the spirit of whoredom is within them, and they know not the Lord. ⁵ The pride of Israel testifies to his face; Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in his guilt; Judah also shall stumble with them.* Hosea 5:2-5 (ESV) Continue these verses with verses 9-12, ⁹ *One thing is certain, Israel: On your day of punishment, you will become a heap of rubble. ¹⁰ "The leaders of Judah have become like thieves. So I will pour my anger on them like a waterfall. ¹¹ The people of Israel will be crushed and broken by my judgment because they are determined to worship idols. ¹² I will destroy Israel as a moth consumes wool. I will make Judah as weak as rotten wood.* Hosea 5:9-12 (NLT)

It doesn't get any better in chapter 6, look at what verses 4-7 record, ⁴ *"O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. ⁶ For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. ⁷ "But like men they transgressed the covenant; There they dealt treacherously with Me.* Hosea 6:4-7 (NKJV) We continue in chapter 7, ⁸ *Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. ⁹ Strangers devour his strength, and he knows it not; gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, and he knows it not. ¹⁰ The pride of Israel testifies to his face; yet they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him, for all this.* Hosea 7:8-10 (ESV) Continued in verses 13, ¹³ *Woe to them, for they have strayed from me! Destruction to them, for they have rebelled against me! **I would redeem them, but they speak lies against me.*** Hosea 7:13 (ESV)

Chapter 8 indicates that Israel is to reap the whirlwind, look at verses 7-10, ⁷ *For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no flour; if it were to yield, strangers would devour it. ⁸ Israel is swallowed up; already they are among the nations as a useless vessel. ⁹ For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey wandering alone; Ephraim has hired lovers. ¹⁰ Though they hire allies among the nations, I will soon gather them up. And the king and princes shall soon writhe because of the tribute.* Hosea 8:7-10 (ESV) I'll make chapter nine short and only record one verse, verse 1, ¹ *Rejoice not, O Israel! Exult not like the peoples; for you have played the whore, forsaking your God. You have loved a prostitute's wages on all threshing floors.* Hosea 9:1 (ESV)

Chapter ten illustrates some things that occurred long ago but many have picked up the trait and brought it forward through time, read the following verses from chapter 10, ¹³ *But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors, ¹⁴ the roar of battle will rise against your people, so that all your fortresses will be devastated—as Shalman devastated Beth Arbel on the day of battle, when mothers were dashed to the ground with their children.* Hosea 10:13-14 (NIV) Chapter 11 reveals that God still loves both Israel and Judah and desires to hold back His fierce anger, read verses 7-11, ⁷ *My people are bent on backsliding from Me. Though they call to the Most High, None at all exalt Him. ⁸ "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I set you like Zeboiim? My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred. ⁹ I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror. ¹⁰ "They shall walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then His sons shall come trembling from the west; ¹¹ They shall come trembling*

like a bird from Egypt, Like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses,” Says the Lord. Hosea 11:7-11 (NKJV) Please allow me to expand the thoughts I have from these verses. Verse 7 reads that God’s people are rebellious and their actions are those of a backsliding race. Verse 8 indicates that both Israel and Judah have this rebellious nature. Verse 9 illustrates the compassion of a Holy God who is holding back His anger and will not totally destroy either Israel or Judah. Verses 10 and 11 provide an illustration of a repentant nature and both houses shall return to Israel. Egypt is west of Israel, and so is the United States. Egypt is the land of bondage for Judah, and Assyria is the nation that took Israel (the Northern Kingdom) into bondage. The concluding statement indicates that they, both Israel and Judah, live together, under God’s grace in the promised land of modern day Israel. But I must add the final verse of Chapter 11 to complete the statement God makes through Hosea. Verse 12 reads, ¹² *Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, the house of Israel with deceit. And Judah is unruly against God, even against the faithful Holy One.* Hosea 11:12 (NIV) It appears to me that God is still upset with both houses (Israel and Judah). Even though God has just declared His compassion and that He would not destroy either house, He is still upset with the lies and the deceit that is being conducted in both houses. God even goes so far as to state that Judah is against the faithful Holy One: Wouldn’t that personage be Jesus, the Messiah of the Jews?

Reviewing chapter 12 of Hosea provides all of us with more of the sins that Israel and Judah have committed against God. Let’s start with verses 1-2, ¹ *Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; they multiply falsehood and violence; they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.* ² *The Lord has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.* Hosea 12:1-2 (ESV) Please continue our review and look at verses 7-8, ⁷ *A merchant, in whose hands are false balances, he loves to oppress.* ⁸ *Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich; I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they cannot find in me iniquity or sin.”* Hosea 12:7-8 (ESV) Doesn’t these two verses show us the manner that people are acting today? Doesn’t the merchant deceive by engineered obsolescence or a false set of balances? Hasn’t pride in wealth and the boasting of such wealth led to the false statement that there was no sin committed in the gaining of such wealth. Really, look around you at today’s marketplace and observe the various means to defraud you of your pay. Complete chapter 12 with verse 14. ¹⁴ *Ephraim has given bitter provocation; so his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds.* Hosea 12:14 (ESV) There is one word we need to understand and that word is *bloodguilt*. Let’s use the shedding of innocent blood as meaning the same thing. Now, with this thought, couldn’t we read the second phrase of this verse to mean, *so his Lord will leave his shedding of innocent blood on him and will repay him for his disgraceful deeds?* Stop and use your common sense to illustrate for yourself that the shedding of innocent blood are those disgraceful practices of abortion that you perform on a daily basis. Now, you are outraged that common sense has taken over the Supreme Court of this nation and they appear ready to make some much needed changes. However, this verse could also indicate that God will step back and allow you to continue to murder the unborn, however those who practice, perform or just allow this to continue will be repaid for these disgraceful deeds. Can you count the millions of unborn babies that have been murdered by an abortion? Don’t you understand the pain that God goes through with every child that has been murdered in this manner? Your actions will be repaid! These verses should tell you, this will be done by a just and loving God, otherwise He would not be God!

Chapter 13 illustrates that God is still angry with both houses, read what is recorded in verses 5-12, ⁵ *I took care of you in the wilderness, in that dry and thirsty land.* ⁶ *But when you had eaten and were satisfied, you became proud and forgot me.* ⁷ *So now I will attack you like a lion, like a leopard that lurks along the road.* ⁸ *Like a bear whose cubs have been taken away, I will tear out your heart. I will devour you like a hungry lioness and mangle you like a wild animal.* ⁹ **“You are about to be**

destroyed, O Israel—yes, by me, your only helper. ¹⁰ *Now where is your king? Let him save you! Where are all the leaders of the land, the king and the officials you demanded of me?* ¹¹ *In my anger I gave you kings, and in my fury I took them away.* ¹² **“Ephraim’s guilt has been collected, and his sin has been stored up for punishment.”** Hosea 13:5-12 (NLT)

