#### **BEAM ME UP COMMANDER**

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#### Introduction

This book is about the truth! When I was a young boy, like most preteens I would hound my parents with the nagging question, why. Why this or why that? As I grew older I began to replace the why word with the power to reason. This, of course, delighted my parents for it was a sure sign that I would in due course be able to think for myself. At precisely what age this phenomenal ability took place I cannot say. I suppose it happens to all of us at different times and in different ways depending on our maturity level. One thing is for certain most of us are born with the extraordinary capacity to sort things out. For example, after hurling a significant number of rocks into the air it became evident to me that the trajectory I started with could easily result in a broken window. Therefore, I reasoned, it only made sense to throw the rock in a direction less likely to cause harm. Oddly enough I had a couple of chums that didn't get it until the second window. With this simple aptitude in hand, I set out to solve the mysteries of life. It was pretty easy at first. I learned by trial and error that if I sassed my teacher I missed recess; my reasonable conclusion then was to hold my tongue so I could go outside and play. Yet, the older I got the more difficult the choices became. Life's questions became complicated and endless. My life seemed to fill with conflicting influences. Yes, even college became a stumbling block to my spiritual and intellectual growth. My moral convictions became foggy. There seemed to be no absolutes. I went from simple reason to a mind muddled in confusion. If any of this sound familiar it should because we all face this struggle to one degree or the other. Turns out, there is a simple solution to this complex predicament. That would be a foundation of values established on absolute truth. So you may be thinking, what's new, haven't we heard this before, isn't this just more meaningless double talk? Haven't we all wanted to climb to the top of the Himalayas to search for the meaning of life or spend a couple of days in a steamy mud hut to cleanse ourselves of all impurities? Well maybe, but finding the truth doesn't require such an exhausting effort. It merely demands that we make decisions based on absolute truth rather than blind acceptance. This, of course, requires that

truth is one of the options available in all decisions. Once we find the source of truth then we have the foundation to build value. For example, some of the most compelling questions we have are about the origins of life. How did I get here? What is my purpose? Are we alone in the universe? Perplexing? Not anymore. We are offered only two viable options to these difficult questions, one is true one is not. Creation or evolution, the two do not mix contrary to some popular belief. This subject will be discussed in detail in a later chapter but illustrates a good comparison between absolute truth and error and how easy it is to draw on truth to solve the problem. The two options do have one thing in common, faith; it takes a fair amount of faith to accept either since neither creation nor evolution can be proven scientifically. I grew up with a dab of religion but no real substance. We had Bibles in our home but nobody took the time to read them. As a result, any faith we applied was based on conjecture or hearsay. My foundations were built on sinking sand at best. By the time I reached thirty, I still had not solved the troublesome uncertainty of life. Sometime after my 33rd birthday, I was introduced to the Bible. After an eager examination of its content, I became convinced it is, in fact, the infallible Word of God. I had finally cracked the code of life. I could now answer all reasonable questions regarding the meaning of life, my relationship with God, and the universe. I could now better understand the injustices faced by humanity. The more I studied the Bible the faster the confusion cleared. I went from a life of uncertainty to a clear view of things to come. There is only one rule that must be followed to achieve this extraordinary insight. You must accept the Word of God as it is presented within the framework of any given book, chapter, and verse; a practice many Bible students have forsaken. Numerous Bible verses will be used to reinforce the doctrine presented in this book. For the sake of space, some verses may be fragmented. For this reason, I would strongly encourage you to read the verses in their entirety and within the total context of the subject. This means you will need to read the verses before and after the featured verse to understand the full meaning. Your Bible should be a close companion. This book will spark many questions that space will not allow answering. It is not intended to provide a comprehensive Bible study but to simply assist you in your journey to find the truth.

#### **GOD SPEAKS**

## "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."(John 1:1)

The first and most valuable lesson a wise person can learn is that God and His Word are the same. Meaning, He interacts with His creation through His Word much like we communicate with each other. The Bible is often referred to as the living Word for this reason. Therefore, any honest examination of the Bible must be approached with this truth firmly established. When we read the Bible we are having a conversation with God. He will use the past to explain the future and we will better understand who He is. Although the Bible had a least 30 inspired transcribers there is only one author.

#### "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine."

#### (2 Timothy 3:16).

Non-believers, as well as some Christian camps, will argue the Bible cannot be taken literally, their reasoning will vary depending on what group or individual you listen too.

## "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you." (2 Peter 2:1)

Some of these misguided souls are well-intended but gravely deceived. All, have one thing in common; they must change God's Word to satisfy their philosophy.

# "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, following the tradition of men according to the rudiments of the world." (Colossians 2:8)

The ambiguities of these self-serving philosophies provide a good opportunity for us to apply the rule of simple reason founded on the Word of God. The truth will overcome the vain objections.

"Let God be true, but every man a liar." (Romans 3:4)

If God is the Creator and Governor of the universe as He claims to be and if the following statements are true. Wouldn't it be reasonable to believe that He can keep His Word exactly as He meant it to be throughout the ages?

# "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." "Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end." (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 9:7)

He that spoke the universe into existence would have no trouble sustaining His intention. Pretty easy huh! Well don't get too smug, the doubters and non-believers are many and persistent and they want you to be in the dark as much as they are. Misery loves company! Remember the more truth you possess the more enlightened you become.

#### "I am the Light of the world. He that follows Me shall not walk in darkness." (John 8:12)

You will hear much about contradictions in the Bible. You will be invited to look around and see all the injustice in the world. You will be asked why the God of love cannot control a world full of hate. These and many more questions seem reasonable to someone who has exhausted they're searched for truth in other areas while neglecting the Word or failing to accept the Word as it is plainly stated. Well, hold tight, you are about to enter the 5th dimension and discover some of the great mysteries of the created universe.

#### **GODHEAD**

# "For from the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood through the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead." (Romans1:20)

To understand the Bible in the most practical way one must be able to relate to God relative to the world we live in. In other words, see it, hear it, smell it, taste it and touch it. We interact with the material world through these five senses. Have you ever discussed someone you have never seen before with a friend? You may ask, what does she look like? Your friend responds, she looks a little like Julia Roberts the actress. Immediately you have an image you can relate too. There is a perception that God's characteristics are a mystery that no man can comprehend. This perception is not true if men are created in the image of God.

### "God created man in His image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." (Genesis 1:27)

If we accept this verse for what it clearly states then we have an idea of what God looks like. Another word for image is a reflection when you look into a mirror you see a reflection of yourself. Common reasoning would suggest that God looks something like you. God is a spirit, therefore, he has a spiritual body. It does not mean he has no body. It simply means he lives in a spiritual dimension.

### "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John.4:24)

Since men, both male and female are a reflection of God created in His image with three separate components, body, soul, and spirit, we can reasonably accept that God has similar attributes.

## "May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

But, He lives, works, and runs the business of the universe from the 5th dimension, (the spirit realm). Whereas, man is limited to the 3rd-dimensional material world. Much more about the different dimensions will be discussed in later chapters but it is important to note that numerous

scripture verses speak to these questions regarding body components and dimensions for both natural and spiritual beings. The idea that God fills all space as air fills a void is not true and makes God impersonal and impossible to relate too. God speaks with a mouth, has a head full of hair, He sits, has hands, He stands, walks, and does many more bodily functions similar to man.

"They heard the voice of the Lord God, walking in the garden in the cool of the day." "The Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool." "And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written." "And they shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads." (Danial 7:9, Genesis 3:8, 5:1, 22:4).

These verses and many more give evidence of the same human-like characteristics of man. It must be stated, however, that the appearance of God in His full glory is so powerful that it prohibits the company of mortal men.

### "The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God gave it light." (Revelation 21:23)

All vision or personal experience in the presence of God by mortals has been by similitude. God can manifest and function in all dimensions. We will have the privilege of standing before God in all of His glory the day we are changed from our natural bodies to our spiritual bodies. So what does a spiritual body look like? As is clearly stated above, it looks a lot like a physical body. Paul the apostle confirmed this truth in his exposition on the resurrection of the dead, when human bodies change from earthly composition to spiritual composition.

"There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. So also is the resurrection of the dead: It is sown a perishable body; it is raised an imperishable body. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

(1Corinthians 15:40)

Through exhaustive medical examination, we know what a physical body is composed of. Spiritual bodies remain a mystery although there is ample Biblical evidence that spiritual bodies function proficiently in the material world. This would suggest that physical bodies have limits, whereas spiritual

bodies are limitless. This subject will be further discussed in a future chapter. The soul and spirit of men seem more difficult to understand since neither can be examined with a scalpel but the Bible provides sufficient information about both. A simple explanation for the soul could be defined as awareness, often linked to emotions, intellect, comprehension, and the like.

#### "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul."

#### (Mark 12:30)

It would be fair to say that the soul is that part of the person, which relates to their surroundings. Therefore, whatever dimension you reside in you will relate too. The spirit is that part of the person that connects directly to God regardless of the dimension. God communicates with men individually as well as corporately through the spirit.

### "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:16)

Is it reasonable to conclude using just a few scriptures we've examined thus far that God could possess some of the same characteristics your father or brother might have? Without a doubt! But is the creation greater than the Creator as non-believers testify? Of course not! "God's eternal power and Godhead" is a reference to three attributes that no man possesses nor ever will possess. It will be unnecessary to go into great detail about these qualities for every Word of scripture testifies to this power. God is the Creator and Governor of a universe so infinite and multidimensional it is incomprehensible for the human mind to wrap-around. One of the most compelling questions posed by inquisitive thinkers is how can God be in countless places at once. (Omnipresent)

"Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there, if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Your hand lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:7)

So, the question remains if God has a personal body, soul, and spirit and resides in a single place (Heaven) how could he be everywhere at once? He can manage this in two ways, first by the Holy Spirit, the third person of the

trinity who presides over the creation of all dimensions. Second, agents are assigned to various tasks much like any government works.

## "Behold, I send an angel before you to keep you in the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared." (Exodus 23:20)

The reference to Godhead in the chapter heading speaks to the three separate persons that make up the ruling alliance of the universe. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are three individuals, who manage their separate responsibilities in perfect union. This is one of the great mysteries of the Bible that many stumble over, but if men could understand all that God is and has done they would be equal to Him.

### "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9)

Earth dwellers are limited to three dimensions; we are incapable of understanding the unlimited boundaries and unknown dominions of a vast universe. God, on the other hand, functions comfortably in all domains. It is reasonable to assume according to the following verse that the Holy Spirit is that part of the Godhead that can be found throughout the creation.

# "The earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." (Genesis 1:2)

The second attribute God possesses that men will never possess is complete knowledge of His creation. (Omniscient) This is reasonable. Ask any architect worth his weight and he will tell you he knows every inch of the structure he created. There are some things; however, God chooses not to know. All living beings both spiritual and physical are endowed with free wills; able to freely choose what path they will follow in life. They are free to make their own decisions right or wrong. God may not know what choice you will make until after you make it. More about this very important freedom will be discussed throughout the remaining chapters. The third and final attribute of God men will never possess is universal power. (Omnipotent) When God speaks His word becomes absolute. In other words, He doesn't say idle things, what he says is established.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God shall stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

This unlimited power is evident in the seven literal days of earthly creation when God spoke our solar system and its residents into existence.

## "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis 1:5)

When you consider the world around you and the majesty of it all, it is only reasonable to accept that a power far beyond man's ability to comprehend sparked the outcome.

## "God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist, as though they did." (Romans 4:17)

Whether you choose to believe in creation or evolution, the benefits are far more rewarding if your faith is applied to God's creation rather than some precarious theory on the way to nowhere. Now that we know something about the person of God let's explore what He has in store for the future.

#### THE TRANSGRESSION

#### "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14)

God has many wonderful things in store for those people who wish to take part in His all-inclusive eternal plan. These are adventures that earthly insight simply cannot know. The Spirit of God who *bears witness* with our spirit, reveals through the Word what the truth is regarding things to come. These very exciting experiences are real and in your future. We will discuss some of these events as we progress through the pages of this book. Science fiction writers cannot begin to capture the remarkable mind-boggling journey God has prepared for you if you choose to go.

# "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." (1Corinthians 2:9)

The ticket for this fantastic journey is free and by the end of this book, you will know how to receive yours. In the previous chapter, we talked about the person of God and discovered that three individuals make up the *Godhead*. We discussed God the Father and some of his characteristics. We also discovered that God and the Word of God are the same. What He says is a universal truth and cannot be changed. This consistent reliability of character makes God trustworthy. It is, for this reason, He should be the most significant influence in your life. *In the beginning*, the earth was created by God in perfect harmony with all other heavenly bodies.

