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What's in a Name?

What importance is there in a name? ? To tell you the truth, I must challenge your thoughts on this subject. You claim to be a follower of Christ: a New Testament Christian, so why is it you don't use the proper name for your leader and Savior? Oh, yes you do! Consider these questions first: What name do you call Christ, the Messiah, Lord or Savior? Where, in what country, was your Savior born? What race of people is your Savior? Now, let's answer these questions. Most Christians would answer that the name of their Savior is Jesus. The country He was born in was Israel. Finally, Christ would be considered to be a Jew. So, why do you call your Messiah by a Greek name instead of by a Hebrew name? The true name for Christ is **Yeshua**.

I have many translations of the Bible that I use to provide me with information concerning God's Commandments, the history of the Hebrew people, the birth of the Christ child, to the teachings from the New Testament Apostles for Messianic believers. I could provide Preface after Preface from the KJV, NKJV, RAS, NIV, NLT, NET, ESV and several versions of study Bibles with each explaining how they created their translation of God's Holy Word. Each would explain the method a group of scholars used to translate the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek portions of the various Bibles. The sad part of all this is that every one of these translations uses the Greek equivalent meaning of Yeshua and call God's Son Jesus.

I finally went to the Complete Jewish Bible and looked at the entry in Matthew 1:16-25, ¹⁶ *Ya'akov was the father of Yosef the husband of Miryam, from whom was born **Yeshua** who was called the Messiah.* ¹⁷ *Thus there were fourteen generations from Avraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the Babylonian Exile, and fourteen generations from the Babylonian Exile to the Messiah.* ¹⁸ *Here is how the birth of **Yeshua** the Messiah took place. When his mother Miryam was engaged to Yosef, before they were married, she was found to be pregnant from the Ruach HaKodesh.* ¹⁹ *Her husband-to-be, Yosef, was a man who did what was right; so he made plans to break the engagement quietly, rather than put her to public shame.* ²⁰ *But while he was thinking about this, an angel of ADONAI appeared to him in a dream and said, "Yosef, son of David, do not be afraid to take Miryam home with you as your wife; for what has been conceived in her is from the Ruach HaKodesh.* ²¹ *She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him **Yeshua**, [which means 'ADONAI saves,'] because he will save his people from their sins."* ²² *All this happened in order to fulfill what ADONAI had said through the prophet,* ²³ *"The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him 'Immanu El.' (The name means, "God is with us.")* ²⁴ *When Yosef awoke he did what the angel of ADONAI had told him to do — he took Miryam home to be his wife,* ²⁵ *but he did not have sexual relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him **Yeshua**.* (CJB)

In these ten verses, we have the true name of Christ given four times. The Messiah was to be named Yeshua by God, this was done through the two angels who instructed both Mary and Joseph to name the Christ child Yeshua. The reason why you get angry when people expose the truth about Christ and the Scriptures, which is in direct contradiction to what you have been indoctrinated to believe by organized religion, is not because people like me are lying. It is because we are challenging your belief system, and you are so comfortable with your belief system. That system has supported you throughout your life. It has supported your parents and their parents and their own parents. Familiarity breeds satisfaction. Guess what? That is a clinical psychological response to deprogramming. Organized religion from Europe programmed most Christians, and it has led to this Stockholm Syndrome whereby the converted are more fanatical than the converters. This is the reason why, for example, The Church of

Nigeria (Anglican Communion) is more fanatically Anglican, and has threatened the Church of England with breaking away, if they (The Church of England) change their doctrine.

Dogma, the religious teachings of a denomination, is not Scripture. Defend Scripture, not dogma! The truth is that dogma is such a terrible thing. It is dogma that makes people argue and say that there is nothing wrong if you change the name of our Lord and Savior from Yeshua to Jesus. People will give you all kinds of sophisticated arguments, none of which draws from Scripture, therefore, why it is okay to use Jesus, a manufactured name, instead of the real Name, Yeshua.

They will ask, “How come, when I pray in the name of Jesus, I get answers?” There are people that pray in the name of Ifa and Ogun (these two are dieties of the Yoruba religion), Buddha, Krishna, Confucius, and even the Dalai Lama, a living human being, and they get results. Remember that Jannes and Jambres replicated the miracles performed by Moses (Exodus 7) in Pharaoh’s palace. Even Christ Himself said the following in Matthew 7:21-29, ²¹ *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’*

²⁴ *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” ²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (NKJV)*

Notice that “in your name” is used three times in the above verses. That goes to show you how important it is to Christ that we use His actual Name, which He never hid from us, rather than a man-made name, that some people equated as an equal meaning and gave Him. If anybody should name anybody, it should be The Messiah that should name us, rather than us Naming Him. Can you imagine Muslims tolerating anybody, anywhere, changing the name of Prophet Muhammad to another name? By the time they finish dealing with you, you will know what it means for a name to be perceived as holy. I do not know who Jesus is! But one thing I know is that he is not the Son of God written about in Scripture. The Name of God’s Son is, was, and will continue to be Yeshua. It is a holy Name. It was a Name given to Him by God Himself, via Angel Gabriel. How dare any man change it?

What is hard in pronouncing Yeshua? If it is not hard to pronounce, then why was it changed to Jesus? What is the agenda of those who changed it? What does Scripture say? Turn with me to 2 Corinthians 11:14 and read what Paul wrote, ¹⁴ *And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. (NKJV)* If you had told Mary, Christ’s Mother, that you were looking for Jesus, she would have said, “Who?” If you had told His disciples to say amen to a prayer in Jesus’ Name, they would have refused. Why? Because the Name Yeshua is a Holy Name, and Jesus is not.