Chapter 14 is the final chapter in the book of Hosea and it is a plea from God to both the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Let us first look at verses 1-4, ¹ *O Israel, return to the Lord your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;* ² *Take words with you, And return to the Lord. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.* ³ *Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.' For in You the fatherless finds mercy."* ⁴ *"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.* Hosea 14:1-4 (NKJV) The final verse of Hosea tells the complete story. Verse 9 reads, ⁹ *Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.* Hosea 14:9 (ESV) We see a choice within the words of this verse, either you are upright, meaning righteous in following the rules and feast of God and being obedient to God’s commands. Or! You are a transgressor, that means a sinner, someone who is rebelling against God. You are the one who has to make the choice. I’ll explain this in another manner. You have the choice to follow the Prince of Peace, Jesus, or you can follow the prince of the air, Satan. Choose one or the other! You cannot serve both at the same time, it will not work and the Bible tells us this in the words of Jesus. Matthew 6:24, ²⁴ *“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.* Matt 6:24 (ESV) Luke also recorded this statement of Jesus in Luke 16:13, ¹³ *No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”* Luke 16:13 (ESV) Moses left us with another understanding of what happens to those who are disobedient to God’s instructions. Turn over to the book of Deuteronomy and read the following from the 28th chapter. ⁶⁴ *“Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone.* ⁶⁵ *And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.* ⁶⁶ *Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.* ⁶⁷ *In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.* Deut 28:64-67 (NKJV)

The book of Hosea is not the only book that gives God’s testimony of what He will do to those who rebel against Him. The prophet Jeremiah recorded the instructions that God gave to him as it pertained to Judah as a warning prior to their being taken to Babylon for a period of seventy years because of their unbelief. At this same time, there are a few carry over charges that God makes against Israel. Once again, we must remember that there are two houses, the House of Israel and the House of Judah.

First, we need to fully understand the commission that God gave to Jeremiah. We find the call of Jeremiah in Chapter 1, verse 5, ⁵ *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”* Jer 1:5 (NKJV) We can confirm that Jeremiah is made a prophet to both houses because of the term nations, being plural and not singular. We find the commission given to Jeremiah in verse 10, ¹⁰ *See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”* Jer 1:10 (NKJV) Once again, we see terms that are plural and not singular in the wording of nations and kingdoms. Notice that there are six portions of this commission given to Jeremiah. Now, I

will tell you this. You can read every word of the book of Jeremiah and you will find two mysteries in this one book. Mystery number one; who wrote the last chapter of the book? Look at the break point between the end of chapter 51 and the beginning of chapter 52, I'll include both so you may see what I am speaking about. ⁶⁴ *Then you shall say, 'Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.'* " Thus far are the words of Jeremiah. Jer 51:63-64 (NKJV) ⁶⁴ *Then say, 'In this same way Babylon and her people will sink, never again to rise, because of the disasters I will bring upon her.'* " This is the end of Jeremiah's messages. Jer 51:64 (NLT) If Jeremiah's message has ended, who wrote chapter 52, or, is this like a signature block on a formal letter and this phrase is just ending the message that Jeremiah sent to the captives in Babylon? Mystery number two; you can read the entire book of Jeremiah and come to understand that Jeremiah completed his commission of uprooting, tearing down, destroying and overthrowing as the kings of the House of Judah are done away with. The last king to sit on the throne in Jerusalem was Zedekiah. **But**, there is no word in the entire book of Jeremiah that provides an answer for the planting and the building. In fact, there is nothing said about what these two points mean. How, when and where was Jeremiah to plant and build? Men of prophecy refuse to accept that there is an answer to this mystery and the planting and building **did not** take place in the present day land of Israel. To fully understand this mystery, read my book, *The Thirteenth Tribe of Israel*. You will find that there is an answer to this question in the form of riddles.

With regard to the words of the prophet Jeremiah, let us look at some of the instructions that God gave to him and to whom these words were spoken. Chapter 2 provides the following, verses 4-5, ⁴ *Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob and all the families of the house of Israel.* ⁵ *Thus says the Lord: "What injustice have your fathers found in Me, That they have gone far from Me, Have followed idols, And have become idolaters?"* Jer 2:4-5 (NKJV) Verse 19 tells us even more, ¹⁹ *Your own wickedness will correct you, And your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing That you have forsaken the Lord your God, And the fear of Me is not in you,"* Says the Lord God of hosts. Jer 2:19 (NKJV)

In chapter 3, we see the deeds of unfaithful Israel and what God did to them. Verses 6-8, ⁶ *The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.* ⁷ *And I said, after she had done all these things, 'Return to Me.'* But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. ⁸ *Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, **I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.* Jer 3:6-8 (NKJV) **Bible Believers everywhere should know that God gave Israel a certificate of divorce and scattered the ten northern tribes throughout the world.** But, alas, we need to comprehend what verses 11 and 12 mean, ¹¹ *Then the Lord said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.* ¹² *Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the Lord; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says the Lord; 'I will not remain angry forever.* Jer 3:11-12 (NKJV)

In chapter 11, we find the covenant that God made with Israel is broken. Now, you must understand that the making of this covenant is rather unusual. God established this covenant with Abraham and it is totally one sided. The responsibility for it is left up to God. The part mankind had to play was to be obedient to the established agreement between Abraham and God. Abraham was obedient and was blessed by God. After the Exodus from Egypt and the entry into Canaan, God's people choose to chase after the pagan gods of the people who were living in Canaan. God calls these false gods Baals and declared the covenant broken. Read verses 8 and 10, ⁸ *Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this*

covenant, which I commanded them to do, but which they have not done.' " . . . ¹⁰ They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers." Jer 11:8; 10 (NKJV)

It is most interesting to read what God told Jeremiah in chapter 16. Read with me the verses between verse 14 and 18, ¹⁴ "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that it shall no more be said, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' ¹⁵ but, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶ "Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the Lord, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷ For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸ And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols." Jer 16:14-18 (NKJV) **NOTICE** the underlined segments of these verses!

Three of the four segments are future events, the **only** event that has already happened is the scattering of Israel when God gave Israel a certificate of divorce. The other three event segments indicate that these are future events. Here again is a good reason for everyone to study and have some knowledge of the Old Testament because the Bible will tell you what future events are to come. This is the prophecy of the Bible and prophecy makes up 33 percent of the Bible. Did you know that? To all those who proclaim they are New Testament believers, please realize that Jesus **did not** tell you to throw out one third of the Bible. Remember Jesus proclaimed that He came to fulfill the law, not to do away with the law. However, false teachers and false prophets teach that the New Testament replaced the Old Testament. To disavow one third of God's Word is a teaching of Satan, who has deceived the world. To believe that the grace of the New Testament replaced the commandments of God is sheer foolishness and a bold faced lie. Once again, either follow Jesus or follow Satan. You must choose who you will serve and honor! Choose wisely!

I would like for you, the reader, to take a look at verse 16. I did not underline any portion of this verse but there are two important statements made. First, it reads that God will send many fishermen and they shall fish them. Isn't that what Jesus fulfilled when He made the Apostles the initial 12 fishermen? Isn't that what Jesus told them when He said He would make them fishers of men? Isn't that what being a Christian actually means? We, Christians, are the appointed fishers of men! All are priest who are to proclaim the name of Jesus to an ungodly world. There is a second statement made. Doesn't it also state that, *afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.* Isn't that a future event because of the word *afterward*? If you have any idea of prophecy, you already know that there is an indicated falling away of the church, through disbelief and Satan's false teachings, prior to the Tribulation period. The hunters mentioned here are those who seek out the true believers prior to the second coming of Jesus.