#### "God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also." (Genesis 1:16)

Meaning all the material elements of the physical universe worked together in concert with one another much like the instruments of a fine orchestra. The millennial generation might use the expression synchronization to explain the harmony of a perfect universe. In the perfect earthly environment, all the necessary elements were provided to sustain life indefinitely. There was no death or decay, no envy or decadence. And then one fateful day the man Adam and his wife agreed together not to accept as truth every word that God spoke. Do you recall that very important God-given attribute men have? Every man or woman can make decisions free of interference from

God. Free moral agency is the system that prohibits God from forming an oppressive government. No created party can accuse God of dictatorial rule since they can choose which path through life they will take. We are the authors of our destiny.

### "Choose for yourselves this day whom ye will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

For every law of absolute truth, there is a mutual law of justice recorded.

## "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shalt not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17).

The law of God is another expression of the Word of God. (Perfection) Remember what He speaks is established. In the court of perfect law and justice, God had no other choice but to find Adam guilty of treason. The sentence for Adams's crime was banishment from the presence of God, which resulted in physical death and a state of spiritual separation forever. The bad news is that Adam represented the entire human race. His blunder cost you and me eternal bliss in the company of God. Before you become too upset with the law of God, it is important to keep in mind that a universe without law and order is a universe out of control. Adams's disregard for the law is why the earth is full of corruption. We have failed to follow the perfect law of God and as a result, we have reaped the penalty of perfect justice. There is good news!

#### "The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."

The third person of the Godhead in the form of Jesus Christ came from Heaven to earth to solve the impossible predicament Adams's transgression put us in.

#### "For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1Co.15:21, 22)

The birth and death of Jesus Christ are not well-kept secrets among Christians. It is, in fact, the central theme of the entire Bible and the most positive set of events in the history of mankind and maybe the least understood.

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

This verse is the result of Adams's offense. In a world governed by perfect law and justice, the iniquity of Adam flawed the perfection. It wouldn't matter whether it was Adams's crime or any man that followed Adam; once perfection has been blemished it remains imperfect. The earth and its inhabitants remain locked in an imperfect state until God recreates a new and perfect earth once again. The new earth will be discussed at length in a later chapter. Because the majority of men and women choose to live by their own devices and by their imperfect laws the earth remains hostile and dangerous. Love is replaced with hatred and devotion is replaced with malice.

## "Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." (Matthew 24:12).

When Adam and Eve broke the law they did so knowing the penalty was death but they refused to believe it. They were influenced by lies from external sources very much as we are today.

#### "Then the serpent said to the woman, you will not surely die." (Genesis 3:4).

When a college professor stands before his class and declares without a shred of real evidence that life on the earth started two billion years ago he is planting seeds of rebellion against God and feeding the lie. Or when high school teachers tell their science students they are descendants of apes and therefore have no real worth. They are corrupting the minds of our kids with a lie. Remember any rejection of the truth results in the ratification of a lie.

### "Whosoever commits sin also transgresses the law for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4)

There is that little three-letter word that is so confusing to so many. If you take the verse above for what it clearly says there should be no confusion. Don't confuse the Law of God with civil law, they are not the same. Civil law is man inspired while the law of God is His absolute Word. Therefore, sin is simply a denial of the truth. So you might be thinking that isn't fair. After all, if you don't know what the truth is and you're taught a lie you are sinning and don't know it. Exactly! That is the problem with perfect law and justice in an imperfect world.

#### ALL IN THE FAMILY

"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. Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end" (Isaiah 9:6)

There is abundant evidence found in the historical record regarding the life and death of Jesus Christ. These accounts are as reliable as any in recorded history. Whereas, the idea that your great uncle was a chimpanzee has absolutely no credible value either scientifically or theoretically. The above chapter heading is a verse chronicled over 500 years before Jesus was born. Within these seven lines is captured the essence of our future. It is a world without end, void of strife corruption, and death, governed by perfect law and order. Love replaces hate, hope defeats depression and adventure overcomes staleness.

#### "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth." (Isaiah 65:17)

This new world is occupied by free moral agents who have surrendered their will to God and have agreed to represent His government in the new heaven and earth. It is simply a matter of time before the first earth that was made imperfect by Adams's transgression passes into oblivion. Have you ever taken a bite of a beautiful shiny red apple only to find out it was mushy on the inside? Corruption starts at the heart and works its way to the surface. It's a process that eventually ruins the fruit. The earth is going through the same process. The corruption started with one small lie that will ultimately destroy the entire planet as we know it.

#### "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." (Psalm 53:1)

This destructive condition will continue to accelerate until the earth has totally decayed. If you look at the world around you with an open mind you can't help but notice the moral decline. We live in an anything-goes culture where immorality is legalized. Each new generation becomes more decadent than the last. The descent of man is obvious.

# "They did not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a depraved mind to do those things which are not fitting." (Romans1:28)

Since perfection and imperfection are incompatible and since all men have sinned there exists a separation between God and man that cannot be traversed.

#### "All have sinned." (Romans 3:23)

Men are helpless within themselves to reverse this deadly condition. Only God can bridge the gap, but He must do it without breaking His perfect law or He too would be subject to the same justice and the penalty of death. If you are even slightly confused with the plan of redemption please follow the next few lines very closely. Because Adam was the first man to transgress the perfect law of God his sinful nature is passed down through his seed (not genes). The seed is received by the women but cannot be passed on by the women. Therefore, sin is received by both males and females but passed only by males. The penalty of death was charged to all of mankind without the chance for acquittal. (Perfection made imperfect) The penalty had to be served if God was to remain true to His Word. The only answer was to find a man free of Adams's sin and willing to give his life to satisfy the law and liberate Adams's fallen race from the law of sin and death.

## "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2)

Adam lived by the flesh and ignored the spirit. Those that live by the spirit are made new by redemption through Jesus Christ.

### "In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

The only way to accomplish this was to bypass the seed of Adam and halt the strain of sin. (Imperfection) The new man had to be part of Adams's race to qualify. He must be willing to give up his life even though he was not guilty of the charge. Above all, he had to have the power to take back his life after death. Jesus had to be all God and all man.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:18)

God became God the Father, Jesus became God the Son and Mary represented Adams's race. Jesus was born a perfect human being after his mother, God was his father. He was the perfect candidate to pay the debt for all of mankind. He sacrificed his sinless life so that sinful man could be acquitted. In a nutshell: God's perfect love for humankind demanded reconciliation of Adams's race. Even though He was sinless He took it upon Himself to satisfy the law of sin and death once and for all. Because He was sinless death could not legally hold Him and He left hell after three days alive and well. God Himself paid the debt and broke the bondage of His own perfect law.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

(John 3:16)

This is the best news of your life.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, will God bring with Him those also who died in Jesus." (1Thessalonians 4:14)

All men have been set free from the law of sin and death through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The only responsibility we have in the redemption process is to acknowledge and receive the acquittal. Thank you, Lord, I willingly accept this pardon and acknowledge that without the shed blood of Jesus Christ I would be lost and separated from God for eternity.

#### "For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt.26:28).

This is where the great adventure starts for all people who have accepted clemency and have been cleared of any wrongdoing.

We are now, "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17)

It's all in the family! When I die my children will inherit all of my material goods, socks, and so forth, but I will inherit the universe. I will take my rightful position as a joint heir with Jesus my elder brother and become part of the administrative body of the ever-expanding universe. There will be much more about the very exciting future of believers later. Not only will my future prospects improve but as an heir of God, I will be in a position to take advantage of all my earthly benefits now.

#### "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalms 103:2)

Earthly benefits are easy to recognize. Anything that provides comfort and well-being could be defined as a benefit. But God's benefits go far beyond the earthly realm. They are far-reaching into the world of the unseen, full of life and adventure.

# "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."(1Corinthians 2:9)

It is the absolute truth! We are only just getting started. Keep reading to realize the astonishing life that lay ahead of you. When you accepted the reality that Jesus died so that you could live, you joined a group of people who are assigned to a special combat unit with far-reaching universal responsibility. They will find themselves in a battle more crucial than any fought on any continent to this date.

#### THE TRUE CHURCH

#### "Upon this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew16:18)

Most people visualize the church as a large cathedral-type structure with stained glass windows and an elegant preacher. We spend millions of dollars every year to upgrade the grounds, add additional sound equipment, pave parking lots, and in general make our brick-and-mortar building the finest in the area. A well-intended but feeble effort to duplicate the true church. All of the fore mentioned are material in nature and have little to do with the mission of the church. The true church is part of an elite military force designed to battle lies and injustice with the truth. Jesus is the commander of this spiritual army. Just as there is a spiritual army that defends truth and justice, there is also a spiritual horde that spreads lies and deceit while hiding in dominions of darkness. These rebels are not a part of, nor have ever been part of Adams's race. They are fallen races from another dimension that perpetuate lies while denying the truth.

## "There is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44)

You say you don't believe in spiritual dominions that oppose universal truth and justice; you say that's just cartoon babble? Then you are one of many that are being deceived by this well-organized band of rebels, you could even be aiding and abetting their cause without knowing it. When you justify wrongdoing you are willfully aiding the enemy of your soul. It is this opposition to the truth that you battle with on daily basis. A ruler with nothing to lose heads this unseen force. His misguided plan is to build a kingdom for himself using lies as a source of recruitment. His government is founded on every lie that opposes the Word of God. You should know that he is already defeated because light overcomes darkness but if you are unaware of his tactics it can be extremely dangerous. Eve had a memorable but costly encounter with this diabolical liar.

"The woman said to the serpent, the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, 'You shall not eat of it, nor shall you

#### touch it, lest you die. Then the serpent said unto the woman, you shall not surely die." (Genesis 3:3, 4)

Eve believed the lie and died! The Garden of Eden was an environment where animals and humans lived side by side in perfect harmony without fear. The animal kingdom served a much higher purpose than it does today. The serpent could resist the incursion of the dark spirit but allowed the spirit to speak through him. As a consequence of this insurrection, he suffered the reciprocal justice.

"The Lord God said to the serpent: "Because thou hast done this, you art cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of thy life." (Genesis 3:14)

Try not to consider these verses as some third-rate Hollywood Sify script, you will only be deceiving yourself. There is a world unseen that moves effortlessly within dimensions not familiar to men. Life was much different in the Garden of Eden; it was a place of innocence where dual worlds merged. It is in this realm that the battle rages today. If you are part of the true church of Jesus Christ you have the power and authority to overcome these dark influences.

### "Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

One of the more classic battles ever recorded was Jesus' encounter with the leader of the forces of darkness. In this skirmish, Jesus uses weapons available to all believers. To win your share of spiritual battles it will be necessary that you have a plan for victory and above all know the weapons of your warfare and how to use them.

# "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10,11)

Jesus' confrontation happened early in his ministry when he went into the wilderness to fast and face the forces of Hell. It should be remembered that Jesus emptied himself of all original supernatural supremacy when he became a human being. He was born with the same vulnerabilities as any newborn. This means that any member of the true church has the same power and authority available to them that Jesus had when dealing with evil,

including, full dependence on the Holy Spirit. The third person of the trinity was Jesus' constant companion.

## "Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost was led by the Spirit into the wilderness." (Luke 4:1)

Jesus was physically weak and hungry after spending forty days without food. Enter the prince of darkness to test his resolve. He may or may not have been seen by Jesus but his power came from his suggestion.

#### "And the devil said to him, if you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." (Luke 4:3)

Notice, he tried to create doubt by questioning Jesus' true identity. He then tried to change a spiritual fight into a physical one. He will always win if this is allowed. The only way to defeat spiritual oppression is by spiritual means.

#### "Jesus answered him, saying it is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4)

The attacks will come when you are at your very weakest. The assault will target your humanity in some form or another. You cannot argue or debate, there is no compromising. You must take the offensive, your very soul is at stake. You will soon learn there are no physical weapons that can defeat spiritual aggression. You must use the word of God! The prince of hell will not give up. He is relentless in his effort to succeed as long as you permit it. He tried to win Jesus over two more times on this same occasion with lies that challenged his human position. He showed Jesus all the glory of his counterfeit kingdom and promised a stake in the empire if Jesus would acknowledge him as lord. He tried to appeal to Jesus' vanity. Jesus said.

## "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." (Luke 4:8)

Once again the truth trumped the lie, it always will. On the third and final appeal, he took Jesus to the top of the temple and then challenged him to prove his Divinity by jumping onto the rocks below without harming himself. Jesus rebuttal!

#### "It has been said, 'you shall not tempt the Lord your God." (Luke 4:12)

This classic temptation ended in a victory because Jesus used the only military manual that will work when confronting the forces of darkness.

#### THE ENEMY

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

"It is said that if you know your enemies and know yourself, you can win a hundred battles without a single loss." This quote is taken from the treatise Art of War an ancient Chinese military tactic that still resonates with contemporary armies today. This fundamental strategy implies that if you know your enemy's strengths and weaknesses, as well as your own, your chances of success are significantly increased. When you pursue the truth and nothing but the truth as your life ambition, you have made an enemy of hell thereby signing a declaration of war. You must take this very seriously and learn what there is to know about your adversary. Knowing something about the ruler of darkness will give you a distinct advantage in preparation for the conflict. This chapter will help you to understand some of his strengths and weaknesses and how to use the truth to win battles.