Christ does not change! His name does not change! He is the same today! He is the same tomorrow! He is the same forever! We do not follow a changing Messiah. **We follow a Messiah who changed us**, but is Himself unchangeable. Those that changed His Name had an agenda. I do not want to go into that agenda here, because I do not want to overload this work. But I urge my readers to consider the words of Yeshua in Matthew 7:13-15, ¹³ *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

¹⁵ *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. (NKJV)* Oh, there is so much, so very much that is recorded in these three little verses. Notice

these things recorded here: The passage way to life is through a narrow gate and the way is difficult. There are few who will find the narrow gate! So many people have been blinded by false teachers and ministers of deceit who mislead many to the broad way that leads to destruction. Many a pagan person has been mislead by demonic influence into accepting that the broad way will lead to life. Not so, according to the Word of God and the teachings of Yeshua. Which path are you on? Do you even know the path you are on? Is it the way of the pagan majority, the broad way or through the narrow gate to the pathway of life? Many a person sitting in a pew of our great and grand churches around the world have no idea what path they are on for the simple reason that they refuse to follow the basic tenets of what Christ taught.

First, recall what Yeshua told the rich young man in Matthew 19:16-30, ¹⁶ *Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"* ¹⁷ *So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.**"* 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,'* ¹⁹ *'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* ²⁰ *The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"* ²¹ *Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."* ²² *But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

²³ *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."* ²⁴ *And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."* ²⁵ *When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"* ²⁶ *But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* ²⁷ *Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"* ²⁸ *So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."* ²⁹ *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."* ³⁰ *But many who are first will be last, and the last first.* (NKJV) Secondly, recall what Paul taught in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22. ¹⁶ *Rejoice evermore.* ¹⁷ *Pray without ceasing.* ¹⁸ *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus (Yeshua) concerning you.* ¹⁹ *Quench not the Spirit.* ²⁰ *Despise not prophesyings.* ²¹ ***Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*** ²² *Abstain from all appearance of evil.* (KJV)

Do you truthfully understand the condition of the earth at this time? Mankind is so far away from the true meaning of salvation. It is pitiful how hard the human heart has become toward God's ordained Commandments. Ten simple rules to follow to allow us to have eternal life. Yet, mankind has done just about everything they can to destroy those rules and to not even be able to publicly display those rules. Consider what they say and what mankind is doing to overlook and change those rules. These rules are recorded in Exodus 20.

Rule number one, verse 3: ***You shall have no other gods before Me.*** (NKJV) If a person would look around in today's world a person might find the new gods of AI, medicine, science and environment as the new gods on the block. Of course the main new god of the earth is Satan. Since being thrown out of heaven, Satan knows his time is short and he is doing everything he can to deceive the population of earth to make up his kingdom of hell, whom he will rule over.

Rule number two, verses 4-6: 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;*** ⁵ ***you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,***

visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. (NKJV) Mankind seems to be able to create an idol that is to be worshiped out of anything. It can be a physical item such as your car. or a intangible item such as a sports team. It could also be anything created with the involvement of the three new gods listed in rule one. Remember what the Bible records in Revelation 13:14-15, ¹⁴ *And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. (NKJV)*

Rule number 3, verse 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. (NKJV)* How many times per day, by how many people, is this one rule violated?

Rule number 4, verse 8, *“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (NKJV)* Let’s be honest about this. The Catholic church, pushing Emperor Constantine, changed God’s Sabbath to the first day of the week at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. There is no place in the entire Bible that God changed His Sabbath day. I know, there will be many who will argue this for days on end that it was changed under the New Testament. Really? Who changed it? It was not God who changed it! It was not Yeshua that changed it! It was not Paul who changed it, as some believe! So, who changed it?

Rule number 5, verse 12, *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (NKJV)* This is the only Commandment that contains a promise through its obedience. The question should be: How many people, especially the younger generation, follow this simple rule?

Rule number 6, verse 13, *“You shall not murder. (NKJV)* On this rule alone, this nation should be completely ashamed. Look at what is going on today in this land. The women are screaming for abortion rights! Stating that an abortion is a health issue. I hate to tell them differently but it is murder of an unborn child, which God hates. Then we have the depressed and anxious who go and buy an AR15 style rifle and kill people just because they are mad about something. Remember, it is not the gun that kills people, it is people who pull the trigger on the gun that kills people. Another thing, it is not mental issues that cause these people to act out in the manner they choose. It is a spiritual issue. If these people knew Yeshua and followed His teachings, Satan would not have the influence over these people to do these things.

Rule number 7, verse 14, *“You shall not commit adultery. (NKJV)* Most probably here lies the one Commandment that is violated and abused the most. Consider the instructions that God gave to mankind in several different places in the Bible. First, in the Book of Genesis, God only created two genders, MALE and FEMALE. God did not create any other gender, and to say so or to imply that God made a mistake, is the same as committing adultery because you are violating God’s created genders. Then we have the issue of marriage. Again, in the book of Genesis, God created the union of one man and one woman for the purpose of populating the earth. God did not in any way, form or means create a union between two men or two women. The fact is that under God’s instructions in Leviticus chapter 18, there is an entire chapter pertaining to unlawful sexual relations. The LBGTQ community has even gone so far as to take God’s symbol, the rainbow, of His promise to never again destroy the earth by water as He did at the time of Noah and the great flood and use it for their PRIDE symbol. Read the following from Proverbs 11:17-19, ¹⁷ *The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul. 18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud. (NKJV)* The lesbian portion of this group have claimed that while the homosexual act between two men is labeled

an abomination by God, that those words are not mentioned in the Bible concerning two women. You must have missed reading Romans chapter 1 where this practice is spoken of.

Rule number 8, verse 15, *"You shall not steal.* (NKJV) Ever since the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have seen one organized theft after another. We have seen the smash and grab gangs robbing jewelry stores, we have seen the gangs breaking windows on storefronts and stealing anything and everything these gangs can get their hands on. The news media have reported that there is a special unit of the California Highway Patrol who have tracked down a gang stealing high price tools from Home Depot stores, and reported that this gang had a warehouse with about 120,000 dollars worth of tools. Then we've seen teenage gangs stake out a neighborhood and vandalize every vehicle in a neighborhood and steal any valuables in the cars.