I have previously claimed that there are two mysteries which can be found in the book of Jeremiah. The second mystery pertained to the building and the planting. Just for the sake of understanding I am including verses 6-12 from chapter 18. ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. ⁹ And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the

inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.'

¹² *"But they say, 'That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'* Jer 18:6-12 (ESV) Look closely at the attitude of the people in the reply that is given in verse 12. Isn't that statement exactly what is being said by many who profess they are New Testament believers, or even identified as Christians, but neither group practice anything that Jesus taught. God is building His case against you and the outpouring of His wrath will repay you for all the evil you are nowadays doing.

I have attempted to have you to think and to understand that the primary purpose for this work is to apply CPR to your soul! As a minister, even one whose ministry is in the form of writing, I must do what I can to get you to understand your personal relationship to a living and loving God. God's Son, Jesus, the Messiah is the Savior of the World and the perfect sacrifice acceptable to God the Father to redeem all of mankind through the act of sacrifice He did when He died on the cross at Calvary. I believe the following verses from Jeremiah proclaim that loudly. Read verses 1-8 of chapter 23, ¹ *"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord.* ² *Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord.* ³ *Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.* ⁴ *I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.*

⁵ *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.* ⁶ *In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'*

⁷ *"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when they shall no longer say, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'⁸ but 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.'* Then they shall dwell in their own land." Jer 23:1-8 (ESV)

These verses are full of the statements I've tried to bring to your attention. First, look at verses 1 and 2. The shepherds herein mentioned are today's pastors, preachers and teachers of God's people. These are false teachers and false preachers who are not tending God's flock in the manner they are supposed to teach. They are misleading the flock and causing the flock to scatter away from the fold, at times with 'feel good' answers to tough questions omitting the truth found in God's Word. Verse 3 plainly states that God will bring the remnant of His flock back to their fold. Verse 4 tells us that God will appoint proper shepherds over them who will care for them. Let me ask you if you understand this statement? Do You? The shepherds here are the glorified saints who return with Jesus at His second coming to rule and reign during the one thousand years of peace and godliness. Verses 5 and 6 are declaring the truth of Jesus' return to reign over all the earth. Once again, this is a future event because of the wording *the days are coming*. Verses 7 and 8 are also declaring a future event where God brings the Ten Lost Tribes called Israel back to the promised land and all the tribes of Jacob (Israel) shall dwell in their own land. Praise the LORD! God is faithful and true and He keeps His promises to His people. I am not a Jew nor a Zionist when I make that statement. However, I may be a Bible Believing Israelite. Remember all the earth is blessed through Abraham.



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What Time Is It?

I cannot give you a specific timetable of future events, no one can! It really doesn't matter if you are one who proclaims they are a New Testament believer, or an old timer who believes both Old and New Testaments. Jesus answered the questions posed to Him by the Apostles. I will try to give you an understanding from many statements given in the book of Matthew.

Let us begin with the first question and/or statement concerning the validity of the Ten Commandments. Matthew 5:17-20 records Jesus' statement concerning the law. ¹⁷ *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”* ¹⁸ *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.* ¹⁹ *Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.* ²⁰ *For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.* Matt 5:17-20 (ESV) The use of the word relaxes in verse 19 may confuse some who read this, therefore, I'm also inserting verse 19 from the New King James for clarification. ¹⁹ *Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.* Matt 5:19 (NKJV) Some of you who believe that you are the only one who is right need to understand that being tolerant, or bending the meaning, toward any of the Ten Commandments is the same as breaking the law, or relaxing the law. It is plain and simple to understand. God gave mankind ten simple rules to obey. To not obey these rules is disobedience and that is a sin before God. Many now believe what they have heard in their churches that the Ten Commandments have been replaced by grace through the blood of Christ. I have previously written the full facts of each of the Ten Commandments and how Jesus taught each in the New Testament. Let's remember one other point. There wasn't a New Testament when Jesus walked, talked and lived upon the earth. The beginnings of the New Testament wouldn't even be penned for several years after His death. The following is a repeating of things I've written before. Please remember I am attempting to give you CPR for your soul by revealing what God is sending to me to write for you to understand.

For the sake of illustration let's go through the teachings of Jesus to see which of the Ten Commandments He also taught. I'll show you the two verses that give the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament and also the verse or verses that Jesus taught. These verses are taken from the NKJV.

Commandment One: Exodus 20:3, *“You shall have no other gods before Me.”* Deuteronomy 5:7, *“You shall have no other gods before Me.”* Jesus used, thus taught, this commandment in the following manner; Matthew 4:10, *Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”*

Commandment Two: Exodus 20:4, *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”* Deuteronomy 5:8, *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”* Jesus never used this statement directly, according to the Gospels, and the one verse that I can come up with is the same one that He spoke to Satan. Matthew 4:10, *Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”* Jesus also

taught the following in Matthew 22:20-21, *And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."*

Commandment Three: Exodus 20:7, *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."* Deuteronomy 5:11, *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."* Once again, we have one of the commandments that Jesus did not speak verbatim, however, Jesus did teach the following: Matthew 5:33-37, *"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."* Also in Matthew 23:16-22, *Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.' Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. And also in Matthew 26:63-64, *But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power; and coming on the clouds of heaven."**

Commandment Four: Exodus 20:8, *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."* Deuteronomy 5:12, *"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you."* In reading the Gospels one finds that Jesus did many things on the Sabbath, in fact, it was one of the major reasons that the Jews wanted to kill Jesus. Jesus spoke the following in Mark 2:27-28, *And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."* We can also see the manner of the Jewish rulers in the following: Luke 13:14, *But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."* Today we see great conflict among mankind over the Sabbath. Is it on Friday, Saturday, or is it Sunday that makes the Sabbath? What if we observed the statement that there are six days to work and one day to honor God? If we followed the instructions as they are given we must honor the Sabbath as being our Saturday.

Commandment Five: Exodus 20:12, *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."* Deuteronomy 5:16, *"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you."* This one command was quoted more by Jesus than any other and can be found verbatim in five different verses. Matthew 15:4, *"For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother; and, He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'" Matthew 19:19, "Honor your father and your mother, and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Mark 7:10, *For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother; and, He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death."* Mark 10:19, *"You know the*

commandments: Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and your mother.” Luke 18:20, “You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and your mother.’”