## "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning? How are you cut down to the ground?" (Isaiah 14:12)

It may surprise you to know that Lucifer, AKA the devil, a pseudonym for evil, was once a trusted companion of God. He was a magnificent creation, perfect in all his ways. He held positions of prominence, was handsome in stature, extremely smart, and very persuasive.

### "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty." (Ezekiel 28:12)

What he is not is a fictitious storybook character. He is the master of deception able to operate in both the spiritual and material dimensions. His ambition is to rule an eternal empire using the fallen races as his subjects. Earth makes a productive recruiting office for his ambitious plot. He rules the business, social, political, and religious activities of the majority of mankind. Lucifer is not alone in his quest for eminences. As a testament to his charismatic personality, he persuaded countless angels to follow him in his hopeless effort to overthrow Heaven.

# "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." (Isaiah 14:13)

As a consequence!

### "He was cast out onto the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Revelation 12:9)

Satan has many battle tactics including but not limited to the spread of doubt and unbelief. The power of his kingdom is a denial of the truth. With this simple tactic, He has managed to control the majority of mankind. The just will live by faith in every word that God speaks. Those that live by sight with self-gratifying ambitions are easy targets for the agents of hell and will be deceived.

# "Be no longer children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the trickery of men in the cunning and craftiness of deceitful plotting." (Ephesians 4:14)

Remember, Lucifer is a created being, therefore, he has no power to create something from nothing. The best he can do is to contaminate. He is only a liar and the father of lies and just as God has his agents in both the spiritual and material worlds so does Satan. If he can cause you to doubt the Word of God the effect will be a failure and eventually mistrust in God. We have been supplied with an arsenal of powerful weapons greater than Satan's backed by the creator God.

## "Taking the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." (Ephesians 6:16)

Although faith is our greatest personal armament it can be the most elusive. Faith is an attribute given to every man.

#### "God has dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

You have the faith to overcome all the tactics of the underworld if you will choose to use it. Faith has a sister and her name is Patience.

"Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience but let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:3,4)

Today's world moves on hurry up satisfaction. We have no time for patience but faith requires patience for optimum success. Much doubt is caused by impatience that ultimately damages our faith.

"Without faith, it is impossible to please Him. For he that comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith is not magic to be used for selfish gain. Nor is it generated by good deeds. It is a spiritual law that never changes.

#### "By the law of faith." (Romans 3:27)

You must apply your faith to the whole truth and nothing but the truth to be victorious

"Put on the whole armor of God, therefore, having your loins girded about with truth" and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." (Ephesians6:10,14,17)

It is our responsibility as believers to search the scriptures daily, which will enable us to distinguish between the truth and the lie and remain loyal followers of the Word.

"They received the Word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Try to keep in mind that the war is over but the battle rages. The United States had superior firepower when it entered Iraq after 9/11 the war was over before it started but the battles were costly. You will not win every conflict but in the end, you will be able to say.

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2Timothy 4:7)

#### IN THE BEGINNING

#### "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." (Gensis1:1)

One of the most damaging heresies this generation faces is humanism. It is the worship of the material world. In general, it searches for the meaning of life absent of any spiritual influence. Darwin's theory of evolution (natural selection) is the face of material humanism. When I was in high school evolution was part of the science curriculum, however, the word evolution was always preceded by the word theory. A fact is something that can be observed; cows give birth to baby cows. Theories are proposed explanations of ideas unobserved. There are alien life forms outside the earth's solar system because there are countless planets. Most public schools and universities teach (natural selection) as the core curriculum for their life science courses. It should be noted that high school science teachers, in general, are not scientists and teach only what the text requires. Today's life science classrooms have become a battleground for the heart and mind of the next generation. Evolution is generally taken for granted yet remains easily challenged in the laboratory. Have you ever wondered why more and more young people are turning inward spending excessive amounts of time in the virtual worlds of electronics and less time in the real world? Could it have something to do with their perception of life and its worth? Do virtual worlds offer more? Evolution depends on chaos to survive and chaos seldom produces value. Challenged with this question their generation might respond something like this. If we are nothing more than the product of a prehistoric accident then what's the point of anything? The problem becomes much larger when you consider the rebellious anti-Christ spirit that possesses our culture. If a favorable perception of God is to be erased from all rational thought then the concept of life must be altered to leave God out of the equation.

### "But evil men and impostors shall grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2Timothy 3:13)

All popular notions regarding life void of the God element are strapped with the same nagging problems. Where and how did the material universe start? Models of evolution need a starting place and building blocks to evolve into living organisms. There are no real answers to these questions, which continue to confound honest scientists. How did something material start from nothing? Although science proposes numerous evolving theories Darwinism has made its way to the top as the most acceptable and is the progression of choice in most classrooms. Simply stated (natural selection) suggests that over time if a three-legged animal develops the fourth leg and becomes more proficient in movement the four-legged critters will catch on and his three-legged friends will eventually disappear. (Survival of the fittest) Today's evolutionists will use terms like differential reproduction or environmental fitness to say the same thing. If this is true why are all the animals still alive that we evolved through? What purpose are they serving now in the evolutionary chain? The process of evolving from one species to the next requires an unreasonable amount of time to achieve. We are not told how long ago God created heaven and earth but we are told how long it took for Him to create life on the earth.

## "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31)

The chapter heading, in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, is the first statement of the Bible and the most important, meaning that He created all the necessary building blocks for a physical universe first.

### "Of old, you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands." (Psalms 102:25)

The building blocks for Adams' race were created "in the beginning" If someone gave you a large box of Lagos and asked you to build a toy tower you would have the necessary building materials to do it. Without Lagos, you would not have the resources for the project. Life on earth took six literal days to build using material already in existence. The earth, the sun, and the moon existed before the six days of life were formed.

# "God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis 1:4,5,)

When God began forming earthly habitation using existing material the earth was making one revolution around the sun per year and one rotation on its axis every 24-hour day. Six literal days of creation as is clearly stated above. On the fourth day, God regulated the lights He had already created (*in the beginning*) to provide earthly order.

### "Let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years." (Ge1:14)

Evolution requires billions of years alleging the same results without the existence of critical building blocks or design.

## "He stretches out the north over the empty space and hangs the earth on nothing." (Job 26:7)

There is design in the material universe. Design requires intelligence. As you consider this chapter keep in mind that the material universe is the only discernible dimension and does not include the spiritual dimension and its resources. God does not reside on a physical planet as some suggest. It only stands to reason that he lives in a spiritual habitation that existed before He created the material universe through His Word.

#### "Who calls those things which do not exist as though they did." (Romans 4:17)

Evolution is certainly not the only lie that plagues mankind but it has become hell's choice to persuade a vulnerable generation that the need for a Creator is no longer necessary.

#### THE BENEFITS

### "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalms 103:2)

Because God is the architect and governor of the material universe, He knows His creation from beginning to end. He knows the running dimensions of an expanding cosmos. He knows when a bird dies. He knows the difficulties men face when making critical decisions faced with multiple choices. He is the author of wisdom and has in His forethought provided faithful effective care and guidance in all that He has made toward the successful conclusion, that he has chosen. All the necessary elements for life were provided "in the beginning". The foundations for success in this life and the world to come have been laid. For us to receive these benefits requires we have the knowledge that they exist and the faith to take advantage of them. All the benefits of Divine providence are listed within the pages of the Bible.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shalt make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

Convinced the above scripture is true, then the Bible is the most important source of knowledge a man can possess. The evidence is in observation. Look around you; all things continue to function within their chosen design. From your flower garden to the solar system Divine laws are acting on our behalf that maintains order.

"Trust the Lord completely, and don't depend on your own knowledge. Those who find wisdom are fortunate; they will be blessed when they gain understanding. The profit that comes from wisdom is better than silver and even the finest gold. Wisdom is worth more than fine jewels. Nothing you desire has more value." (Proverbs 3:5, 13, 14, 15)

Isn't it time we begin to use some of this Divine wisdom to rescue our children from the grip of apathy and indifference? It is estimated that kids from 8 to 18 spend an average of 8 to 10 hours a day on electronic devices in the mind-numbing worlds of violent or sexually-oriented games and TV,

watching unacceptable music videos, texting up to 500 times a day, and more than occasionally bullying each other into depression. Isn't it time to cooperate with God against the works of hell? Isn't it time to pull this generation out of the abyss and set them on the path to true success now and into eternity?

"My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes, keep them in your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh." (Proverbs 4:20, 21)

God has not limited his provision to the bare necessities of life as some with the lack of knowledge would suggest. The benefits of the Kingdom of God are so far-reaching they include the desires of your heart.

### "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." (Psalms 37:4)

We have limited God who desires to give us more than we can receive by denying the simple truth.

# "Prove 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 a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

It is the will of God that men be successful and prospers in every aspect of their life as stated above. To experience success and well-being in an imperfect world we must partner with God in all phases of life. The process is simple but challenging. To "have success," we must "do all that is written therein". In other words spend more time with God (His Word) than with TV, video games, soccer matches, fitness workout, etc. In general, spend at least as much time with our spiritual person as with our physical person. Sound corny? Let's look at it another way. Our mind works like a computer storing all information it receives, good, or bad, right or wrong. For the information to be useful, it must be sorted and categorized. If the Spirit of God is the filter of the information, "then thou shalt have good success" and have a greater sense of well-being. If on the other hand if we allow our five earthly senses to spark our thinking process we will be more likely to make decisions stirred by "lust of the eyes lust of the flesh and the pride of life."

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2Corinthians 5:7)

For this to be our way of life it will be necessary to store the right kind of information (the truth) to be referenced by the Holy Spirit.

# "The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, all things that I have said to you." (John 14:26)

Remember our mind is our own; we are free to put whatever we want in there. Doesn't it make sense to store information that will provide lasting benefits? One of the great enemies of mankind is fear. Fear of death, fear of success; fear of failure; fear of people, and on and on. Fear is a crippling emotion because it creates doubt. God has told us to fear not over 60 times in His Word

#### "Fear not, for I am with you." (Isaiah 41:10)

Emotions can work against us. Our emotions are stimulated by our physical senses making us carnally minded and easily deceived.

### "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (Romans 8:6)

Confessing truth dispels fear. Confession is the arm of faith, without it, the power of faith is diminished. Confession makes us "doers of the Word and not hearers only." (James 1:22)

If we say it can't be done then it will never be done, but if we say,

#### "With God, nothing will be impossible. All things are possible to him who believes."

#### (Luke 1:37-Mark 9:23.)

If creation or evolution remains our only choices, both being realized by faith, doesn't it make sense to investigate the one with the most benefits? Only a fool could say no to this question.

Because!!! "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

On the other hand, evolution offers no benefit. Nothing!

#### **GRACE**

#### "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (John.1:17)

One of the challenges Bible newcomers face is understanding the relationship between the Old and New Testaments. When someone wants to argue or degrade faith they will generally refer to the Old Testament. As has been discussed in previous chapters God created a perfect world by his Word (the law). When Adam broke the law the earth was stained beyond human repair. Only God could undo what men had done. Not only is the Bible a work of spiritual integrity, knowledge, and wisdom, but it is also the most reliable history book in print. The Old Testament records the history and struggles of morally corrupt people and their desperate effort to reconnect with God. It is brutally honest in documenting the accounts of degenerate man and his altered nature. The cynics and doubters will use this honest documentation to cast blame on God for allowing such decadence to triumph. (How could God allow that to happen?) They will question historical events like the flood of Noah. They will swear that the three young Hebrew captives could not have withstood the Babylonian furnace. They will reject all supernatural manifestations claiming them impossible. A sincere investigation of both Books will reveal that the New Testament fully satisfied the spiritual integrity of the Old Testament putting to rest any idea that one contradicts the other. The continuity of the Bible would be remarkable if it only covered a few hundred years using just a hand full of authors, but six thousand years using over thirty writers is beyond remarkable. The moment man rejected the truth his nature began a slow regression from his original state of perfection to the severely corrupted society of today.

"Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man." (Romans 1:22, 23)

In other words, men choose to reject the truth willfully and face destructive consequences.

"For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions." (Romans 1:26)

The New Testament fulfilled all the precepts of the Old Testament including the law.

## "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)

The birth of Jesus Christ, His life, and redemptive work were predicted over 300 times in the Old Testament. These amazing prophecies were inspired by God over 4000 years beginning in Genesis (Ge.3:15). Hard to believe you say! Well, only if you are not willing to believe what is plainly stated. Jesus arrived on planet earth just as scripture predicted and suffered the full penalty of the law for Adams's transgression. These historic events fulfilled the Word of God stated in the Old Testament. Upon His return the second time, He will satisfy all remaining prophecies in both the Old and New Testaments including those pointing to the end of this age and the beginning of eternity. There will be much more about His second coming and the future of mankind in the following chapters. God loves His creation with a father's heart of compassion. Even though men have turned their backs to Him in rebellion He has provided a way for mankind to be reconciled back into His family through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 1:7)

Grace is the nature, love, and provisions of God, in short, His character. These characteristics were God before the material creation and are God today.