Rule number 9, verse 16, *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.* (NKJV) There was a time when used car dealers had a reputation that they were a bunch of liars. Now days, I think everyone from the President on down has the capability to lie about something. We see lying in the media broadcast they call the evening news every night.

Rule number 10, verse 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."* (NKJV) Look at the southern border of this nation and watch the 200,000 plus immigrants come across the border illegally every month. What is it they are after? A free job, free medical insurance, free housing, and free food. While we are at it, on giving them everything for free let's give them a free car so they can travel to that free job or to go and get that free food. When we get back to applying the laws of the land and having them enter this country in a proper manner and they are paying their portion of Social Security and all proper Federal and State taxes then they have a reason for being here. Between Satan, politicians influenced by Satan and corrupt officials at every level of government we can see the results of covertness all around us. We are no longer a Christian nation following a Constitution created by our forefathers that had God's laws and statutes as the basis for our Constitution.

Let me ask you this question. What is the meaning of the name Jesus? Some of you will say, "The Lord Saves." No! That is the meaning of Yeshua, not Jesus. Now, again, I ask you, what is the meaning of Jesus? It is shrouded in mystery! It is unclear! It is suspicious! Some people think it is Zeus, the Greek God. I do not know if this is true. But what I do know is that Satan likes to play games with names, such as Santa (Father Christmas). If you rearrange Santa, you get Satan. Coincidence? What about Claus? Rearrange it and you get Lucas. For those who do not know, Lucas comes from the Latin word Lucere, and means light or to shine. Lucere is the first part of the name Lucifer. Lucifer simply means Light bearer or Light Ferrier in Latin. Another coincidence? You be the judge.

Those who purport to follow Christ must really put in commitment. Hebrews 11:5-6 says, *⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.* (NKJV) God can do more with one man who is committed to Him than with one billion men who are interested in Him. Now, how can we use a name whose meaning we do not know, when there is a Name given by God whose meaning we do know?

You might say, "Oh it does not matter, God sees our heart." Really? In Deuteronomy 10:8, *⁸ At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day.* (NKJV) In 2 Samuel 6:6-7, *⁶ And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. ⁷ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.* (NKJV) God saw Uzzah's heart. God knew he

was a good man. Scripture describes him as a God-fearing man. But because he was not a Levite, God killed Him. Christ is the Lamb of God. He is the Ark of the Covenant of God's grace. And we are changing His Name, not because God told us to, but because some men somewhere sat and changed it? It is really a pity that God has stopped effecting instant judgment. It is as Ecclesiastes 8:11-13 says, ¹¹ *Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.* ¹² *Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.* ¹³ *But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.* (NKJV)

When the Angel gave the Name Yeshua to Joseph, He did not say, "you may call Him Yeshua." No! He said, ²¹ *She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua, [which means 'ADONAI saves,'] because he will save his people from their sins.* Matthew 1:21 (CJB) Notice how Joseph is addressed by the angel: you are to name him Yeshua. This was a command and not a casual statement. This clause denotes strict, uncompromising obedience, It does not allow for any alteration in the command. There is no leeway, or room for interpretation. Since this was a command directly through God's messenger, it was effectively direct from God, the Father. Then why have we allowed men to change Yeshua to Jesus?

Ignorance is a terrible thing. The King James Version of the Bible is not holy scripture! It is a translation, from another translation (the Latin Vulgate). Believe it or not, Scripture was not written in English or Greek. Jesus, which is the name used by most English-speaking people today, is an English transliteration of a Germanic adaptation, of a Latin transliteration, of a Greek transliteration of an originally Hebrew name, that is simply Yeshua! Look at how many iterations the name has gone through in order to strip it of the power that God Himself put in the Name Yeshua. Sadly, when you teach people this truth, their belief system, their life-long religious indoctrination is so shocked, that they have a knee-jerk reaction and start to justify the name Jesus by saying they pray in it and get answers, as if Ifa people do not pray in the name of their demon and get answers! Go to India and there are gurus who walk on fire and levitate. They accurately read people's palms, tell you your telephone numbers and date of birth, all in the name of their gods. The thing is that Jesus is not even a translation of the Name Yeshua. If you want to translate the name Yeshua from Aramaic to English, it would be Joshua. The name Joshua and Yeshua mean the same thing. So, where did this Jesus come from?

You say it does not matter! If names do not matter, then why did God change Abram's name to Abraham? (Genesis 17:5) Why did God also change Sarai to Sarah? (Genesis 17:15. Why did God change Jacob's name to Israel? (Genesis 32:28) Names matter! Both to God and to — Satan! Say after me—"At The Name of Yeshua, every knee shall bow, which is in Heaven and in The Earth and which is under The Earth." (Philippians 2:10 Aramaic Version)

There is authority in the Holy Name of Yeshua. Look at the record in the Gospel of John: John 14:12-18, ¹² *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.* ¹³ *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* ¹⁴ *If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

¹⁵ *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.* ¹⁶ *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—* ¹⁷ *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.* ¹⁸ *I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.* (NKJV) View John 15:16 also, ¹⁶ *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you.* (ESV)