Commandment Six: Exodus 20:13, *“You shall not murder.”* Deuteronomy 5:17, *“You shall not murder.”* Jesus spoke the following: Matthew 5:21, *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, you shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.”* Matthew 19:18, *He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness.”* Paul also spoke about this commandment in the following: Romans 13:9, *For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* I must ask another question: Why does mankind have so much confusion over this one commandment? One can find division between people, between denominations and certainly between church and state over this one command. You don’t think so! Okay, explain to me why there is so much said on both sides of the capital punishment issue or over abortion rights. If you take the stand that both are murder and against the commandment, I have to raise another question. Why did God direct the Hebrews to kill, murder if you will, complete groups of people? There is a great problem in the argument! Either God does not follow His own laws and He is a liar or there is another answer. Let’s reverse the statement and answer the second point first. We find in the following two verses that God cannot lie. Titus 1:2, *In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.* Hebrews 6:18, *That by two unchanging things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.* Now, let’s address the other point. There are different translations of the Bible and different words used in both Greek and Hebrew that can mean kill. If you view the NIV, NRSV or the NKJV the word used in this command is murder. If you view the KJV verse for this command the word used is kill. To further explain the differences look at Strong’s Concordance. In looking under the word kill there are no less than 14 different words that translate kill (8 in the Hebrew and 6 in the Greek). Understandably when there are 14 various words translated to kill it would seem that murder is the more correct translation than that used in the King James; however, by so doing this the verses where God directs the Hebrews to kill places a conflict in the minds of men. We can even see that this was the reason that King Saul was removed from the throne. 1 Samuel 15:16-23, *Then Samuel said to Saul, “Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night.” And he said to him, “Speak on.” So Samuel said, “When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?” And Saul said to Samuel, “But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” So Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”* We should understand that God does cleanse sin from what is His and that may include the killing of the sinner. That does not violate the law, for it is directed destruction and is not murder. Murder has the implied

intent to do harm. Therefore, there is a difference between someone killing in a time of war, or on the other side of the fence, killing someone to get revenge, the intent to do harm against another individual because you think you have been wronged and must make amends. Do I hear that God is a loving God and wouldn't do this? God may be a loving God, but even more so, God is a righteous God. Out of righteousness one can find love. Out of deception, lead by Satan, one can find the change of thought to lead many astray from being righteous to being what they perceive to be right. Every one of us should take the time to read and study this one command to see if our personal thoughts are in accord with the intent of the Bible or if they are in accord with tradition that may lead us away from what the Bible actually teaches.

Commandment Seven: Exodus 20:14, *"You shall not commit adultery."* Deuteronomy 5:18, *"You shall not commit adultery."* We see Jesus speaking this commandment in the following, Matthew 5:27, *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, you shall not commit adultery."* and in Matthew 19:18, *He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness."* Paul continued the teaching in the following verse. Romans 13:9, *For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Commandment Eight: Exodus 20:15, *"You shall not steal."* Deuteronomy 5:19, *"You shall not steal."* Jesus spoke these words in the following: Matthew 19:18, *He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness."* Paul spoke them in Romans 13:9, *For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder; you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Commandment Nine: Exodus 20:16, *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."* Deuteronomy 5:20, *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."* Jesus spoke this command in Matthew 19:18, *He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness."* Mark 10:19, *"You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honor your father and your mother.'"* Luke 18:20, *"You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder; do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and your mother.'"* Paul taught in Romans 13:9, *For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder; you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Commandment Ten: Exodus 20:17, *"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."* Deuteronomy 5:21, *"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."* Jesus did not speak this command directly, and furthermore there are many who do not understand what this command means. We don't use the word covet that often anymore, but if you associate the act of greed, plus personal desire (wanting something that isn't yours, or being desirous), in this command you should have something on the order of: You shall not

desire, want, wish for, lust after, or long for your neighbor's house; you shall not desire, want, wish for, lust after, or long for your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his car, or his boat or anything that is your neighbor's. To see this in a Biblical verse look at the following: Deuteronomy 7:25, *"You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God."* To see how Jesus applied this command, look at the following. In this first verse, we see the overall intent that covetousness, or desire may cause. Luke 12:15, *And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."* In the second verse, we can see the desire of lust, even for your neighbor's wife, illustrated by Jesus. Matthew 5:28, *"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."* Paul did speak more about this command in the following: Romans 7:7, *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."* Romans 13:9, *For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Blessings for Obedience

If one really wants to see the intent of the law and the righteousness of obedience to God, it is easy to find in the following verses. Deuteronomy 28:1-14, *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them."* Do I hear some say that this does not apply to them because they are not Jewish? Better go back and review how your line of descent ties you into the covenant God gave to Abraham.

Curses for Disobedience

Deuteronomy 28:15-29:1, *“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.”* *“The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth. Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away. The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart. And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.”* *“You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes. Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them. Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand. A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see. The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.”* *“The LORD will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods; wood and stone. “And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.”* *“You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it. You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off. You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land.”* *“The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.”* *“Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever.”* *“Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will*

send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you. The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.” “They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you. You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you. The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.” “If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues; great and prolonged plagues; and serious and prolonged sicknesses. Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed. You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God. And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.” “Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known; wood and stone. And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. In the morning you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were evening!’ And at evening you shall say, ‘Oh, that it were morning!’ because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.” “And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ‘You shall never see it again.’ And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.” These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb. So there, you have a choice: abundant life or existence; freedom or slave; lender or borrower and it is all left up to each of us to make our own choice whether we will be obedient to God’s commands or not. Each of us will make a choice and each will see the results of that choice. What will yours be, abundant life through obedience, or existence through disobedience?

God gave these rules to Moses and called them the Ten Commandments. Let us continue with our discussion on: What Time Is It? Even the Apoatles desired to know when Jesus’ teachings would happen.

The Apostles asked Jesus when the things He taught would occur? See Matthew 24, verse 3.³ *As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?”* Matt 24:3 (ESV) Jesus answered them in the following manner.⁴ *And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray.*⁵ *For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.*⁶ *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.*⁷ *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.*⁸ *All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.*

⁹ *“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake.*¹⁰ *And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.*¹¹ *And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.*¹² *And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.*¹³ *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*¹⁴ *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.* Matt 24:4-14 (ESV) Jesus’ final answer is given in Matthew 24, verses 36-39,³⁶ *“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.*³⁷ *For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*³⁸ *For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,*³⁹ *and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.* Matt 24:36-39 (ESV)

If you have not seen the movie *Before the Wrath* you need to. They use the following verse as a stimulating thought to those who visit their website.¹ *Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.*² *For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.* 1 Thess 5:1-2 (ESV) I am including a little more that just the first two verses of this statement from Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.³ *While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*⁴ *But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.*⁵ *For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.*⁶ *So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.*⁷ *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.*⁸ *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*⁹ *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*¹⁰ *who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.*¹¹ *Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.* 1 Thess 5:3-11 (ESV) The following is the written statement pertaining to the movie on the back of the original DVD cover.

Based on true discoveries from the time of Christ.

As scholars debate the timing of the Rapture, most of the world couldn’t care less about the return of the Messiah; unknowing as to why such a mysterious event is prophesied to occur at all. Is there a deeper understanding regarding this fiercely debated topic from those who lived in the first century that was lost over the millennia? New unprecedented findings from the time of Christ now reveal that the approaching Rapture is not only entirely real, but sheds new light on how and why this event must take place. Regardless of your biblical views, “Before the Wrath” will captivate believers and non-believers alike; revealing new depths of understanding regarding what Jesus revealed to the ancient world about the end of days in ways you could never have imagined.