### "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

God's fundamental character is to forgive and forget.

# "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us and their sins and their lawless deeds will I remember no more." (Psalms 103:12, Hebrews 10:17)

As you can see by these verses God holds no grudges nor bears a grievance with his earthly creation. His love and provision are for every individual born of Adam's race.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Grace is the total of God's love toward us regardless of what we have done or what we think of ourselves. We have done nothing so grievous that God hasn't forgotten it as far as the east is from the west. We have his Word on it! We need to do nothing to receive this unmerited favor, only believe. The grace of God provides all of the benefits men will ever need now and throughout eternity. In our depraved state, we deserve nothing but God gives us everything. Grace moves God to act on behalf of creation for the eternal good of all. The love of God can only be received, it is forced on no one. In this context, grace acts as judgment to those who refuse to receive it. As you can see the love of God and eternal life are already ours to accept.

#### **BIBLE PROPHECY**

## "The Lord gives wisdom; out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:6)

The proof is in the prophecy! The reliability of the Bible is a big question among earthly inhabitants. This, of course, includes the vast majority of earthlings who have never read the Bible but continue to brand it as mythical nonsense. An honest investigation of Bible prophecy will convince any reasonable person that events foretold in scripture are factual. Webster's definition of a fact is "anything actually done or existing." Bible prophecy makes a better than good case for the accountability of all scripture. There are roughly one thousand prophetic passages found in the sixty-six books of the Bible calculating around 25% of the total scripture. Some prophecy falls under the category of double reference, meaning the same prophecy may apply to two different time lines. A good example of this is the first and second coming of Jesus Christ. Other exceptions are prophecies that are based on conditions. Depending on whether the condition was met either nullified or fulfilled the prophecy. Of the one thousand predictions foretold nearly half can be historically validated. Now, here is the truly remarkable result of this study, the remaining unfulfilled prophecies all revolve around the second coming of Jesus Christ (future) and the end of this age. Meaning, all Bible prophecy that can be traced relating to our time and before has been fulfilled, "actually done, or existing." This information is well documented and easily found in a library near you or just Google it. Any student willing to take the time and engage in the research can prove to themselves the accuracy and authenticity of Bible prophecy. Isn't it reasonable to believe that if 100% of all traceable prophecy has come to pass historically, all future prophecy will do the same? We will examine the exciting prospects of Adam's race based on these extraordinary truths in the coming chapters. To have an understanding of the prophetic Word means to possess some part of the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of God. That is an arrogant notion you say. No, it is the will of God as is clearly stated in the chapter heading. Those who will diligently study Bible prophecy, and accept and believe what is plainly said will become the wisest people on earth. They will have a glimpse of the truly amazing future. Earthly events will pale insignificant in light of what is revealed to them through the prophetic Word.

As has been stated earlier some 300 references relating to Jesus Christ can be found in the Old Testament. Many were fulfilled in His birth, death, and resurrection. These events are widely celebrated in Christian cultures throughout the world by believers and non-believers alike. (Christmas and Easter) The fact that Jesus Christ lived on the earth two thousand years ago is indisputable. Not only does Bible history validate these events but Jesus is referenced in secular history as well. The Romans were thorough historians and kept irrefutable records. One such historian Flavius Josephus was a nonreligious Jew commissioned by the Romans to chronicle Jewish history (Antiquities of the Jews). The Romans feared the Jews were becoming an extinct race. The following passage is from book 18 chapter 3 of Antiquities of the Jews. "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it is lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as received the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold, (Old Testament) these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day." Josephus was not the only secular historian to chronicle the existence of Jesus but possibly the most expressive. The sacred holidays of Christmas and Easter are a celebration of the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Son of God for the salvation of mankind. These events were foretold numerous times by different Bible prophets hundreds of years before His birth.

"The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son.) I will pour on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and they shall look on Me whom they have pierced.) For you will not leave my soul in hell." (Isaiah 7:14, Zechariah 12:10, Psalms 16:10)

These three verses foresaw hundreds of years before their conclusion were historically documented and completed. In 1948, the tiny nation of Israel was restored from the ruins of the Second World War and immediately became the center of world attention. Israel's rebirth and newsworthy influence has not changed to this day.

"In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people." (Zechariah 12:3)

Against all odds, this miraculous re-gathering of Jews took place just as predicted over two thousand years ago.

"I seek out My sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered. I will bring them out from the people and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land." (Ezekiel 34:13)

Today Israel (*exist*) in the land God promised to Abraham long before the founding of Palestine and will remain there until Jesus returns a second time. The realization of this prophecy is undeniable. It has been witnessed by every generation since 1948 and is observable at this present time. These two events, the birth of Jesus Christ and the rebirth of Israel serve to prove the validity of Bible prophecy. (*Actually done or existing*) When evolution can produce a link between species, then will it deserve our full attention?

#### REBIRTH OF MODERN-DAY ISRAEL

#### "I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it." (Jeremiah 30:3)

By the year 70 AD, the Roman Emperor Pompey had put down the final Jewish rebellion against his occupation. As a result, the Jews were displaced (scattered) throughout the rest of the known world. Moses forecast this dispersion 1500 years before it occurred in the year 1423 BC.

#### "The Lord will scatter you among the people, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you." (Deuteronomy 4:27)

The Roman conquest of the Jewish nation in 70 AD is studied in classrooms throughout the world and accepted as historically accurate. How could Moses have known such an event would take place 1500 years into the future had God not shown him? Not only did Moses foresee the final Jewish dispersion 1500 years before it happened, but he also predicted the return of the Jews 2000 years later, after the dispersion in 1948.

# "Then the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord God has scattered you." (Deuteronomy 30:3)

The modern nation of Israel looms as a signal that planet earth is about to take a big step toward its amazing future. Have you ever wondered what a Jew is, or why they have been so widely hated throughout their earthly journey? Race has always been a flammable issue in the world of imperfection but the Jews had two strikes against them from the start. It all began when God made an agreement with a man He knew he could trust. If Abraham would keep his faith and trust God then God would be faithful to reward him.

### "Now the Lord had said to Abram, I will make you a great nation and in you, all the families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:2, 3)

This verse is in direct reference to the nation of Israel and to Jesus Christ the redeemer and descendant of Abraham who would amend the law of sin and death. Jacob, Abraham's grandson became the tribe of Israel.

#### "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel." (Genesis 32:28)

It was here that Abraham's faith was rewarded and Israel became the pathway God chose to deliver the Word in letter, Spirit, and flesh to all generations. Along with the agreement God made with Abraham, came a parcel of land.

# "The Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, to your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the River Euphrates." (Genesis 15:18)

These two promises signaled the eventual end of Lucifer's earthly rule and made Israel his acute enemy and constant target. From that day to this Lucifer and his forces have been in mortal combat with God over this tiny nation while the rest of humanity is caught in the middle. These two promises cannot be overruled or amended by any government or dimension. Had Abraham failed to keep his end of the bargain God would have found someone else who would be faithful to the condition of the agreement. Behind every earthly conflict, there rages a spiritual battle by spirit beings from a world much different than our material world. It is the fundamental battle between good and evil. It is not a storybook, motion picture, or television series. It is the real deal and should be taken very seriously.

## "And war broke out in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought." (Revelation 12:7)

The Bible describes numerous conflicts between spiritual forces throughout history. The Jews have had the unwanted distinction of being at the core of this battle for planet earth. The restoration of modern-day Israel sets the stage for the fulfillment of all remaining prophecies leading to the return of Jesus Christ and life on earth after his return.

### "I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:3)

People living on earth at present are literally Bible characters because the regathering of Israel has materialized in our time. If you are paying any attention to global affairs then you know there is a shifting of power on the geopolitical scene. These international changes are moving in concurrence with the second coming of Jesus Christ and the events surrounding His return. Make sure you are prepared and be certain that you are allied with the winning side. Though the majority of today's Jews are anti-Jesus they are

not anti-Messiah "the anointed one". They look forward to the coming of the Messiah and his earthly kingdom.

### "I know that my Redeemer lives and that He shall stand at last on the earth."

(Job 19:25)

When Jesus returns to earth He will first set foot in Israel completing the blessed hope for both Jews and Christians alike.

"His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east; (thus the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Him." (Zechariah 14:4, 5)

The remarkable rebirth of Israel is no secret to sincere Bible students who accept the Word of God for what it plainly states. It is the enemy of God who tries to confound the lazy student to confuse and stymie the clear truth. The Major Prophets, as well as various other writers of the Old Testament, predicted the restoration of Israel in the latter day. Although many prophecies regarding this event will happen in rapid-fire succession and be easily recognized the church will have been evacuated before their completion. There will be much more about this astonishing extraction of God's Special Forces in the following chapter. The church will, however, likely witness the beginning of some disturbing worldwide activity. What is happening right now with the Arab uprising cannot be missed or ignored. Before it is over the geopolitical scene in Asia, Africa, and Europe will look different than when it started. Try to imagine a large geographic puzzle where nation pieces are moving ever so slowly into their final positions. These latter-day alignments will develop for various reasons, not the least of which include ideologies intolerable to one another. Nations will be forced to align with others through intimidation and even war. It must be understood that the return of Jesus Christ to establish His earthly kingdom happens not without a violent beginning.

"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. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom" (Mt. 24:6, 7)

Yes, there have been wars throughout history as some will argue but this verse is Jesus speaking about the latter days, a specific time in history when

Israel is once again settled in the promised land for the final time. The astute Bible student will understand that there is a divine timeline concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. Once set into motion these events will come to pass right on time.

### "And when these things begin to happen, then look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." (Lu. 21:28)

Four such confederacies will form using the tiny nation of Israel as a focal point. Beginning with a northern federation consisting of one very powerful nation to lead them. The second southern alliance will form out of Northern Africa along with smaller kingdoms south from the Arabian Peninsula to the Persian Gulf. From the east, a sleeping giant will emerge with fearsome military power. And finally, a great ten-nation confederation will assemble from out of Europe and along the northern and eastern Mediterranean. These alliances have already begun to take shape at this present time. The four great blocks of latter-day nation alliances can be found and studied in the following books, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation. Many other subtle signs cannot be ignored by honest students of truth who are willing to search the scriptures for the answers. One such sign is the rapid decline of moral values with an increase in self-indulgence.

# "But know this, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men will be lovers of themselves, unholy without natural affection, without self-control, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God." (2Timothy 3:1, 2, 3)

This is a stern warning for today's generations. Anyone who watches TV attends movies, uses the Internet, reads books or magazines, or pays any attention to contemporary cultures can't help but realize the decline in moral standards for the pursuit of pleasure. One more very disturbing matter I will end this chapter with is hiding in the shadows of human apathy. We are slowly welcoming Government intrusion into our lives through electronic tracking devices that will soon end privacy as we know it and make government control impossible to escape.

"And he causes all, to receive a mark in their right hand or on their foreheads that no man might buy or sell, except one who has the mark of the name of the beast or the number of his name." (Re.13:16, 17)

#### THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

"The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." (1Thessaloians 4:16, 17)

Beam me up Commander! Jesus is the commander of the army of God and the church is the front line of defense. "Beam Me Up Scotty" was a catchphrase made popular by the television series Star Trek when using teleportation as a means of travel. Teleportation is the theoretical transfer of matter or energy from one point to another in a moment without interfering with the material space between them. Could this be possible, could there be more than three dimensions in our universe? It may surprise you to know that some physicists believe there could be a fourth, maybe a fifth, and even beyond. Let me solve this problem and put their weary minds to rest. There are most certainly more than three dimensions. At present, physical science labors to define the universe using only three observable dimensions, length, width, and depth. Many physicists have suggested that a fourth dimension (time) exists although they lack definitive evidence. Theoretically, in fifthdimensional space, an object could travel through the material universe without being disruptive. (A rock could pass through a window without breaking the glass). This all sounds very mysterious to the average person but maybe science is on to something here.

"After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Then Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in their midst." (John 20:26)

This verse describes an incident that happened after the death and resurrection of Jesus when he appeared to many mortals via (teleportation). His body of flesh and blood had been changed from natural to spiritual. He now could function in the material as well as spiritual dimensions. In this verse, Jesus was able to enter a closed room without going through the door, yet looked the same as before His death. The disciples could see and touch the new body of Jesus.