A Message About the Messenger

Your eternity depends on your willingness to understand and believe the true Gospel! Yet, the Apostle Paul warned the Christians of his day in 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, ³ *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.* ⁴ *For if he who comes preaches another Yeshua whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!* (NKJV) **Please note the following:** Throughout this work I will intentionally change the name Jesus to the true name of God's Son and use the Holy Name Yeshua in each instance of Scripture being used. I will retain the annotation specifying which translation the verse reference comes from. You may ask, and you have a right to do such, "Why are you just now changing your writing style to reflect this new method of using Yeshua instead of Jesus in your writings?" Here is the simple, truthful answer. God just brought me to this point. I have over 2,300 letter size pages that I have written over the past 30 years. My God has always led me on a journey through these pages. As I learned one item or lesson, God would introduce me to another, and the process started over with a new task to master. Yes! It sounds like work—God's Holy work and my journey of learning the facts and important lessons of God. I've always said that, when I was typing on God's work for me to write, an Angel would sit on my shoulder and speak into my right ear the words or message that I was suppose to type. This has been the means for me to learn God's truths over those last 30 years. Allow me to give you an example: Daniel, during the exile period in Babylon, interpreted the king's dreams. There were many things he didn't understand and he asked the Angel who brought him the interpretation what they meant. He was told to put up the book and leave it alone, it was meant for a later date. In many ways I could say my date for interpreting has arrived and it is my turn to write more understanding of God's Word. Now it is time for you to take this journey with me and we will work together to discover the truth that God and Yeshua desire for us to learn and know. There is a reason that this is stated in this manner. We have all listened to the older generation as they taught us God's truths. But, if that older generation was deceived and passed on to us those deceptions that Satan had brought to the church, we must study seriously to discover the truth. We must "prove all things" as Yeshua instructed us to do!

Frankly, millions of sincere men and women have put up with a false gospel. They have been deceived—far too easily deceived. Why? Because too many of these deceived people have failed to obey God's command to "Test all things" as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22, ²¹ *Test all things; hold fast what is good.* ²² *Abstain from every form of evil.* (NKJV) Yeshua, the Christ, said the following in Mark 1:14-15, ¹⁴ *Now after John was put in prison, Yeshua came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,* ¹⁵ *and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."* (NKJV) Have you believed the same Gospel Yeshua preached? You need to be sure! There are many, many "gospels" being preached in the world today! Yeshua Himself warned His disciples of the following in Matthew 24: 4-14, ⁴ *And Yeshua answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.* ⁵ *For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.* ⁶ *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.* ⁷ *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.* ⁸ *All these are the beginning of sorrows.* ⁹ *Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.* ¹⁰ *And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.* ¹¹ *Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.* ¹² *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.* ¹³ *But he who endures to the end shall be saved.* ¹⁴ *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.* (NKJV)

To provide an example of false teaching, I present the following. Does it sound like something that you might have heard previously?

Just give your heart to the Lord. Jesus was born in the manger as the Christ, the Son of God, to save as many souls in this age as would accept Him into their hearts. When He grew up, He went around performing miracles and forgiving people. He kept God's harsh law for all of us before finally being nailed to the cross along with that old law. He rose from heart—just as you are—if you'll only accept Him. Jesus saves! Just believe on Him, and you'll be saved—born again. And, when you die, you'll go to be with Him in heaven—forever!

But, is that really the Gospel Yeshua taught? If you have accepted, without question, the almost unanimous voice of mainstream Christianity in this regard, you probably think that it is. Yet, consider something Mark Twain once wrote:

In religion and politics people's beliefs and convictions are, in almost every case, gotten at second-hand, and without examination, from authorities who have not themselves examined the questions at issue

but have taken them at second-hand from other non-examiners, whose opinions about them were not worth a brass farthing (Autobiography of Mark Twain).

Do you really know what constitutes the genuine Gospel that Yeshua and His Apostles preached? Have you made a careless assumption, following the crowd as Mark Twain noted, taking your beliefs from second-hand suppositions? Probably you were taught the mainstream

understanding of "the Gospel" while growing up. Maybe you learned it from the barrage of religious publications and broadcasts that exist in our modern world. In any case, you have, more than likely, not seen any need to question your beliefs. After all, most professing Christian authorities are in agreement here. Surely, they must be right. Or are they?

In His famous Olivet Prophecy, Yeshua warned His Apostles in Matthew 24:4-5, *⁴ And Yeshua answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.* (NKJV) Many assume that Christ was talking about individuals who would claim to actually be Christ themselves. However, there have not been "many" such people over the centuries who have been taken seriously, much less who have deceived the "many." Another interpretation some have offered to answer this is that Yeshua was referring to false "Savior" figures like Hitler and Mussolini. But this is really taking liberties with the text. Remember, Christ said that "many shall come in My name." Here is a clearer rendering of what Yeshua meant: "Take care that no one leads you astray. Indeed, many will appear, making use of My name, saying that I am Christ, yet deceiving many."

What an astounding warning! Christ was foretelling that many false preachers would talk about Him and that they would proclaim that He is the Christ, the expected Messiah. Yet even after acknowledging Yeshua's Messiahship, the deceivers are prophesied to seduce the unwary from a correct understanding of Yeshua's genuine Gospel! How about you? Might they have deceived you, too? Do not make careless assumptions! Find out—prove—what is true. Then you will really know and nobody will be able to fool you! Yeshua said this about certain false religious teachers of His day in Matthew 15:7-9, *⁷ Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.* " (NKJV) Yeshua is plainly saying that one can worship Him to no purpose, uselessly—if the doctrines on which that worship is based have their source in men's erroneous ideas about how to interpret Scripture, rather than on the plain, intended teaching of the Word of God!

What, then, is the actual Gospel that Yeshua preached? Did He simply tell people to believe in Him—or was it far more than that? This is a vital question, for if you believe a lie rather than the truth, you will eventually find yourself holding a bag of false hopes and unfulfilled expectations! Does it really make a difference to God whether or not we adhere strictly to the exact same Gospel that Christ and His Apostles preached? **On the authority of Yeshua, the Christ, I say it makes a great deal of difference!** Consider the following: After Yeshua's crucifixion and resurrection, He appeared to His Apostles and commissioned them to follow His instructions in Mark 16:14-18, ¹⁴ *Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.* ¹⁵ *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.* ¹⁶ *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.* ¹⁷ *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;* ¹⁸ *they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* (NKJV)

Yeshua later inspired the Apostle Paul to pronounce a double curse on anyone who would dare preach a different Gospel, Galatians 1:6-24, ⁶ *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,* ⁷ *which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.* ⁸ *But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.* ⁹ *As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.* ¹⁰ *For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.*