The movie is available for streaming from their website, www.beforethewrath.com or may be ordered in DVD or Blu-Ray format.

Since I am attempting to provide to you a lot of information in a short amount of time I thought the following table showing the contrast between the Old Testament and the New Testament would be helpful.

OLD TESTAMENT

Longing	Job 23:3
Creator	Ge 1:1
Majestic God	Ex 19:18
First Things	Ge 1:1
Spiritual Darkness	Ps 82:5
Satan's Victory	Ge 3:6
Sin's Curse	Ge 3:17-19
Death Reigns	Ge 3:19
Bloody Sacrifices	Ex 12:3-7
Bondage	Prov 5:22
Law	Ex 20:2-27
Types and Shadows	Heb 8:5
Outward Ceremonies	Heb 9:10
Written Code	Ro 7:6
Prophecy	Isa 11:1-2
Expected Messiah	Mal 3:1
Paradise Lost	Ge 3:23

NEW TESTAMENT

Realization	Jn 1:45
Redeemer	Gal 3:13
Our Father	Mt 6:9
Last Things	2 Pe 3:10
Light of the World	Jn 8:12
Satan's Defeat	Rev 20:10
Sin's Remedy	Jn 3:16
Life Eternal	Jn 5:24
Christ, the Lamb	Jn 1:29
Liberty	Ro 8:2
Gospel	Ro 1:16
Substance	Heb 10:34
Inward Experience	Lk 24:32
The Spirit	Gal 5:5
Fulfillment	Ac 3:18-19
Our Savior	Lk 2:11
Paradise Regained	Rev 22:14



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Is My Timepiece Broken?

A good reporter would always check their facts and information to see whether they had included the five basic tenants of reporting. Those facts would be who, what, when, where and how, and sometimes why. This is a difficult task to follow at this moment, simply because I don't know the future and have no means of seeing past the current minute of time. However, within the mysteries of the Bible, there are certain stories, events and facts that are illustrated that might, even in some small way, give mankind an idea of what is to come in the future. One of the hidden mysteries is the idea of time. We, you and I, of today operate on a 24 hour per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year time frame. Most of the Bible is laid out in hours, watches, days, periods, seasons and years. But, the first question would have to be: do these two systems of time coincide? Once again, I would have to admit that I don't know. To some extent there are 12 months in both systems, along with what is called a day. But, even the day is turned upside down between the two. I call the day a period of time that begins at one minute after midnight (12:01am) and goes for 24 hours until the next midnight. On the Biblical side the day starts out with the first watch at approximately 6:00 pm (sunset) in the evening and after the night watches there are the hours of the day period. It seems that God set this system of observing time in the first chapter of Genesis: *And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day* (Gen 1:3). Because we do not use, nor operate, on the Biblical time schedule, I'm showing the Biblical time in the following chart.

EVENING		DAY	
6:00	Sunset beginning of 1st Watch	6:00	Sunrise - End of 4th Watch, 1st Hour
7:00		7:00	1st hour
8:00		8:00	2nd hour
9:00	Beginning of 2nd Watch	9:00	3rd hour
10:00		10:00	4th hour
11:00		11:00	5th hour
12:00	Midnight -Beginning of 3rd Watch	12:00	Noon - 6th hour
1:00		1:00	7th hour
2:00		2:00	8th hour
3:00	Beginning of 4th Watch	3:00	9th hour
4:00		4:00	10th hour
5:00		5:00	11th hour

A Biblical day was from sunset to sunset in 8 equal parts:

First Watch — Sunset to 9 pm

Second Watch — 9 pm to Midnight

Third Watch — Midnight to 3 am

Fourth Watch — 3 am to Sunrise

First Hour — Sunrise to 9 am

Third Hour — 9 am to Noon

Sixth Hour — Noon to 3:00 pm

Ninth Hour — 3 pm to Sunset

That provides for us a view of how God laid out time in the concept of sunset to sunset equals a day. Why would it be necessary to provide this tidbit of knowledge to everyone who finds and begins to read this book? Simple, we have an adversary who influences mankind into believing that man knows better than God, and mankind thinks we should use man's concepts and not God's concepts. Satan truly believes that he can mess things up to the point that by default he wins the throne of God. There is one other aspect of time that we need to review. It appears that Biblical prophecy provides an

idea, or concept, that mankind's reign on the earth shall be 6000 years. This would correlate to the six days of creation, and Peter proclaims that to God a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day. With that concept, mankind could use our current year of 2022 and subtract backward through the BC/AD breakpoint, then go back 4000 additional years. With that said, time should have already run out for the existence of mankind by 22 years. If we adjusted our beginning and used the time factor of 4004 BC, as given in many Biblical reference books, according to Ussher, we could use that as our starting point. Therefore, we would take the 4004 BC point and add 6000 years to that number, and we would have 1996 as the date that mankind reached the 6000 year point. With that we would be 26 years past the extent of mankind's existence. Now, what if we used the Jewish counting of time. Their current year is 5782 and, if that was an accurate count of mankind's existence, man would have another 217 years before reaching the proverbial 6000 years of existence for mankind. Somewhere in all these numbers, there is a number known only by God when mankind will reach the date that God ends the existence as we now know it.

That brings us down to another point that neither I, nor you, know when it will happen and what will be the outcome at that date. If time passes, as I believe it will, the rapture of Bible Believers will have occurred. All the wars of prophecy, except one, will have happened. Jesus, the Son of God, will be sitting on his throne in Jerusalem, as ruler of the earth, and David will be the ruler over Jerusalem. I used some identifiers that are not the norm for today. Why did I say Bible Believers would be those raptured and not Christians? There are several reasons for my choosing to state this in this manner. Christians are supposed to be followers of Christ following the examples of The Way. Satan, long ago, began to influence doctrine, beliefs and the manner of worship within the church. Today, Christianity is more in line with pagan worship, with idols, false gods and false teachings led by ministering angels of darkness under the leadership of Satan, than anything associated with Christ. Christ did not worship God on Sunday, He did not have a party on His birthday and He spoke the truth in all things. Jesus informed all who followed His teachings that the Kingdom of God was here and now; that He must spend three days and three nights in the grave as Jonah spent three days and three nights in the great fish; and that He had a small flock which had found the gate of the narrow way. Furthermore, there are some that will be included in the rapture that are not of the Christian faith. They will be righteous people who believe in the Son of God, but are not worshipping God in this counterfeit religion that is now prevalent over the earth.

For what reason did I use the terminology that all the wars of prophecy would have taken place, except one? I have written, along with the writings of Dr. David Reagan, founder of Lamb & Lion Ministries, that there shall be nine battles that are in prophecy before the end of time as we know it. Eight of these battles will take place prior to the thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth. The final battle will be the second battle of Gog, of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh and the land of Israel. God Himself will end this battle even before it begins with a word, and then God will throw Satan into the lake of fire.