## "Then He said to Thomas, Reach your hand here and put it into my side." (John 20:27)

Blood is the life source of the mortal body. It collects and distributes all the essential elements necessary for an active healthy existence. When a person puts on immortality his new body no longer requires blood to sustain life. Jesus's new spiritual body was void of blood but remained a form of flesh and bone. He retained the five earthly senses and was recognized by His friends. All of this simply means He could now function in any environment, passing from one dimension to the next in a moment of time. He was part of the first resurrection and the model for all following human restoration. The catching away of the church by (teleportation) is the process of instant transformation from natural bodies to spiritual bodies. Included are all saints who have previously died and all believers that are alive at that time. The immediate withdrawal of the Army of God from planet earth will set the stage for the forces of hell to take over. Much the same way the rebels in Iraq took over after the US withdrew their ground forces. Just as the Jews have a special purpose in the eternal plan of God so also does the church. The church of the redeemed was given authority to combat evil and boldly spread the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

## "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all devils. And He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick." (Lu.9:1, 2)

There remains the second purpose of equal importance for the church that will be discussed at length in a later chapter. The word church is not used in the Old Testament and did not exist until after the birth of Christ. It is unique to the New Testament and is only associated with followers of Jesus making the true church one of a kind in God's ultimate plan for the ages.

### "He is before all things, and in Him, all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church." (Col.1:17, 18)

The church at times has been hijacked and corrupted by cults and false religions but the body of Christ, the true church is incorruptible and destined for special responsibility in the world to come. At present, the church is the agent God uses to control hell on earth through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament church, the Holy Spirit is given to all believers to assist in the battle for planet earth and the proliferation of the truth.

## "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

It is very important to understand the significance of the church in controlling the evil that besets the world. Adam being the first man was given dominion over all earthly creation.

"And God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26)

He was God's agent in the new world. When Adam broke the law causing imperfect earth he gave up all his earthly authority to Lucifer who had been tossed out of heaven because of his rebellion. It was Lucifer, who planted the seed of doubt and unbelief in the heart of Adam for the express purpose of gaining access to his earthly dominion.

"In times past, you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience." (Ephesians 2:2)

Now would be a good time to again answer the question, why doesn't God just stop all the injustice in the world? Underline this rule of law in your mind; God will not force His will on anyone. If he did he would be the tyrant and not the long-suffering governor He is. All problems facing men today are a direct result of Adams's transgression, and not God's submissive disregard for the suffering of mankind, as some claim. Men have chosen to disobey or ignore God, therefore, causing the majority of their own troubles. God is patient, willing to wait on all who will accept His pardon. It is estimated that about 30% of the earth's population claims Christianity as their religion. When you consider the true definition of Christian as defined by Jesus that number is likely reduced considerably.

"Most assuredly I say to you unless a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, you must be born again." (John 3:5, 6) These verses simply define the true nature of a person's conversion when he accepts Jesus as his savior. A spiritual change takes place in that person and at the same time, their name is recorded in Heaven.

## "But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination, or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." (Revelation 21:27)

This body of believers is the true church and the reward for their faith is knowledge and authority beyond human comprehension, including an endless life of incredible service and adventure. Today's younger generations are so captivated by technology, social acceptance, and pseudo-ideologies that their hearts are hardened toward the one true God.

### "Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that Day will not come, unless the falling away comes first." (2Thessalonians 2:1, 3)

That day in the above verse refers to the second coming of Jesus. It infers that there is a time in the future when all hearts will be deceived and believe the lie. It is at this time the faithful church will be evacuated from the earth. Surveys suggest that more and more young people are abandoning the church for the world and its glitter. Many are lured to counterfeit churches that practice no absolutes and embrace the carnal nature of fallen man. If you can imagine the world without the moral and spiritual conviction of the true church then you have some idea of what lies ahead, the world without perimeters. When the church is taken out of the world all hell will break loose on earth. Satan has finally gotten his way there is left no hindrance to his diabolical plan. The army of God has vanished! Satan's plan to take over the material world is now put into motion by the appointment of his handpicked human world leader.

### "Let no one deceive you by any means, for that day will not come unless the falling comes first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." (2Thessalonians 2:3)

Perdition is a word that in general describes the eternal state of ruin. This delusional world leader believes he is the Messiah and is an advocate of every lie that Satan promotes.

"Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." (2Thessalonians 2:4)

His short-lived reign is marred by destruction and mayhem that only the return of Jesus can halt. At present, it is the church on earth that keeps the son of ruin and the spirit of hell under control until the great evacuation.

"And now you know what is restraining, that he might be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work: only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and destroy with the brightness of His coming." (2Thessalonians 2:6, 7, 8)

The great and final world take-over is orchestrated by Satan and powered by technology.

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders." (2Thessalonians 2:9)

The supernatural evacuation of the church via (teleportation) is imminent and could take place at any time now that Israel has been restored to the Promise Land. The unparalleled distress to shortly befall humanity is in part, the work of Satan unshackled and God's wrath on rebellious man.

"And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who can stand?"

(Revelation 6:15, 16, 17)

When the church is no longer on earth God will stand with the Jews, completing all the promises He originally made to Abraham. Restoring not only the land but also the heart of the Jewish people. To be a part of the great church evacuation you simply need only to accept the true plan for salvation through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord, I believe and accept. Beam me up Commander!

#### **HELLS TACTICS**

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1Peter 5:8)

"The devil made me do it," was a trademark line the comedian Flip Wilson used to catapult himself to fame in the 1970s. The saying was intended to be cute, after all, everybody knows the devil is just an imaginary character. Although Wilson was a funny man, this line served to diminish the true nature of man's most menacing adversary. Truth is, Satan is the root cause of evil on planet earth. In a previous chapter, we explored the nature of Satan and his diabolical plan to take over the imperfect world. Let's now take a closer look at his tactics. This is a grave matter and must be taken seriously. The vast majority of mankind is at the mercy of Satan and his army of devious spirits. You may believe this is silly mythology. If this is your attitude then I encourage you to give this chapter your close attention. It is a matter of life and death. If 5th-dimensional hyperspace is true as demonstrated by Jesus when he walked through a solid rock wall then there are two separate worlds sharing the same space. Impossible? Not to physical scientists devoted to the subject, including Albert Einstein. In 2012, a contraption called Large Hadron Collider managed to smash a couple of protons exposing a particle that had never been observed before. The Higgs Bosom particle had been only a theory before the experiment. This new find, affectionately called the God Particle, appears to be an unknown symmetry (law of nature). An element not associated with the known material universe. The Higgs particle is still open to discussion in parts of the scientific community but makes for an interesting study. Academic minds of our time are intrigued by the possibility of twin worlds from different dimensions.

## "Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them were finished." (Genesis 2:1)

The word host in this verse suggests a countless number of spiritual beings created, "in the beginning." So, wouldn't it be reasonable to suppose there are as many spiritual beings accessing earth as human beings living here? The Bible is clear on this subject. There are some very strange and exotic spiritual characters roaming both worlds. We will examine some of these fascinating creatures more closely in a future chapter. The point of all this is

to show that we are not alone in the universe. Many in this company of extra-terrestrials are in the enemy's camp and they don't need flying saucers to invade our air space. Why are they so opposed to our existence? It is because we are chosen to rule and reign the universe with Jesus Christ forever in the new heaven and earth and they are not.

# "What is a man that you are mindful of him, you have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet. And they shall reign for ever and ever." (Psalms 8:4, 5, 6, Revelation 22:5)

We are born with physical traits we received from our parent's gene pool such as hair, eye, and skin color. Although our parents are profoundly influential in our behavioral tendencies those patterns are not inherited. Our parents share this commission with the environment. If you live in the inner city surrounded by gang violence there's a good chance you will become part of that violent environment. Sin is transferred from one generation to the next but not through the gene pool. If sin were inherited then all newborns who died prematurely would be spiritually lost not having had the chance to exercise their free will. Therefore unjust!

### "There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior." (Isaiah 45:21)

God is a savior, not an executioner. Behavior is in part a result of our environment (Johnny see Johnny do). The world we live in is extremely violent because a vindictive psychopath governs it.

### "In times past, you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air." (Ephesians 2:2)

Television, movies, and the internet are controlled by dark influences feeding us brutally sadistic violence and immorality twenty-four hours a day. (Wickedness) Now the latest and greatest threat to the next generation is social networking. Sharing personal wickedness!

## "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5)

This verse characterizes the generation of Noah just before the great flood. Jesus used this example to describe present-day immorality.

## "But as the days of Noah were, so also, will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:37)

When an entire class of six-year old's is wiped out in an act of non-repentant evil is it mental illness or a diabolically wicked influence from an unseen world? If we believe mental illness is the sole cause of our moral breakdown we are profoundly deceived. Treating today's corrupted society as a mental illness problem is like treating a mortal wound with aspirin. The reality is we are being buffeted and besieged by rebel spirits of darkness who access both dimensions.

### "There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me." (2Corinthians 12:7)

There are over thirty types of evil attributed to Satan and his band of rebels recorded in scripture, ranging from physical illness to discord. Space will not allow a comprehensive discussion of all the works of the unseen rebel-world but I will list a few that are most troubling of this generation. Satan is the most prolific mass murderer in history.

### "The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy." (John 10:10)

Although murder has been a devilish tactic since Cain slew Able the introduction of weapons of mass destruction has made the slaughter of human beings pale in comparison. Today roughly 675 billion dollars are budgeted yearly for US Military spending. A good percentage of this expenditure is the development of lethal weaponry designed to kill more people at one time. Indiscriminate killing by nations, terrorist organizations, and individuals has skyrocketed with no end in sight. Suicide rates have increased dramatically over the last ten years surpassing deaths from motor vehicle crashes. Will more mental health facilities solve these problems? The stark reality is that these atrocities are spiritually motivated and cannot be solved with mind-numbing drugs. Jesus summed it up with this solemn warning about the times we live in.

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be and unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved." (Matthew 24:21,

Man is on a record-breaking pace leading to self-destruction. The proliferation of violence is no more disturbing than the breakdown of moral conscience. The majority now embraces what was not morally accepted only a few years ago. Pornography rules the internet! Soft porn is common in prime-time TV viewing. Right from wrong is no longer definitive.

"To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess to know God, but in their works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and disqualified for every good work." (Titus 1:15, 16)

This new wave of immorality is changing the way we live and view life. Marriage, God's foundation for a family is no longer desired or necessary.

"Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

These lies and much more are shredding the fabric of social order. We are on the way to wrapping up this age of iniquity, bringing to pass the return of Jesus Christ to planet earth. So, what can be done to overcome the climax of hell's fury? Defend the truth! Make sure you and all your loved ones have received the grace of God. Realize that your life is just beginning and the sooner Jesus returns the sooner you and all those you loved will start the incredible life together that God has planned for you.

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. And when these things begin to happen look up and lift up your heads because your redemption draws near." (Colossians 3:2 Luke 21:28)

### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DIMENSION

"I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, and his arms and feet like the color of polished brass, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude." (Daniel 10:5, 6)

We have dared to look at the dark side beyond the third dimension. It is a real world where the enemy hides and works to overthrow the government of God. If you want an earthly vision of the heavenly battle you need to look no further than the evening news. Worldwide terrorist organizations have leagued with Satan to overthrow governments in a final futile effort to gain control. There is another side to the hidden world that is bright and majestic and far superior in power and preeminence. In the chapter heading the prophet Daniel describes a person from another world. It is the angel Gabriel that has appeared to him with a very important message from God. It was hard for Daniel to describe what he saw. He could only reference earthly things he considered majestic to describe this magnificent being. The encounter with Gabriel was so imposing that Daniel could not remain standing.

"There remained no strength in me. And suddenly a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands."
(Daniel 10:8, 10)

The message Gabriel carried was God's answer to Daniel's prayer, but along the way, Gabriel ran into a mighty Arch Angel from the dark side delaying the answer to Daniel for 21 days.

"Then he said to me, "do not fear, Daniel, for, from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days."

(Daniel 10:12, 13)

This view into the unseen world gives us a provocative look at what is going on in the 5th dimension beyond our earthly senses. Gabriel the messenger from God was traveling through the 4th-dimensional-time zone with the

answer to Daniel's question about the fate of his beloved Israel. The answer was so important that Daniel would be asked to write it down in a book for future generations. The Prince of the Kingdom of Persia (modern-day Iran) who controls the hidden space above Persia, intercepted Gabriel and tried to confiscate his message. The effort was to no avail. The powerful angel Michael came to the rescue clearing the way for Gabriel to proceed. The Prince of Persia remains in control of that space today and provokes the battles going on in the region. Turn on the TV and watch for yourself. If the 4th dimension is time differential and the 5th is a twin world then this incident describes the battle going on in the 3rd, 4th and 5th dimensions between good and evil. Gabriel needed a backup to bust the blockade posed by the Prince of Persia.