¹¹ *But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.* ¹² *For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Yeshua, the Christ.* ¹³ *For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.* ¹⁴ *And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.* ¹⁵ *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,* ¹⁶ *to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,* ¹⁷ *nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.*

¹⁸ *Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.* ¹⁹ *But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.* ²⁰ *(Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)* ²¹ *Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.* ²² *And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ.* ²³ *But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy."* ²⁴ *And they glorified God in me.* (NKJV)

The Apostle Paul took great pains to warn the Corinthian Christians about false ministers who would come preaching "another Yeshua" and proclaiming a "different Gospel." It is very difficult to even attempt to straighten out what centuries of false teachings have done to the true Word of God and the truth pertaining to His Son, Yeshua. When I run into such verses as this one in 2 Corinthians 11, I must listen to the Angel on my shoulder explain to me what I should write. There is no such personage as another Yeshua, simply because there is **only one Son of God.** However, when Satan influences men to change the name of God's Son to Jesus, there are many who claim to be Jesus who bring a different gospel to the forefront. It is this fact that Yeshua gives as truth to the Apostles who are to go forth into the world to proclaim the true Gospel of Yeshua. But, after hearing the truth, it was up to the church to continue telling that truth to others. This is why I take the stand I have in this work to bring you, the reader, truth as stated in Scripture. Recall the

two things Yeshua said His followers must do: **Be obedient to God's Commandments** and to **"Prove all things."**

It can easily be shown from the Bible that the Gospel does not revolve solely around the personality of Yeshua, the Son of God. Yes! Of Course, Yeshua is our Messiah who shed His blood so that our sins might be forgiven. We need to deeply appreciate and proclaim this truth, but, that in itself, does not constitute the complete Gospel. Certainly, we need to fully understand Christ's sacrifice for all of mankind. The Bible says in Acts 4:1-22, ¹ *Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Yeshua the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

⁵ *And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Yeshua of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹² **Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**"*

¹³ *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Yeshua. ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name." ¹⁸ And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Yeshua. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ **For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**" ²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. ²² For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed. (NKJV)* Consequently, the name of Yeshua is absolutely vital to the salvation of mankind. Yet it is absolutely false to say of Yeshua, as many now do, "He is the Gospel. He is the Kingdom of God." There is much more to the true Gospel message preached by Yeshua.

At the end of the Old Testament, God inspired the following prophecy in Malachi 3, ¹ *"Behold, I send My messenger; And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts. ² "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver; That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness. ⁴ "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the Lord, As in the days of old, As in former years. ⁵ And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien—Because they do not fear Me," Says the Lord of hosts. ⁶ "For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. ⁷ Yet from the days of your*

fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the Lord of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'"⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings."⁹ You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation."¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it."¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts;¹² "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts."¹³ "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the Lord, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?'"¹⁴ You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the Lord of hosts?'¹⁵ So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.'"¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name."¹⁷ "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him."¹⁸ Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him. (NKJV)

According to Mark 1:2-3, the first messenger here refers to John the Baptist, who prepared the way before Christ's first coming. Yeshua is referred to next as ***the Lord***, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, ***Even the Messenger of the covenant***, In whom you delight. Here is the conformation verses from Mark 1:1-3, ¹ The beginning of the gospel of Yeshua, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You."³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" (NKJV) Yeshua was sent as a messenger. A messenger bears a message from someone else—and so Yeshua did, as He made plain by stating the following in John 14:23-31, ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and **the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.**

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will ***send in My name***, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father;' for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ **But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.** Arise, let us go from here. (NKJV)

God the Father sent Yeshua to announce a message from Him. What kind of message was it? The word "gospel" originates from the Old English word "godspell," meaning "good news" or "announcement of glad tidings." Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have come to be known as "the four gospels" because they relate four separate accounts of Yeshua delivering His announcement of Good News. What was this Good News all about? Let Scripture answer that question! Open your Bible and turn to Mark 1:14-15. Read what God inspired Mark to write: ¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel." (NKJV) Here is God's simple message, given to mankind from God's Son, Yeshua. In true simplicity this is the Gospel! There is only one—and it is about the Kingdom of God!

We have learned that the true name of our LORD is Yeshua! We have also learned of the authority that rests within that Holy name. We went further and learned that Yeshua was sent as God's messenger to mankind to bring us God's Good News. We learned that the Good News was the Kingdom of God. But, do we really understand what the Kingdom of God is? Let's go to the next chapter and learn what the Kingdom of God actually is!

The Kingdom of God

To understand the Kingdom of God, we should begin by asking what constitutes a kingdom? A kingdom is primarily defined as a “community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen” (Merriam-Webster.com)

This is also the Biblical definition of a kingdom. Four things are necessary to constitute a real kingdom: 1) a king or ruling agent; 2) land or territory; 3) subjects or citizens within that territorial jurisdiction; and finally, 4) laws and a form of government. If we leave any of these elements out, we do not have a real kingdom. And if we believe in some ethereal sort of “kingdom,” we do not believe in the true Gospel!

The truth on the subject of the Kingdom is revealed in God’s Word. What men think may be interesting and appealing to the intellect, but the truth is in the Holy Scripture. Recorded in John 17:6-19 we find, ⁶ *“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.”* ⁷ *Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.* ⁸ *For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.* ⁹ *I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.* ¹⁰ *And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.* ¹¹ *Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.* ¹² *While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.* ¹³ *But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.* ¹⁴ *I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.* ¹⁵ *I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.* ¹⁶ *They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.* ¹⁷ *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.* ¹⁸ *As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.* ¹⁹ *And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.* (NKJV) Look at these words and read them very carefully. These words represent **the true Lord’s Prayer**. Yeshua is asking God, the Father to watch over His Apostles and to keep them from Satan and out of harm’s way. Let’s take this section of Scripture and go one step further. Read what Yeshua asked the Father for you and I next in verses 20-26, ²⁰ *“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;”* ²¹ *that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.* ²² *And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:* ²³ *I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.* ²⁴ *Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.* ²⁵ *O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.* ²⁶ *And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”* (NKJV) The model prayer, that most men call the Lord’s Prayer, should be called the “people’s prayer.” It was given to mankind as an example of how we should pray, however, it is not the Lord’s Prayer.