Why do I claim that there would only be a remnant of mankind on the face of the earth? Through the prophecies of the Revelation of Jesus, as given to the Apostle John on the island of Patmos, it appears that there will only be a tithe of mankind remaining on earth at the end of the Great Tribulation. If there are nearly ten billion people residing on the planet, then only one billion will be alive at the beginning of the thousand year reign of Christ. If that number was used for the United States and carried forward, then at the beginning of the reign of Christ, there would only be about thirty and a half million people in the remaining area of the United States. I just read that there are approximately three million children between the ages of six months to 6 years that have not had a shot to protect them from the COVID-19 virus. Maybe, just maybe, it is this group of innocent children who have not had a COVID shot that are untainted by mankind's playing with genetics that God carries forward into the thousand year reign of Christ. Remember, we do not know the exact date that God alone has set as the

date this will occur. Consider the following: The battle in Ukraine suddenly becomes World War III and Russia goes to the limit, in an attempt to win, and sets off a nuclear blast. The retaliation would mean even more nuclear blasts. Every nation on this planet that has nuclear weapons would be firing missiles toward someplace to retaliate. The destruction that we currently see in Ukraine would be around the globe and every country would look like today's Ukraine. The earth would be thrown back into the Stone Age. There would be no large cities, no great wealth of food, no electricity, no means of communications except personal conversations between people face to face. Continuing, there would be no vehicles or airplanes, no trains nor subways. We would either have a horse (beast of burden) or walk.

Why is it that mankind seems to be dead set that this is the path they want to follow? Well, really, mankind, in their thinking, doesn't believe that this would ever happen. Mankind has this false idea that they are better than God and they know best what mankind should follow. Within this false sense of security they see a day when a one world government and a one world religion would meet the needs of every person on earth. They have this crazy idea that their false gods of humanism, health, technology, and science will resolve all the problems of mankind. They believe in themselves and that they have, or can figure out, the best answers to the problems. Their idea is that evolution has been going on for billions of years and that the strongest and brightest will prevail and move humankind forward on the adventure of life. They believe that they will find, through science and health practices, how to overcome all pathogens. They will be able to replicate body parts from 3-D printers and combine human tissue to mechanical inventions. Life will be great in this utopia world of pure human endeavor that they believe is just around the corner.

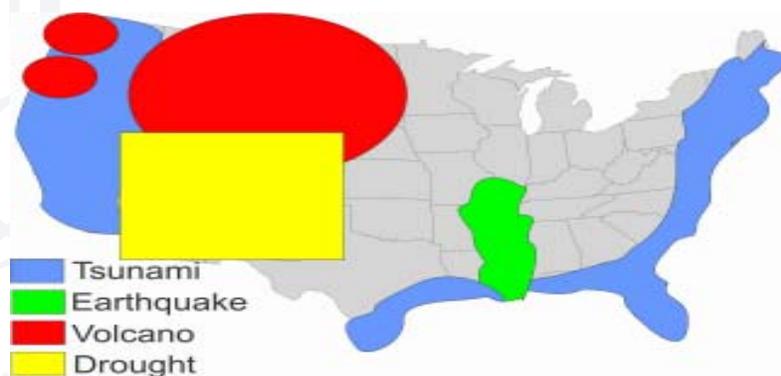
STOP! Enough of this pie-in-the-sky idea that all would be great in this totally humanistic environment. I don't think so! I have not used my normal practice of providing Biblical scripture to support what I write. Why should I? I have over 2000 pages of written material that is freely offered to mankind for knowledge and information. Yes! Those pages give God's perspective and insight for every one to find and they are not sold to further my wellbeing. My God has blessed me with His knowledge and understanding. It has taken the better part of my seventy plus years to come to that point. But, I understand that God created mankind for His pleasure, mankind did not create God for their pleasure. In fact, the reason that we are at the place that we are, as a human species, is because of our rebellion against a Holy, Living God who created all of us in His image. God only asked His creation, mankind, to obey ten rules and seven feast days through the year. These rules and feast were to be perpetual from generation to generation until the return of Christ, as Savior of the world. This will occur when He establishes His throne on the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. Why should I try to give you easy answers that has taken years to find? You do not read the Bible, and you do not believe in God. You practice what it is that you think is best for you in your sexual immorality and abortions and you shun and belittle anyone who even attempts to show you truth. No wonder God is upset and ready to send His Son back to earth to get things straight.

No wonder you can't see the warnings that are happening all around us. There are droughts and flooding, hurricanes and tornadoes, wild fires and snow storms that have increased year by year. **You say it is because of global warming and climate change.** I say it is because God is in charge and is trying to get your attention so you will repent of your sins and change you actions and your mindset. I choose to view these things in a Godly viewpoint. You, on the other hand, want to view these things as something of nature that you can control and you do not see the influence of Satan in your viewpoint. It is as the Bible says: A time will come when society will view things of good as evil and things that are evil as good! **We have reached that point!** You refuse to take the time to review history! These things have happened in the past! God wanted you to learn from the mistakes of others so that you didn't have to go through these things once again. But, that would be an easy answer, to learn from the past. No! You are too good for that simple answer. It must be your way or else!

What will be the remnant of America? That is difficult to say. Jesus told his Apostles that there would be wars and rumor of wars, earthquakes and famines. Nation will rise against nation and there will be great wickedness at the time of the end. It is hinted that mountains will be leveled and volcanoes will erupt in various places. The book of Revelation in the Bible goes even further with the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments. In the opening of the fourth seal, one fourth of the population of the earth is killed. In one of the trumpet judgments, one third of the sea turned to blood and one third of the living creatures in the sea die. With another trumpet, one third of the rivers and streams turned to blood. With another trumpet, one third of the earth was burned up, one third of all trees were burned up and all the grass was burned up. Really! It would seem that many in the western part of the United States would understand that the wild fires over the last five or six years have been a warning and a preview of what will come during the tribulation period. At this point, mankind itself may not be killed off, but the food supply is getting smaller and smaller. At that time most of the fish would be gone, and the cattle would have no grass for food. Many of the trees that have nuts or fruit will have been burned up. At the time of the return of Jesus we end up with about one tenth of the current earth's population, maybe one billion people over the entire earth.

There are many evangelist who teach prophecy and some of these people have had visions of the results that will be in the coming years. There are four main disasters that will happen to the United States. One disaster will be tsunamis on our coast lines with massive waves destroying coastal cities and states. Another disaster will be earthquakes. Still another will be volcanoes and, finally, there will be major droughts in the Midwest croplands. Let's look at some of these more closely. On the west coast, we have major earthquake fault lines along with inactive volcanoes. What would happen if we had both an earthquake and a volcanic eruption to strike the west coast at the same time? What if that was followed up with an enormous tsunami that washed our three western states into the Pacific Ocean?

Our east coast and our southern coast have fault lines also running across that area. We could have both earthquake and tsunami disasters at the same time with the tsunami washing away great cities like New York and Washington, DC. In the Midwest, we have the New Madre fault line along the Mississippi River. It has been said that if a major earthquake happened on this fault line, much of Louisiana and Mississippi would be gone. There would be major impact to the eastern portion of states like Arkansas and Missouri and the western portion of Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois. Finally, between our Midwestern states and our west coast states, we have the remains of a super volcano called Yellowstone. If Yellowstone blew, it could wipe out a two-hundred mile circle with ease. Put all of this together and you might begin to understand the seriousness of the situation. If all of this happened, we would not be the United States, we would just be America, or what would be left of it. Here is a map to give you an idea of what I am attempting to get you to understand.