#### "Lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me." (Daniel 10:13)

Of course, non-believers will scoff and call this a fable at best, but remember, "the fool has said in his heart, there is no God." The answer to Daniel's prayer is of immense importance to this present generation and will be discussed at length in a later chapter. There is an important sidebar to the above verses. Prayers are sometimes delayed but never forgotten. Keep in mind that faith and patience are a requirement for answered prayers. Daniel's close encounter of the third kind was not science fiction. Gabriel and Michael are the real deal and able to transcend both worlds just as Jesus did after His resurrection. God created these two majestic beings "in the beginning." There is no procreation in the spiritual dimension nor are angels deceased human beings, as some believe.

## "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in Heaven." (Mark 12:25)

If modern man were to try and describe the angel Gabriel he too would likely struggle as Daniel did. Both would agree, however, that he has features similar to men. You might be interested in learning that not all created beings look like men, they are beyond description even when trying to use an earthly reference. Mortal men who have shared the presence of these heavenly creatures tried with little success.

(Seraphim) "This was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. Each one had six wings: with two, he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew." (Isaiah 6:2)

(Cherubim) "Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. Each had the face of a man, and the face of a lion on the right side, and all four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle."

(Ezekiel 1:10, 10:21)

(Living beings) "Round about the throne were four living creatures full of eyes in front and back. And the first creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, and the third creature had the face of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living beings had six wings, and they were full of eyes around and within." (Revelation 4:6, 7, 8)

All of these extraordinary creatures had some of the same characteristics yet all were different, and all had dissimilar responsibilities. Have you ever wondered if animals go to heaven? Well, you will be happy to know there are animals in the invisible world. The armies of God including the saints will cross the 5th dimension mounted on perfect white horses when Jesus returns.

### "And the armies in Heaven, clothed in fine linen white and clean, followed Him on white horses." (Revelation 19:14)

When God created the physical world he intended it to be similar in some ways to the invisible world. "From the creation of the world, the invisible things of Him are clearly seen, being understood through the things that are made." The strange creatures described above have features similar to animals, eagles, calves, lions, ox, and horses. Some have wings. You may have wondered what purpose animals serve in creation. They certainly were not created to eat for dinner.

## "I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you, it shall be for food." (Genesis 1:29)

Nor did they evolve. They were created "after their kind." (Genesis 7:14) Why would God save the animal kingdom from the flood of Noah if they were not a part of His eternal plan? Animal lovers rejoice for whether they are changed at death or whether they are created for Heaven they will be a part of our future. As strange as these heavenly creatures seem to be, they were crafted for specific reasons and are neither frightening nor threatening. They have taken on the loving nature of their creator and live in perfect

harmony with their neighbors in a perfect environment. You may be wondering about Satan and his allies. These evil rebels are not permitted in Heaven. They reside only in the hidden world surrounding earth and will eventually be dispatched by God never to be heard from again.

### "Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:14)

The spiritual dimension is not hindered by time and space as we know it on planet earth. There is no death or decay so time is meaningless. No need for a wristwatch. You will be teleporting yourself from place to place or dimension to dimension, or you can walk if you choose. Who needs legs if you don't use them? You will eat, speak, and in general do many of the same things you did on earth. But you will experience activities you have never heard of or even thought of. No need for a haircut! Once your natural body is changed to a spiritual body it will remain the same forever. Everyone will be your friend for there are no strangers in Heaven. There will be no condemnation or judgment. There will be much more about this strange new and exotic world in future chapters

#### THE LAST SEVEN YEARS

"Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."
(Daniel 10:14)

In the previous chapter, the angel Gabriel delivered God's response to Daniel's prayer for his beloved Israel. Daniel's concerns were centered on the future of his people. He knew, according to the writings of the prophet Jeremiah that Israel would be held slave to Babylon for seventy years. The reason for their misfortune was excessive and continuous rebellion. This rebellious spirit prevented God from helping, leaving the Jewish state to fend for itself. Foreign invaders were then able to run roughshod over the land enslaving the people and destroying the cities. The consequence of this rebellion was in part, a result of the Jewish people rejecting the law of sowing and reaping and receiving the reciprocal penalty for their wickedness.

#### "They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness reap the same." (Job 4:8)

But what would happen to these people? Would they simply vanish and integrate into the world's population after seventy years or did they truly have an everlasting place in God's eternal plan as He had promised Abraham?

"I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you, and your descendants after you." (Genesis 17:7)

The message Gabriel carried in the year (539 B.C) would answer all of Daniel's concerns even though he couldn't fully grasp them. It was postmarked for "the latter days" a time in the future beyond Daniel's frame of reference. So what does all of this have to do with the 21st century? Welcome to the latter days! We are the last generations affected by this very important prophecy regarding the Jews. God has not finished with Israel, as many believe. A false precept has managed to weave its way through the halls of Christianity claiming that God has given up on Israel and replaced the Jew with the church. This is foolishness of course, if God failed to keep the covenant He made with Abraham, He would be the liar and his Word would have neither integrity nor credibility. The church's earthly presence is

coming to an end leaving the final chapter of Israel's restoration in the balance.

"I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will keep my judgments, and do them. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God." (Ezekiel 36:24, 26, 27)

The Classified report given to Daniel by the angel Gabriel included six conditions in the history of the Jewish nation that has yet to be accomplished. The reason this file was labeled Top Secret is because it could not be fully understood or recognized until "the latter days".

## "But Daniel shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end: many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4, 5)

As has been established in previous chapters we are living in the latter-day era. We can now understand with some clarity Gabriel's message and its significance by simply studying the historical record. One of the most intriguing predictions found in the whole Bible was at the heart of the angel's dispatch.

"Seventy weeks are determined for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." (Daniel 9:24)

Seventy weeks represents seventy weeks of years or 490 years. (7x70=490) We know this because we can trace 483 years using events predicted through the historical timeline. That leaves seven years yet to be completed. God established 490 years to complete his side of the agreement He made with Abraham. Seven years remain unfulfilled.

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and to build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks." (Daniel 9:25)

Remember Daniel's concern while praying was the future of Israel after the destruction of its cities and the dispersion of the people by the invading armies of Babylon. The first part of the prophecy allows 49 of the 490 years (seven sevens) to complete the restoration of Jerusalem.

## "Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and the gates are burned with fire: come, and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." (Nehemiah 2:17)

Sometime between (444 and 458 B.C.) Nehemiah started his work to build up the wall and gates of Jerusalem previously destroyed by the Babylonians. The full restoration was completed 49 years later ending the Old Testament. That left sixty-two weeks or 434 years until the time the Messiah was cut off. (*Crucifixion*)

### "And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off." (Daniel 9:26)

Move the historical timeline ahead 434 years. There were just over 400 years between the old and new testaments. Jesus was born (5 B.C.) and crucified (A.D. 29) the second part of the prophecy was Complete 483 years from the time Nehemiah started the restoration of Israel until the time of the crucifixion. There remains one week or seven years to finish Gabriel's 490-year proclamation. The six conditions left to complete will end the Jewish rebellion against God. They will recognize Jesus for who He is and accept Him as Messiah bringing Abraham's seed into the family of God just as promised. Let's recap this astonishing prediction before we examine the remaining seven years. Even though God chose Israel to be the lineage of the Messiah, like all degenerate men they were historically up and down with their faith. When they rebelled against the spiritual laws God gave them for success their fortunes would decline. When they turned back to God their prospect would improve.

## "My son, do not forget my law; but let your heart keep my commands, For the length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee" (Proverbs 3:1)

Daniel was born into a disobedient rebellious Israel but remained strong in his faith. As a young man, he was carried off into slavery but never forsook God or the nation he came from. It was his faith and intercession that God honored through a personal visit from His heavenly agent Gabriel. The answers Gabriel brought were complicated because they would cover such a vast period of time. God simplified the time differential by breaking the

prophecy down into three separate parts (or timelines) starting with the rebuilding of Jerusalem and ending with the death of the Messiah 483 years later. Enter the church age of 2000 years and counting. The third part is the future starting with the 7 missing years of Daniel's seventy-seven weeks of years culminating in the return of Jesus Christ to planet earth and finally ending with 1000 years of spiritual restoration fulfilling God's promise to Abraham's descendants.

"And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion and will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. For this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins." (Romans 11:26, 27)

The physical death of the Messiah ended 483 years of the prophecy just as predicted. It also temporarily ended Israel's existence as a nation. The church was then commissioned to carry on the proliferation of the truth.

### "Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark. 16:15)

The final seven years of Gabriel's message regarding the fate of the Jews are still future. Upon completion of these seven turbulent years, Israel will blossom into the leading nation of the world. What happens during this unprecedented trouble in man's history does not apply to the true church of Jesus Christ. The church spends these seven years in "The City of God" receiving their future assignments after being evacuated from planet earth. Sound unfair to those that are left? No one need be left if we tell all we love the truth, it will then be their decision to make. Of course, many will die of earthly causes before the catching away of the church, who will tell them of God's plan if we don't? The seven years of tribulation have everything to do with Israel and nothing to do with the church. The disturbing details of this period are easily found in the books of the major prophets, the gospels, and the book of Revelation. The church is not the enemy of God and therefore not subject to His wrath.

### "The hand of our God is upon all those for good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath is against all those who forsake Him." (Ezra 8:22)

Rebellious man has sided with the prince of darkness in the battle of good against evil. God has no choice but to let man's self-destruction run its course and end the struggle. There is good news on the horizon for Jews and

gentile alike, the final seven years end with the greatest event in the history of mankind, the return of Jesus Christ with the church at his side.

#### **OUR INHERITANCE**

"I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done" (Isaiah 46:9, 10)

When God created the heaven and the earth "in the beginning" he planned to populate the earth with a man who would reproduce after his kind. If men chose to fellowship with Him He would be their God and they would live in eternal harmony in a perfect environment in the material world. The chapter heading states that God knows the end from the beginning and the conclusion of man's physical existence on this earth. There is the perception in some ranks that life will continue as it has since apes became men, everevolving, ever reproducing itself, forever and ever. Others believe that men are on an inevitable path to self-destruction. It will please you to know there remain at least one thousand years before God creates a new heaven and a new earth where humans will continue to reproduce forever. When the Bible refers to the end-time or latter days, it is speaking of a time when Jesus will come back to establish a theocratic government, (Rule of God) on imperfect planet earth. This restoration will happen one thousand years before the earth is transformed from imperfection back to perfection. There will be more about this very mysterious thousand years in the following chapter. We will devote this chapter to the seven missing years of Gabriel's message to Daniel. Much has been written about this period and the events that take place within these seven years on earth. Since I have no intention of taking part in this hellish period, I prefer to set my affection on where I will be spending my time. It will begin with the evacuation of the church from earth to Heaven through teleportation. It will include all believers of Adam's race. Jesus made a very important promise to the church before He surrendered His life.

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am, there you may be also."

(John 14:2, 3)

It should be understood that Jesus is not talking about coming back to earth in the glory of the all-powerful Jewish Messiah to put down the rebellion and save the Jews from total annihilation.

### "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, those days will be shortened." (Matthew 24:22)

The elect spoken of here is the Jews, not the church. Jesus second coming to earth occurs seven years after the church has been evacuated. Jesus has made it clear that there is a mansion in Heaven for you as well as all other believers of Adam's race. Notice the word "receive" in the preceding verse, when you receive something it comes to you. We will be "caught up together to meet the Lord in the air." Jesus receives the church in the heavenly fifth dimension out of sight of earthly observation. On the contrary, when He returns to earth seven years later, He will bring the church back with Him into the third dimension where all earth dwellers will witness His return.

### "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:27)

As has been stated previously the seven years of Jacobs's trouble, (*Israel*) is only relevant to people living on earth at that time.

### "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it. It is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it." (Jeremiah 30:7)

Through Jacob's trouble is graphically described in the pages of scripture it is of little consequence to those who have been changed and evacuated. During those seven turbulent years on earth, the saints of all previous ages will be introduced to the City of God and the wonders of the fifth dimension. At that instant mysteries of the universe will become clear.

## "For now, we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then shall I know, even as also I am known." (1 Corinthians 13:12)

The new residents of Heaven will have a transparent view of creation seen from the habitation of the Creator. No need for a physicist, mathematicians, astronomers, or evolutionists. We will hobnob with the likes of Gabriel and all the wonderful inhabitants of Heaven. Most importantly we will see Jesus face to face and know that our faith is rewarded. This is just the beginning of

a future full of wonderment and joy. The church has been brought together in Heaven to receive its eternal inheritance.

### "Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance, for you serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:24)

You will be happy to know that being a child of God makes you a joint heir with Jesus and heir to the creation. Not only will you reside in your mansion in the City of God far from the care of this corrupt world but also you will be given assignments for future responsibilities.

## "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17)

So what does it mean to inherit the created universe? First of all, it means you will traverse the wide expanse of the created universe by simply passing through the 5th dimension. No need for rockets or spacesuits! To be a joint heir with Jesus means you will be given administrative duties over an expanding universal theocratic government. "Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end." You will be equipped with a perfect understanding of the Word of God so that your judgment is flawless. Even to the extent angels will be subject to your decisions.