The Bible reveals that Yeshua’s message concerned government and governance. He was born to be humanity’s King! The prophet Isaiah revealed the following in Isaiah 9:6-7, ⁶ *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* ⁷ *Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.* (NKJV)

Shortly before Yeshua's human conception, the Angel Gabriel told Mary, who would be His earthly mother, the following as recorded in Luke 1:28-35, ²⁸ *And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"* ²⁹ *But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.* ³⁰ *Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.* ³¹ *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Yeshua.* ³² *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.* ³³ *And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."* ³⁴ *Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"* ³⁵ *And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. (NKJV)*

During Yeshua's trial, Pontius Pilate asked Him if He was a king. John 18:33-37 provides us with this discussion, ³³ *Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Yeshua, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"* ³⁴ *Yeshua answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"* ³⁵ *Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"* ³⁶ *Yeshua answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."* ³⁷ *Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"* *Yeshua answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (NKJV)*

What is the nature of the government that is to rest on Yeshua's shoulders? God's message and plan for mankind is consistent. The prophet Daniel was inspired nearly 600 years before Yeshua's birth to write about the coming Kingdom of God. But, even more amazing to me is the statement that the prophet Isaiah penned about 150 years prior to Daniel's words of prophecy. Read the 46th chapter of Isaiah: ¹ *Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; Their idols were on the beasts and on the cattle. Your carriages were heavily loaded, A burden to the weary beast.* ² *They stoop, they bow down together; They could not deliver the burden, But have themselves gone into captivity.* ³ *"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, Who have been upheld by Me from birth, Who have been carried from the womb:* ⁴ *Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.* ⁵ *"To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal And compare Me, that we should be alike?* ⁶ *They lavish gold out of the bag, And weigh silver on the scales; They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it a god; They prostrate themselves, yes, they worship.* ⁷ *They bear it on the shoulder, they carry it And set it in its place, and it stands; From its place it shall not move. Though one cries out to it, yet it cannot answer Nor save him out of his trouble.* ⁸ *"Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors.* ⁹ *Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,* ¹⁰ *Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'* ¹¹ *Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.* ¹² *"Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who are far from righteousness:* ¹³ *I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory. (NKJV)* Notice several things recorded in this passage of Scripture. In verse 3, God states that this pertains to both the House of Judah and the House of Israel. In verses 3b and 4, God tells us that he carries (cares for) us from birth to death. God declares Himself from the beginning to the end; the beginning is the former things of old. God is God and there is no other! There is no other entity known to mankind that is like God! God is consistent, He was in times past, today and in the future and declares the end from the beginning. God has that unique capability to formulate the future from the beginning and to bring things to pass in their proper time. But, look at the last statement: *And I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory.* Isn't that the foretelling of the Kingdom of God?

During the Jews captivity in ancient Babylon, Daniel served his masters in the palace of king Nebuchadnezzar. This world ruler had a vivid dream which so troubled him that he was losing sleep over it (Daniel 2:1). He just had to know its meaning! So, Nebuchadnezzar ordered his court magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers to reveal to him the dream's meaning. But this shrewd despot would not even tell his "trusted" advisors what he had dreamt! They were first required to tell him his dream so that he could know their interpretations were trustworthy (vv. 2-9). They, of course, were unable to do so (vv. 10-11).

God, however, had given Daniel "understanding in all visions and dreams" (Daniel 1:17). When Daniel was brought before the king (2:25) he explained, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king, but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to the king what will be in the latter days" (vv.27-28).

So God's purpose here was to reveal to this pagan ruler that there is a real God who rules the vast universe, as well as to reveal what would happen "in the latter days." The dream was revealed to the king in Daniel 2:31-36, ³¹ *"You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. ³² This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

³⁶ *"This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. (NKJV)*

Did this dream mean something? Yes, of course it did! It was inspired from God to be revealed at that time to this pagan king, but with its dual purpose it was also to reveal future events in the "latter days." God's Word tells us that, "all Scripture . . . is profitable" (2 Timothy 3:16) and Revelation 19:10 teaches us that "the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy." The Apostle Peter wrote that "we have the prophetic word confirmed . . . knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:19-21). We must never try to interpret the Bible by reading our ideas into it! And we must not believe the personal interpretation of other human beings. We must deeply study the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture. We must let the Bible interpret itself.

Daniel gave God's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream as it is recorded in Daniel 2:37-45, ³⁷ *You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸ and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold. ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another; just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure." (NKJV)* God did a marvelous thing by showing this dream to king Nebuchadnezzar. God showed the king the future and revealed through the interpretation of the dream by

Daniel that there would be five kingdoms upon the earth. The first kingdom was that of Babylon, the second would be the Medo-Persian empire, the third would be the empire of Alexander the Great, the fourth would be the Roman empire and the final kingdom would be the Kingdom of God.

Let's look more closely to verses 44 and 45. The meaning of the stone "cut out of the mountain without hands" that smashes the image representing the succession of human world-ruling empires and then grows to fill the whole earth. This is the revelation we have been seeking! Here, in the plain words of God Almighty, is the explanation of what the Kingdom of God really is: ⁴⁴ *And in the days of these kings (the last revival of the Roman Empire) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.* (NKJV) Revelation 11:15 affirms Daniel's prophecy. At the time of Yeshua's second coming, loud voices in heaven will proclaim: ¹⁵ *Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"* (NKJV) Daniel's prophecy, when studied with the book of Revelation, should make it abundantly clear that the future Kingdom of God will be a literal government, just as were the previously mentioned world-ruling empires. As Daniel concluded, in verse 45, ⁴⁵ *Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.*" (NKJV) This is gloriously wonderful Good News!