Only the area in Gray would be left of our once great nation!

Here are my serious questions. How is it that mankind, with all of their humanistic, scientific thinking, is going to stop any one of these disasters? How do you stop an earthquake or a tsunami? Currently, you can't stop a raging forest fire in any quick manner, nor can you stop the lightning bolt from starting such a fire. You can't cause it to rain in our Western states to relieve the drought conditions that now exist. You couldn't stop the two foot deep late May snow storm in Colorado this year. You didn't avoid the baby formula crisis that is now happening, and you are now admitting that it could be another month to six weeks before you even have the thought of resolving that issue. You don't want to admit that there is a God who has control over every one of these issues. The ideas of a one world government is not the answer! A one world religion only wants you to praise and worship an evil overlord! Neither, will resolve any of what I'm trying to get you to understand. There are days, when those on the left tell people such as myself that we are intolerant of people's desires and don't understand true human emotions and needs. Free sex and free drugs, electric cars, more vaccinations, no guns and less police will be the answer to today's problems. Really? You need to pull your head out of your a—, oops, I can't say that, maybe I should say, out of the sand and look around you at what is actually happening and what mankind can, or should be able to control. Global warming, climate control or carbon footprints do not resolve these issues.

God provided the means whereby the earth has gas and oil reserves to last until Jesus returns. Mankind believes that electric cars are part of the answer. Tell me, when are you going to have the rare earth elements to create and furnish the computer parts and material for deep cycle electric batteries? When are you going to have the electric grid system set up to provide electricity for long distant travel? It has been said that the lack of this ability is only a portion of controlling people as a whole. Look at the status on the infant formula situation. God gave women two functioning breast to nurse their child. If mankind would only operate in accordance to God's ways, mankind would not have the problems that we are now facing. You refuse to look at history to see how the problems mankind faced were resolved. You want to destroy statues and documents of history so you can rewrite those things or remove those things that you do not seem to understand, or even want to know about. You go to the extreme and declare that there is racial bias and mistreatment of black Americans because of being Caucasian. Funny, history would have told you that there were many of our forefathers that left Europe because of tyrants who ruled or demanded they only believe in God in one manner only. My forefathers came from England, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, France, Spain, Germany and other countries. On arrival here they intermarried with First Nation peoples, I have the genealogy records that show Pocahontas was one of my 10th great-grandmothers. Other documents will show that some of my ancestors were indentured servants who had an agreement to work for so long in exchange for paid passage to this nation. Black lives do matter, but so do all other lives! Stop and think! **We are all of one blood, one species!** We are the human race! Created in the image of a living, loving God! When mankind puts their trust in this God, and accepts Him as a Father figure who is watching over His children, we receive His blessings and He allows us to prosper. When we rebel against Him, He does what an earthly father would do. He corrects us and provides for us the ways and means to return to a prosperous life. If we continue to rebel, He gives us a spanking, His way. This usually means we will have to go through a period of God's wrath.

At the moment, mankind is in a state of great rebellion against God. If we, the entire human race, would evaluate our lifestyle, and truly repent of our wicked ways God would bless us, each and every one. This situation is a period of warning and we should understand what all this means. Ignore this warning and we can only expect greater corrective action through God's judgments.

At the beginning of this section, of this work, I showed you a chart of how there is a difference between our counting of a day and God's way of counting a day. Let's carry that forward and view some of the Biblical facts pertaining to days, months, seasons and years. When I stop and think about

months and years, I am led to a calendar. But that alone brings up the first question. Which calendar? Should we look at the pagan calendar of the Romans, the Julian, the Gregorian, the lunar calendar of the Moslems, or the lunisolar time reckoning of the Jews? During my time of service in the military, I had to perform maintenance inspections based upon the numbers 7 and 28. There were seven days in a week and 28 days to a month and that made a cycle of 13 months. My understanding is that there are 28 days in a lunar cycle of rotation. If my math is correct 13 times 28 equals 364 days for a year.



What does the Bible say about these things? Look at the statement in Isaiah, ²³ *And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord.* Isaiah 66:23 (NKJV) We should see that this is a future event because of the wording, *it shall come to pass*. We can also see two other time elements. First, there is the New Moon to New Moon time frame that would indicate monthly. The second time element is *from one Sabbath to another*, indicating weekly. But, I must not take this out of context and give you an incorrect viewpoint. This will be a future event and it is stated just prior to verse 23. Here is the precursor verses, ¹⁸ *"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,"* ¹⁹ *and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.* ²⁰ *And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,* says the Lord, *just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.* ²¹ *And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.* ²² *"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.* Isaiah 66:18-22 (ESV) Those left on earth at this time will all be gathered at Jerusalem and the Glory of the Lord will be seen by everyone there. The sign that God will set among them is Jesus, who will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords for one thousand years.

I have to build you another chart to show you another part of this somewhat bazaar timepiece.

Jewish Month	Number of Days
Nisan (April)	30
Iyar (May)	29
Sivan (June)	30
Tammuz (July)	29
Av (August)	30
Elul (September)	29

Tishrei (October)	30
Cheshvan (November)	29 or 30
Kislev (December)	30 or 29
Tevet (January)	29
Shevat (February)	30
Adar (March)	29

If you add the total number of days together to make a year, you will find out that on the Hebrew calendar there can be 353, 354, 355, 384 or 385 days in one year. There are reasons for this difference. Regular, common, years have 12 months with a total of 354 days. Leap years have 13 months and are 384 days long. Months with uneven numbers usually have 30 days and months with even numbers have 29 days. In addition to these regular (kesidrah) year lengths, both common and leap years can be a day shorter (cheserah or deficient year with 353/383 days) or a day longer (shlemah or complete year with 355/385 days). These alterations are designed to prevent Rosh Hashana and other holidays from falling on certain days of the week. In practice, a day is added to the 8th month or subtracted from the 9th month. In civil contexts, a new year on the Jewish calendar begins on Rosh Hashana, the 1st of Tishrei. However, for religious purposes, the year begins on the 1st of Nisan. We can use this information to incorporate Biblical feast days. Exodus 12:1-2 establishes the month when Passover is to be held, look at how the verses reads, ¹ *The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,* ² *“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.* Ex 12:1-2 (ESV)

We are now in the 6th millennium, according to Hebrew time reckoning. The Hebrew year count began in the year 3761 **BCE**, which the 12th-century Jewish philosopher Maimonides established as the Biblical date of creation. Years in the Jewish calendar are designated AM to identify them as part of the *Anno Mundi* epoch, indicating the age of the world according to the Bible. For example, the beginning of the year 2022 in the Gregorian calendar converts to year 5782 AM in the Jewish calendar. Months in the Jewish calendar are based on the phases of the moon, like in the Islamic calendar. Each month begins with the appearance of the crescent moon after the New Moon phase and lasts for a full lunation, a moon cycle encompassing all phases of the moon.