## "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? Do you not know that we shall judge angels?" (1Corinthians 6:2, 3)

You inherit the nature of God so that your decisions will be founded on the love of God. Your life will be full of new and meaningful responsibilities. Minus the stress, worry, anxiety, and fear.

### "You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of your hands." (Hebrews 2:7)

There will be more about the saint's responsibility in the New World to follow in future chapters. The next verses present a picture of a great marriage banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven during the seven years of tribulation on earth.

"And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, and the sound of many waters, and as the sound of mighty thundering's, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and

His wife has made herself ready. "And to her, it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Revelation 19:6, 7, 8, 9)

The verses tell the story of the relationship between the saints and Jesus. The saint's in these verses represent the bride and Jesus the groom. The bond between the church and Jesus is likened to the sacred marriage between a man and a woman.

"A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. So then they are no longer two, but one flesh." (Genesis 2:24 Matthew 19:6)

"For the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ is the head of the church, and He is the savior of the body. Therefore just as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her." (Ephesians 5:23, 24,25)

The church is the body of Christ, therefore by choice, one in thought and practice. Modern generations have abandoned the sanctity of marriage much the same way they have abandoned their faith in Jesus Christ. The marriage between a man and a woman was ordained to last a lifetime in perfect harmony in a perfect world. In an imperfect world "until death do us part". A principle of harmony is agreement. Free moral agents must elect to agree to achieve harmony. The church has agreed with the Word of God that Jesus is the savior and lord. Agreement is the strength of a marriage!

"I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in Heaven." (Matthew 18:19)

During the seven missing years of Gabriel's message, Heaven is a very busy place celebrating life and love and untold riches. Earth is full of oppression, misery, and death. The evacuation of all living saints from earth could happen at any moment. Will you be part of this extraordinary journey? There is a ticket with your name on it waiting at the will-call window. When you pick up your ticket you will be excited to see the ticket master is Jesus and this is what he will say to you.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of thy lord." (Matthew 25:21)

Beam me up Commander!

#### WORLD CONDITIONS AT JESUS RETURN

"For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also, will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:38, 39)

Indifference floods our society today much as it did in the days of Noah. The mindset of today's younger generations is self-centered, self-absorbed, selfish, believing gratification is the right of all citizens. It's not a new attitude but a dangerous one. Ask most young people under the age of twenty-one ten questions about something they are not directly involved with and they will likely fail to answer any correctly. A serious indictment you say. I say it is a somber reality. This generation's news and information come from the likes of Twitter and TikTok. Their favorite TV will be rowdy anything-goes programming that embraces indulgence without boundaries. Their music will encourage rebellion. Parents seem blinded by these hellish influences and become participators rather than filters. Jesus is no longer the center of family morality and inspiration. It's a recipe for failure! Cohabitation without commitment is the new marriage. No strings attached, no need to stay, I'm out of here! In this country alone there are multiple millions of children being raised in single-parent homes. Street culture influences more kids than family values. The young suburban who manage to skirt the alleys and sewers of urban city life is being besieged with intellectual materialism in the halls of higher education. No room for God, what's in it for me?

"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator." (Romans 1:22, 25)

Dishonesty is now an acceptable way of life under the label of getting ahead. World governments lead the way with power-crazed leaders and greedy career politicians, including fail-safe Democracies. The entertainment industry panders filth but remains more influential than the church. Promiscuity is acceptable, be sure and use protection, if that doesn't work we'll abort. These attitudes have been around

since Adam's fall but are ballooning into the rule rather than the exception. We are rapidly sinking to the bottom!

"Knowing the righteous judgment of God that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." (Romans 1:32)

Selfish indifference seems the mindset of the free world. Anarchy and violence rule the third world. The more rotten the core the more acceptable the violence and corruption become.

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth." (Genesis 6:11, 12)

Corruption of the soul is the deadliest form of depravity it robs men of their integrity and hardens their hearts against God. Greed and lust have become the gods of this world. These are serious accusations you say. I say it is moving to a neighborhood near you! In case you are suddenly depressed after reading this chapter, remember you can avoid falling into this pit of despair. Consider this, you are walking along the highway of life and suddenly you come to a fork in the road. One side of the fork is wide and alluring. It smells good and looks good. It's a very exciting boulevard. People are eating and drinking; in general, there is a festive atmosphere about it all. It has a sensual pull that is difficult to resist. The other road is much smaller and less crowded. As you ponder which direction you will take you notice most people are drawn to the wide side, they will not consider the narrow side. And then you notice something strange among all the lights and glitter. The pavement on the boulevard is cracked and crumbling. No one seems to notice or care! The pavement on the straight and narrow road is perfect not a bump or crack to be found. As you continue to consider which way you will go a man is standing beside you. He offers you his hand and says to you.

"Enter by the narrow gate, for wide, is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way which leads to life, and few find it." (Matthew 7:13, 14)

In the chapter heading Jesus is comparing earthly conditions at his return with conditions just before the flood of Noah. In the days of Noah, all of the earth's residents had managed to suppress God from their memory. They

had corrupted themselves with no chance of redemption. There was no room for God in their thoughts because their mind was on evil continually.

## "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was on evil continually." (Genesis 6:5)

It was party time. Life was good, plenty to eat and drink, no inhibitions, and an anything-goes lifestyle. Live and let live! Civil law was non-existent. Every conceivable kind of sexual encounter was not only welcomed but also encouraged. Their minds were consumed with the desires of this world

"For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father, but is of the world."

#### (1 John 2:16)

The once-perfect human condition had fragmented. The people didn't care. They were so self-absorbed they were indifferent to their condition. They thought Noah was a delirious fool. After all, it had never rained on earth before. No storms or violent weather of any kind. The earth before the flood had a perfect watering system, every day a strong mist settled on the earth supplying just enough water to create a lush environment.

## "There went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." (Genesis 2:6)

They didn't see it coming and they were all swept away in the torrent. God knows when man's hearts are hardened to the extent that there is no chance they will turn back. As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the second coming of Jesus. Noah was the exception in his generation.

### "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." (Genesis 6:8, 9)

Because of his faith, Noah and his family were saved from the flood. The church and Noah have something in common. They are both saved from the wrath of perfect judgment by simple faith. Jesus reminded his disciples of this Biblical account when they questioned him about his second coming. It's a warning to this generation so as not to be caught unaware.

#### IT IS FINISHED

"I saw Heaven opened, and behold, a white horse; and He who sat on him was called Faithful and True and in righteousness, He judges and makes war. (Revelation 19:11)

The return of Jesus Christ to planet earth is not a festival of lights with singing and dancing. It is a frontal attack on godless dissenters to end the rebellion. This is the event the Jewish people have been looking forward to since God made His covenant with Abraham. Finally, in all of His glory and power, the Jewish Messiah will come to fulfill His promise and redeem the Jewish nation. The second coming is not for the benefit of the church. The church and all previous Old Testament saints have already been redeemed and are now part of the government of God. The agreement God made with Abram was not conditional. God by his word would cause His promise to manifest. Abram's requirement like all redeemed of Adams race was simple faith in the Word of God.

"I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse him who curses you, and in you, all families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:2, 3)

As a part of the agreement, God would give Abram and his decedents their own country and they would retain the title deed forever.

"The Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants have I given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates." (Genesis 15:18)

The second part of the promise God made to Abram, who was 75 years old and childless at the time, was that he would be the father of a great nation and royalty would be a part of his lineage.

"Your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you." (Genesis 17:5, 6)

In the third part of the promise, God would bless the Jews as well as all people born into Adam's race who would accept the Messiah born from the

seed of Abraham. "I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you, and in you, all families of the earth shall be blessed." It would have been to no avail had Jesus led an army of angels from Heaven to earth with all the power of Heaven to destroy Lucifer and his legions because redemption is a legal matter. The law of Heaven requires the sin debt paid. It would take the death of Jesus a humble servant born without sin to a virgin, to satisfy and defeat the law of sin and death. All the families of the earth were blessed and pardoned when while hanging on the cross in all his humanity Jesus uttered His final words.

#### "It is finished." (John 19:30)

The Jews were blinded by sin and rebellion and failed to recognize their Messiah. They were looking for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to come and fulfill their covenant with God. When Jesus returns He will come as the glorious conqueror the Jews have always envisioned and finish the work of the covenant Abraham was promised.

"For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take the heart of stone heart out of your flesh, and give you a heart of flesh. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God." (Ezra 36:24, 26, 28)

And so it will take seven years of horrific judgments to convince the hard-hearted Jew that their redemption is near.

"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." (Luke 21:28)

Jesus, with the armies of Heaven, will make war on the enemies of God defeating Satan and his forces both human and spiritual. This great and final war will end the conflict at a monumental cost to the forces of hell. It is a literal one-day battle that destroys Lucifer's human armies.

"The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Him. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. But it shall be one day, which is known to the Lord. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one." (Zechariah 14:5)

If you wonder how the armies of God conduct themselves in battle you may be surprised to know that there is a clear view of these combatants during that great and terrible battle.

"They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; every one marches in formation and they do not break ranks. They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column; and when they fall on the sword, they are not wounded. They run to and fro in the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter the windows like a thief." (Joel. 2:7)

This verse clearly illustrates the spiritual nature of the physical battle. The armies of God Pass through the portals of the 5th dimension in full view of the enemies of God who have gathered their military together in a futile attempt to defeat an incorruptible force. This battle underscores the foolishness of depraved man. All men since the fall of Adam have been given fair warning of the consequences of their willful rebellion. This includes likable people of strong moral convictions who refuse to believe and accept what is plainly presented by the Word of God.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the truth of God into a lie."

(Romans 1:18, 22, 25)

The second coming of Jesus Christ is well documented in scripture and will happen after the nation of Israel has been partially restored to the land God promised Abraham. When Jesus returns He will gather all remaining Jews from the four corners of the earth and bring them to the land of their fathers and give them all the remaining land they were originally promised. This is not the end of the story but the beginning of a new and wonderful era for the earth and its inhabitants. Not only have the physical armies of the earth been disarmed and defeated but Lucifer and his legions have been banished, locked away from any contact with earth dwellers. The Lord Himself along with all of Heaven's luminaries will be present on earth to provide comfort and guidance in the transformation of Adam's race.

#### THE NEW WORLD

"The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15)

After the kingdoms of this world have been laid waste by the armies of Heaven, the Kingdom of God is immediately reestablished in the third dimension. The first order of business is to deal with Lucifer and his spiritual alliance.

"I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal on him so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished." (Revelation 20:1, 2, 3)

So you might be wondering where this angel with the chain has been all these years. After all, couldn't God have handcuffed Lucifer the moment he rebelled? Wouldn't that have solved all the trials and tribulations that have plagued men for six thousand years? This is a fair question that has been addressed in a previous chapter but needs to be reinforced frequently for a clearer picture of the condition of mankind. The simple answer is that Satan and his band of rebels were thrown out of Heaven with no possibility of redemption when he declared himself greater than his creator. His sentence is irreversible and will be completed one thousand years after Jesus takes control of the earth. The more difficult answer is found in the Justice system of human beings. For Justice to prevail in any society decisions must be made by Just people. Since there are no Just people "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Most decisions are made contrary to the word of God. The pride of life is a deadly sin because no one person ever played a part in his own creation. Lucifer's pride caused him to stumbled over the beauty that God created in him. Satan convinced Adam that he could be as great as his creator. "Your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods." One rebel relying on the other in much the same order as cancer cells rely on each other to spread. The new theocratic Kingdom that Jesus will establish on earth will continue to be populated by people with the rebellious nature of Adam. Locking Satan up will not change the nature of

man but it will allow the new-age human to see and hear more clearly the truth without satanic influences. But remember, free moral agents must always be allowed to exercise their own free will lest anyone accuse God of tyrannical reign. Our choices will always relate to our allegiance to either right or wrong. In other words, you have the right to do wrong. Satan represents all that is wrong in this world and will be allowed to champion his cause as long as men remain imperfect. With this truth firmly established, mortal men have not seen the end of Lucifer for all men have the right to choose including those who live in the new Kingdom. All evacuated saints have been changed and have overcome the physical world and are no longer vulnerable to the deceits of hell.