Regrettably, many do not have faith that God Almighty means what He says and says what He means! God clearly states in these prophecies that He is going to completely transform civilization. God has repeatedly foretold His end-time rule over the nations of this earth. Understand the following in Psalm 96:13, ¹³ *For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.* (NKJV) Again, just for emphasis, God repeated this prophecy in Psalm 98:9, ⁹ *For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.* (NKJV) Why do we not hear this type of Gospel preaching in today's world. In your heart, you probably know why! This message is extremely unpopular with most of the religious, political, and social leaders in today's power structures. They do not want to lose their power! Ha! That's the same reason that Satan wants to deceive as many as he possibly can—he doesn't want to lose his power. Nevertheless, there will be a real, new world order established under Yeshua's leadership, totally changing this world's political and religious institutions. Will you believe what God says, or will you swallow the philosophical concoctions brewed up by disobedient, sinful men who have been deceived by Satan the Devil, the "god" of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4)?

Let's re-examine a passage of Scripture from the book of Matthew (Matthew 24:4-14), ⁴ *And Yeshua answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁹ Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.* (NKJV) Look around you. We now are living in an age that technology is advancing at a rate that doubles about every three months. Our world is in a rush to get to wherever and if it doesn't happen

fast enough to suit the players they move on to something else and lose faith in whatever was new last week. Please understand who Yeshua is, what His message is and where the Kingdom of God shall be. Your eternal state of affairs depends on those three things. Repent and change your ways!

A Tale of Two Cities

Believe me, this is not that “Classic” story of London and Paris you had to read in High School. This tale of two dramatically contrasting cities is a thread that runs from beginning to end throughout the Bible. Genesis 10 introduces us to **Babylon**, or Babel, the city that Nimrod built. In Genesis 11, we meet Abram, a man born in Ur of the Chaldeans, an adjacent town and part of Babylon’s ancient kingdom. Genesis 12 tells of Abram’s departure, at God’s command, from Ur to travel to Canaan. In Genesis 13 Abram and Lot separate with Lot going to Sodom. In Genesis 14 Abram had to go and save Lot from raiding kings who took everything that belonged to Lot. After the fight was over, and on Abram’s journey back to his home, he stopped at Salem, ancient name for **Jerusalem** (meaning NEW-SALEM), and met Melchizedek. Melchizedek was king of Salem and also a priest of God Most High. Abram gave to Melchizedek a tenth of the spoils taken in this battle. **NOTICE:** Abram did not return to his home and retrieve one tenth of all his possessions: gold, silver, flocks, and servants and then return to Melchizedek to give him a tithe of all Abram owned. This tithe was only one tenth of the spoils taken in battle (a gain of possessions). In Genesis 17, we see God entering a covenant with Abram and changing his name to Abraham.

Now, in the last book of the Bible, we once again read of things pertaining to **Babylon**. Revelation 18 speaks of “Babylon the Great” and of its final and total destruction. With regard to **Jerusalem** we see where Abram was instructed, by God, to leave Ur. We are also told that God blessed Abraham and said that all peoples on earth would be blessed through Abraham. In Revelation 18:4, God’s end-time people are told to get out of “Babylon the Great.” This “Babylon the Great” represents false religion, going back to the ancient days of Babylon, and their pagan religion of worshipping the Sun as their god. That sun god worship, under the inspiration of Satan, crept into the Gospel of Yeshua causing changes to be made to “time and law,” therefore God’s Sabbath was changed to the first day of the week, Sunday. This Sunday worship has become the “Mark of the Beast.” To have this fully explained see my previous booklet, *Season of the Lord’s Return*. Finally, in Revelation 21, we see the arrival on earth of the New Jerusalem, the city “whose maker and builder is God” (Revelation 21:2).

Babylon and Jerusalem are two ancient cities, that represent two completely opposite systems of government and ways of life. One is derived from Nimrod, the first post-flood tyrant who rebelled against God and His laws. Nimrod introduced a system of human tyrannical government and sought to build a one-world government the devil’s way. Babylon is Satan’s historic counterfeit of, and alternative to, God’s Kingdom.

After God’s intervention at the Tower of Babel, Babylon’s prominence rose and fell over the following centuries. Finally, in the seventh century BC, the Assyrian capital at Nineveh fell to invaders, and Babylon once again came to prominence as the chief city of Mesopotamia. Nebuchadnezzar became king of Babylon and launched an expansive drive that gave Babylon dominance over the entire Middle East. His conquests included Judah and its capital, Jerusalem. About 586 BC, the invading Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and the temple of God located there. Nearly 20 years before that event, a number of young Jewish captives had been taken to Babylon. Daniel was among those captives.

Surely, we have all read Daniel chapter 2 describing how God revealed king Nebuchadnezzar’s dream to Daniel. Daniel then interpreted the dream to the king. Sixty-six years after the beginning of king Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom, his grandson was holding a feast on the evening that began the Feast of Trumpets in 539BC and once again Daniel revealed a secret to a king. In a hushed banquet hall, Daniel stood and read “the handwriting on the wall” to Nebuchadnezzar’s successor, Belshazzar. Babylon was weighed in the balance, found wanting, and would that very night give way to the Medo-Persian kingdom.

The kingdom of Babylon fell, and after centuries became a desolate and uninhabited location, but the system that originated there did not end. It continued through its successors, just as Daniel recorded so many centuries ago.

We are living in a turbulent world. There is fear and apprehension about the future. On the one hand, science and technology promise a world of dazzling prosperity. Yet, on the other hand, nuclear war and biological and chemical terrorism threaten the very existence of our world. A great charismatic leader in Europe will arise, responding to this crisis. He will enter into an alliance of church and state that will offer peace, security and prosperity to a desperate world.

Using duplicity and intrigue, this leader will persuade ten European leaders, representing the end-time successors to both the eastern and western parts of the Roman Empire, to unite temporarily and give their power to him as leader. As was seen in the 1930s when people became genuinely frightened about their future, they are often willing to trade freedom for security.