We know from Biblical text that certain seasons correspond to certain feast days. In Leviticus, we find Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits are all celebrated in the first month (Nisan) and that the grain harvest associated with Firstfruits is barley. Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) is celebrated 50 days after Firstfruits and is the season of the wheat harvest. In the fall season, we have the Feast of Tabernacles and this is in relationship to the harvest of oil (olives) and wine (grapes). So there are seasons that are associated with what we call time, or as Solomon would have put it, there is a season for all things. I'd like for you, the reader, to understand two things from the following verses, Leviticus 23:3, ³ *“Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places.* Lev 23:3 (ESV) Leviticus 25 provides to us another important instruction from God according to His time schedule. Read the following, ² *“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to the Lord.”* ³ *Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; ⁴ but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.* ⁵ *What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a year of rest for the land.* ⁶ *And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, ⁷ for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land—all its produce shall be for food.* Lev 25:1-7 (NKJV) This seven year cycle has a name, it is a Shemitah and it is to be holy to the LORD. I am not Jewish and I hope this is right.

There is one more year that we need to know about, that is the year of Jubilee. We find the following also in Leviticus chapter 25,⁸ *"You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years."*⁹ *Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land.*¹⁰ *And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan.*¹¹ *That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines.*¹² *For it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You may eat the produce of the field.* Lev 25:8-12 (ESV) Many will wonder how are you going to live if you give the land a rest on the seventh seven (49th year), and then also give it a rest on the fiftieth year. God gives provision for this and we can read it in Leviticus 25:18-22,¹⁸ *"Therefore you shall do my statutes and keep my rules and perform them, and then you will dwell in the land securely."*¹⁹ *The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and dwell in it securely.*²⁰ *And if you say, 'What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop?'*²¹ *I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years.*²² *When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating some of the old crop; you shall eat the old until the ninth year, when its crop arrives.* Lev 25:18-22 (ESV)

Leviticus chapter 26 gives the Israelites fair warning that if they do not carry out God's commands that He will repay them seven times over for their sins. Read verses 18-19,¹⁸ *And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins,*¹⁹ *and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.* Lev 26:18-19 (ESV) Continue with verse 21,²¹ *"Then if you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins."* Lev 26:21 (ESV) This seven fold payback takes place in the book of Jeremiah. First, look at 25:11-12,¹¹ *And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*¹² *'Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,' says the Lord; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation.* Jer 25:10-12 (NKJV) We also see in Daniel that he understood the exile was to be seventy years. Read the following found in Daniel chapter 9,¹ *In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—*² *in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.* Dan 9:1-2 (ESV) From Daniel's prophecy pertaining to the seventy weeks, we should all know that the last week represents the 7 years of the Tribulation. None of us know the time table that God has established and I have previously shown you the verse stated by Jesus, that not even the Son knows this date, only the Father knows the date this is to occur. With the building of time charts and illustrations of wrath that can, and will, be poured out upon mankind, it seems essential for everyone to understand a little more concerning those last seven years.

Between the prophecy of Daniel in chapter 9, verse 27 and the illustration shown in Jeremiah we should come to an understanding that king Zedekiah broke covenant with God and the punishment was carried out the following year as the king's sons were killed before the king, his eyes were put out and he was taken to Babylon in fetters (leg irons). Here are the verses, first from Daniel,²⁷ *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (this week is the seven year period of the tribulation); But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."* Dan 9:27 (NKJV) Next, from the book of Jeremiah. Here is a portion of the cause for the exile to Babylon. Notice that the wording would indicate that this is a Jubilee year.¹⁴ *"At the end of seven years let every man set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to him; and when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you."* *But your fathers did not obey Me nor incline their ear.*¹⁵ *Then you recently turned and did what*

was right in My sight—every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name. ¹⁶ Then you turned around and profaned My name, and every one of you brought back his male and female slaves, whom he had set at liberty, at their pleasure, and brought them back into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.' Jer 34:14-16 (NKJV) The wording in these verses would indicate that this was a Jubilee year because of the setting the slaves free. Then the king made a covenant with God and finally they broke that covenant by taking back the slaves that had been freed. It is the following year after this that the Jews went into exile in Babylon.

Remember what Solomon said, that there is nothing new under the sun. Thus meaning that history will and does repeat itself. We have gone through history of the Hebrew people and see some of what has occurred by obedience and also disobedience. The result is either God's blessings or God's wrath. We have also seen some of the strangeness of the structure of the Hebrew calendar, but along the way, we should have understood that God's timetable is based upon His Ordained Feast Days. I believe that Jesus was born on the Day of Atonement and died on Passover. I also believe that Jesus spent the full three days and three nights in the tomb as Jonah spent in the great fish. That alone would mean that Jesus was crucified on a Wednesday and arose on a Sabbath (not the first day of the week).

I must now bring to a conclusion what it is that I am trying to get you to understand. Remember, I am not Jewish, so I really do not know if I have all of this correct. I pray that God has lead my mind to understand these things and I said at the beginning of this work that I would give you good reason to read, repent, and be obedient to God's rules. I have one more issue to complete to fulfill that message.

Allow me to try and explain the Shemitah cycle a little more clearly. Because of the differences between the Hebrew and Gregorian calendars any attempt to show them together must mean that two years must be shown on the Gregorian calendar in relationship to the Hebrew calendar. Here are three Shemitah cycles to try to show this:

1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year	6th year	7th year
2015-2016 5776	2016-2017 5777	2017-2018 5778	2018-2019 5779	2019-2020 5780	2020-2021 5781	2021-2022 5782
2022-2023 5783	2023-2024 5784	2024-2025 5785	2025-2026 5786	2026-2027 5787	2027-2028 5788	2028-2029 5789
2029-2030 5790	2030-2031 5791	2031-2032 5792	2032-2033 5793	2033-2034 5794	2034-2035 5795	2035-2036 5796

Now, let me see if I can explain this clearly, I pause and ask the Holy Spirit to lead me in what I am about to type. This is God's rules, please understand and do not complain to me if you do not like this, take it up with God directly, I'm only a messenger. Maybe a bold one, but still a messenger. On September the 7th of 2021 mankind entered the Hebrew year 5782. If you take out your calculator and divide this number by seven you get 826, a round number and the beginning of a Shemitah cycle. To have you to understand that there is a warning here make note that Daniel's seventieth year must start on the first year of a Shemitah cycle. You must also understand that this will be a Jubilee year with the blowing of the shofar on Yon Kippur. Put these two facts together and understand that the beginning of the Tribulation could begin on Rosh Hashanah to bring in the Hebrew year of 5783. Two statements to go: That could mean that the Rapture would have to occur prior to that date. If that does not happen this year, then it will have to begin in 2029, 2036 or 2042, etc. What is the date of Rosh Hashanah for this year? It is September 26th, 2022. That my friends, and dear readers, is why it is so important that you understand the nearness of the close of this age, the rapture of Bible Believers, and the return of Christ!

I have written this final statement in all of the last little booklets I've penned:

It is your choice and totally up to you on where your soul will spend eternity. Do you follow Jesus or do you follow Satan? You cannot follow two masters!

Choose Wisely!

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