A period of growing peace and prosperity will ensue. Then a great worldwide trade system will seem to offer incredible profits to international cartels. Later, responding to crises involving both the Middle East and the English-speaking nations, this leader will move with lightning speed and iron determination. Annulling a treaty previously made with the Jewish state, his armies will overwhelm Jerusalem and take half of the city into captivity, as seen in Zechariah 14:2, ² *For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.* (NKJV) At the same time, an attack of overwhelming force will be launched on America, Britain, Canada and related nations.

The end time manifestation of Babylon will promise what Nimrod promised the human family at the Tower of Babel: unity, security and prosperity. This is what Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus the Great, Alexander the Great and Caesar Augustus, each in turn, also promised.

The intensifying problems of global fracturing will be countered by a scheme designed to impose both political and religious unity on a worldwide scale. The coming European superpower may actually co-opt existing global institutions to use as a political structure for its own ends. Though important developments will occur in the political sphere, it is in the area of religion that we will see events unprecedented in modern times. Religion will be considered the key to bringing about the common identity required for political unity.

By that time, millions all over the globe will have been caught up in a religious frenzy led by a charismatic leader working, what are apparently, great signs and wonders. Most of humanity, on earth at that time, will be more concerned with “feeling good” than with true doctrines. Many will respond to this leader’s false promise that he is ushering in a golden age.

A powerful war-making apparatus marshaled by the coming European superpower will be billed as the cornerstone of world peace and security. Modern technology will be used to create a police state that Hitler and Stalin could only have dreamed about. People will be induced to accept such draconian measures as the price of getting rid of terrorism and violent crime.

At first, this system will bring an upsurge in the world economy. A worldwide trading conglomerate, prophesied in Ezekiel 27:25-36, ²⁵ *"The ships of Tarshish were carriers of your merchandise. You were filled and very glorious in the midst of the seas. ²⁶ Your oarsmen brought you into many waters, But the east wind broke you in the midst of the seas. ²⁷ "Your riches, wares, and merchandise, Your mariners and pilots, Your caulkers and merchandisers, All your men of war who are in you, And the entire company which is in your midst, Will fall into the midst of the seas on the day of your ruin. ²⁸ The common-land will shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots. ²⁹ "All who handle the oar, The mariners, All the pilots of the sea Will come down from their ships and stand on the shore. ³⁰ They will make their voice heard because of you; They will cry bitterly and cast dust on their heads;*

They will roll about in ashes; ³¹ They will shave themselves completely bald because of you, Gird themselves with sackcloth, And weep for you With bitterness of heart and bitter wailing. ³² In their wailing for you They will take up a lamentation, And lament for you: ‘What city is like Tyre, Destroyed in the midst of the sea? ³³ ‘When your wares went out by sea, You satisfied many people; You enriched the kings of the earth With your many luxury goods and your merchandise. ³⁴ But you are broken by the seas in the depths of the waters; Your merchandise and the entire company will fall in your midst. ³⁵ All the inhabitants of the isles will be astonished at you; Their kings will be greatly afraid, And their countenance will be troubled.

³⁶ The merchants among the peoples will hiss at you; You will become a horror, and be no more forever.’ “ ‘ “ (NKJV) and also in Revelation 18:3-5, ³ For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.” ⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (NKJV) This trading conglomerate will be hailed as the key to universal prosperity. Those at the helm of this system will, for a short time, enjoy unparalleled wealth.

Yet, fatal flaws in this system, inherent from its beginning, will in time produce widening disparities. The Arab world will be displeased by attempts to coerce it into religious unity with Europe. A powerful leader—called the “king of the South” will then arise, able to bring about temporary unity of much of the Islamic world. Provoked by this leader, Europe will launch a “Blitzkrieg” resulting in European occupation of much of the Arab world.

This European occupation will deepen suspicion among the eastern nations—already wary of the German-led Europeans. Rumors from the eastern capitals will ultimately cause the Europeans to launch what is intended as a preemptive attack to intimidate the East into submission. Things will not go as well as planned, and the resulting warfare will ultimately cause the nuclear destruction of much of Europe, including Rome itself, by the alliance of eastern powers.

As eastern armies cross the Euphrates River to launch an invasion of the European controlled middle East, events will spin totally out of control. The ten European rulers who gave power to launch this system will bitterly turn on the church and religious system which failed them. Horrifying weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, as well as biological and chemical weapons, will be unleashed. Just when it appears that humanity will destroy itself as a result of the confrontation in the Middle East, the living, glorified Christ will return from heaven.

Transported in vision into that future realm of the Lord, John recorded a marvelous event yet ahead of us: “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen” In the aftermath of that event, Yeshua will stand on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem with all of the resurrected saints. The God of Heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be removed. The law will go forth from Jerusalem, and all nations will be brought under the government of God.

The end time events described in this booklet are real—and will occur within the lifetime of many reading it. Yeshua’s return to this earth is not a fantasy—it is mankind’s only hope! Yeshua offers protection to those who are truly, zealously walking with Him and doing His Work.

What about you? Does your “citizenship,” your loyalty and allegiance reside in Babylon below or in Jerusalem above? Your future depends upon your answer to that question! “Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.” The God of Heaven will soon set up an enduring kingdom. He now offers us, not only, His protection and help in the terrible times ahead, but also an entrance into His glorious kingdom and an inheritance that will last forever!

As you watch the world around you, increasingly, unravel in the years ahead, do not become discouraged. Rather, Yeshua exhorts His true followers, Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near (Luke 21:28, NKJV)

In spite of calamities on the horizon, always remember that the best news lies yet ahead! We close with these encouraging words from Hebrews 10:35-39, ³⁵ *Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.* ³⁶ *For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:* ³⁷ *"For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.* ³⁸ *Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."* ³⁹ *But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.* (NKJV)

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