"Blessed and holy is he who has a part in the first resurrection: over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." (Revelation 20:6)

Time in different dimensions means different things; the above verse means exactly what it states because it refers to the material world. Jesus will rule planet earth in the 3rd dimension for one thousand years before a new heaven and earth are created and made perfect. Saints of all ages will play a part in His earthly government. In the new kingdom, people will live to be a thousand years old and rapidly replenish the population devastated by the seven-year tribulation period. All resurrected saints will be supernatural in form, aptitudes, and abilities. Saints will assume their new positions as Heads of state, Ambassadors, Governors, Teachers, or whatever best suits their skills for rebuilding the kingdom of God. No term limits. Their term will last at least one thousand years on this earth. The earth will change dramatically during this new era. The curse that came with Adam's fall will be lifted in many ways and the earth will revert back to its original beginning. So what will this new world look like? First of all, there will be no more wars, murder, rape, or injustice of any kind tolerated. No perversion allowed! TV news will change; they will have only good news to broadcast. No more racial discrimination or class prejudice. Peace will prevail. God and all of His benefits will be the topic of conversation.

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon His Kingdom,

### to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever" (Isaiah 2:4-9:7)

The justice system will be changed dramatically. No politicians, dictators, demagogues, or self-appointed rulers. No religions or denominations are allowed! Saints will act as judge and jury through Theocratic rule. All offenses will be dealt with on the spot. No court backups! Just saints judging unjust people justifiably. The Word of God is the rule of law. All earthly inhabitants will prosper. No bread lines, strikes, or bank failures. No need for charities, foster homes, or thrift stores.

"They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of my people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be descendants of the blessed Lord, and their offspring with them. It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isaiah 65:21)

All businesses will prosper, and new technologies will be developed that will serve real purposes. No more gadgets for the prophet, propaganda, or surveillance. Prayers for just cause will be answered immediately. Families will be very large and the center of happiness and social activity.

"Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small." (Jeremiah 30:19)

No more miscarriages, abortions, or stillbirths. No domestic violence or child abuse. Pornography is not allowed! Hospitals will be small and few. Doctors fewer! Faith will be stronger than at any other time on earth. Sickness and disease will be healed by faith. Saints will be the physicians of faith.

"And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him, and Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I can do this? They said unto Him, Yes, Lord. Then He touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith, let it be to you, and their eyes were opened." (Matthew 9:28)

Faith will be the formula for success in the Kingdom of God on earth. All saints will be teachers of the faith, instructing natural people in the value of

living by faith in the Word of God. "As it is written the just shall live by faith." The earth will be full of the knowledge of God. The truth will resonate on television, in the movies, on the Internet, and in virtually every source of media available to men. No need for church denominations to teach selfish doctrines and half-truths.

### "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2:14)

People will be happy with their life. No need to envy another man's property or goods. All people will find success in what they choose to do. No more financial hardships, stress, or worry. No bipolar depression or bad teeth. The government will have ample funding to rebuild the earthly infrastructure destroyed in the tribulation period. No more impossible tax forms to deal with. Tithing will replace taxes as the government's source of funding. Unlike corrupt tax systems, tithing is an investment that returns real benefits.

"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 a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

There will be no wars to finance or overpaid politicians to deal with. No government salaries to pay; the saints have inherited the riches of the universe and are wealthy beyond imagination. The earth will boom with building projects.

"And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise the former desolation's, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolation's of many generations." (Isaiah 61:4)

The earth will be restored to similar conditions at the time of the Garden of Eden.

## "He will comfort all her waste places, and He will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of the Lord." (Isaiah 51:3)

No earthquakes, tornados, or hurricanes to dodge. There will be abundant blessings in both the plant life and the Animal Kingdom. Earth will look and feel much different than it does today. No water shortages or police departments. Desserts will turn into fertile soil and produce abundant crops. No food shortages. There will be no extreme climate changes. The earth will produce crop after crop without the need for rest. No pollution! Industry and

transportation will move on clean abundant renewable energy. All supernatural saints will travel by simply stepping into the 5th dimension and then stepping out upon arrival at 3rd dimension destinations.

"The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; for waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water." (Isaiah 35:1, 6, 7)

One of the most remarkable changes will be in the Animal Kingdom. Before Adam's transgression, the relationship between man and animal was much different than today. Both men and animals were provided a food source that grew from the soil.

"To every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food." (Genesis 1:30)

Neither feared the other and the two lived side by side in perfect harmony. After the flood of Noah, animal natures changed, and many became carnivorous and dangerous. Because the Garden of Eden became unattainable to men, animals became fair game for food. As a result, both feared the other for self-preservation.

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the air, and upon all that move on the earth, and all the fish in the sea." (Genesis 9:1, 2)

Men had lived with the animals up until this time. It was a responsibility God gave Adam before the transgression. After the flood, they parted ways and to this day, men have not recognized the original purpose or value of the Animal Kingdom. That will all change in this new environment.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain." (Isaiah 11:6, 7, 8)

Have you ever gone to the zoo and considered the grandeur of caged animals? Am I the only one who wanted to wrap their arms around a tiger and stroke him like a kitten? Have you ever noticed how efficiently animals function in their own environment or how birds communicate with each other at feeders? Animals were simply never allowed to reach their full potential before being corrupted by the fall of man. In the new world, their true nature and purpose will be revealed and they will become close companions of men once again. People will live very long lives similar to the days of Methuselah, before the flood when the atmospheric condition was different than today. A thick layer of moisture at the stratosphere level likely filtered the dangerous UV radiation from the sun providing a much healthier environment. It was this layer of water that collapsed supplying the deluge that led to the flood. After the flood life spans began to slowly diminish.

"No more shall an infant of from there live but a few days, nor an old man that has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old." (Isaiah 65:20)

Once again Adam will multiply his race, still broken and imperfect, but without satanic interference, he will replenish the earth. And life for man will be something like it was in the Garden before the transgression.

#### SATANS LAST HOORAH

"Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan shall be released from his prison, and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth." (Revelation 20:7)

The thousand-year reign of Christ and His saints is two-fold in purpose. First, to meet all requirements related to the covenant God made with Abraham. Second, to put an end to the earthly rebellion.

"Then comes the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God the Father when He puts an end to all rule, and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet." (1Corinthians 15:24, 25)

Before God can create a new and perfect environment, the earth must be free of all rebels and His commitment to the Jewish nation of Israel must be finalized.

"I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant, and I will purge the rebels from among you and those who transgress against Me. I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel, and you will know that I am the Lord."

(Ezekiel 20:37, 38)

Conditions and events are the catalysts for change. The soul of a man changes frequently as conditions and events impact his life. It is the way he deals with the ups and downs of everyday existence. The spirit of a man changes only once when he understands and accepts the true meaning of life. Most never make the change. They are either too proud to yield to higher authority as was Lucifer or blinded by selfish cares of the material world, as was Adam. Theses two deadly conditions symbolize the pride of life and test a man's spirit. As long as men are imperfect they will be required to choose right from wrong, good from evil, truth or lie, and life or death. The earthly Kingdom that Jesus presides over after His return to earth the second time is still imperfect in many ways not the least of which is the spirit of fallen man. Much of the environment will change for the best because the curse will be

partially lifted while Satan is out of commission. People will be encouraged to keep the rule of law or face immediate judicial reprisal issued by the Theocratic Government. Law-abiding citizens will live amazing lives free of sickness, disease, fear, and poverty. Many, however, will remain rebels until the end when Satan is released to once more test the hearts of imperfect men.

"He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal on him so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished; but after these things, he must be released for a little while." (Revelation 20:2, 3)

This book was written to encourage saints and future saints alike. Those people who are willing to accept the Word of God as it is plainly stated in the pages of the Bible, both letter and Spirit. The letter is historical and has proven as reliable as any recorded history. The Spirit of the Word is a direct communique from God delivered to you personally by the Holy Spirit.

# "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth." (Romans 8:16-John 16:13)

Because you are willing of heart to accept the truth as spoken through the Word you have been born into the family of God. You will now take your rightful position as heir of a universe without end.

## "He that overcomes and keeps My works until the end, to him will I give power over the nations." (Revelations 2:26)

Because Abraham stayed faithful to God despite many failures Jesus the redeemer was born through his ancestry saving mankind from total ruin. God now must stay faithful to Abraham completing the deal and making Israel the greatest nation on earth and Jerusalem the headquarters of the new world government.

## "And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall go up from year to year to worship the King." (Zechariah 14:16)

There is one last thing God must do before He creates a perfect heaven and earth. He must first rid the earth of all free-willed rebels who oppose His perfect law. Over the next one thousand years, human life spans will last the

length of the age causing the earth to mushroom with imperfect people who will make many of the same wrong decisions under the best of conditions since the Garden of Eden. The difference between now and then will be at a time when the earth is full of the knowledge of the Lord with prosperity and well-being as a way of life. There is no excuse for rebellion. At the close of this present age when men move from the seven years of Jacob's trouble into the Kingdom of God on earth most will be rebels at heart. Even though the forces of hell are locked away in an obscure corner of the universe where they have no direct influence they leave behind human agents who represent their cause and who will spread contempt for the one true God. At the end of the millennial reign of Christ, Satan will once again be set free to test the wills of mortal men. He will be allowed to gather every rebel to the last man who opposes God. He will cause them to take up arms against the government of God for the last time.

"Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations from the four corners of the earth. And gather them together to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went out over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city." (Re. 20:7, 8, 9)

This last and final world war is the end of all earthly rebellion forever. In a moment of time, Lucifer's dream of his earthly kingdom is destroyed.

"And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." (Revelation 20:9)

#### THE NEW EARTH

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your descendants and your name remain." (Isaiah 66:22)

The heaven and earth, which were created "in the beginning" without blemish, will now be restored to its original state. All rebels born of natural women who were given ample opportunity to repent as well as all created rebels who chose to follow the prince of darkness have been judged according to their works.

"I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and the books were opened; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." (Revelation 20:12)

This is the final judgment in the Bible record, ending seven thousand years of Adam's curse brought about by rebellion and lack of faith. It is the picture of all lost souls from Adam to Lucifer's final stand. They are banished once and for all from the presence of God.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God— not by works lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8)

Because the earth was cursed when Adam rejected God, all elements of heaven and earth were affected. Heaven in this context is the earthly atmosphere. Both were tarnished. Easily recognized by the vast unlivable wastelands of earth and nature's uncontrolled fury. Before God can go any further with His plan to make all things new He must lift the curse and restore the earth to its original perfect state fulfilling His promise of a new heaven and earth without blemish. It should be clear that the New Heaven and New Earth follow the one-thousand-year reign of Christ on imperfect earth. Both periods are different in purpose and different in composition. We will explore the difference in the following chapter. A few years after the great Yellowstone National Park fire in 1988 my wife and I visited the park. To our surprise, the plants and trees had begun an amazing recovery. It was the largest fire in the history of the park consuming over 36% of the surface. There was much concern about regeneration at the time of the fire. The

National Parks Service was pleasantly surprised with the speedy revival and changed their thinking about the benefits of fires and their cleansing process on the park's ecological systems. It seems that a good fire every once in a while is good for the environment. Remember, heaven and earth were created "in the beginning" when the building blocks of the material universe were created. Life as we know it was then created on the earth after the beginning. The material used to form the planet is amoral, neither moral nor immoral. Earth is another word for the ground as is the atmosphere or (firmament) for heaven. It should be noted here that heaven simply means above. There are at least three levels of heavenly dimensions and likely many more.

## "I knew a man in Christ more than fourteen years ago. Such a one was caught up to the third Heaven." (2 Corinthians 12:2)

When God creates the new heaven and earth He will use the old planet earth as his foundation. He will destroy that which was blemished by sin and curse and create a new and perfect earth as it was after the six days of Adam's creation. When God created life on earth there was no death. He desired that life in all forms would live and multiply forever in perfect harmony with its environment. That is and was God's eternal plan for mankind as is plainly stated in the chapter head. In the new heaven and earth, physical men will live and multiply forever, as was His original intent. So, what does this all mean? It simply means that God will burn up all that is tarnished or dead on the earth much as a farmer might burn off an old crop. Good-by to poison ivy, thorns on berry bushes, crabgrass, all bugs that are detrimental to a perfect environment. Any animal that is incapable of living in perfect harmony with its neighbor. He will burn off the old atmosphere as well, replacing it with the protective canopy of life that will filter all unhealthy atmospheric gasses as well as UV rays. No more weathermen needed in a perfect climate.

# "The heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat. Both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10)

Men living on earth at this time will live through this seemingly impossible condition for they will be a part of the earth that cannot be shaken. All that is in right standing with God (righteousness) including plant and animal life will live through the transformation.

"Yet once more, I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And these words, yet once more, indicate the removal of those things which can be shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Hebrews 12:26, 27)

Eternal earth will continue to exist in 3rd dimension space forever. Adam's race will flourish under the administration of the second Adam Jesus Christ. God the father will move his habitation to earth and will live with all saints and human beings in the 3rd dimension. The mysteries and purpose of the material universe will become common knowledge. The 5th dimension will remain a travel dimension where time is irrelevant as well as serving God in many ways men cannot comprehend. All of this and more are explained in the next chapter.

#### LIFE ON THE NEW EARTH

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea." (Revelation 21:1)

This verse represents the first view of the earth after the renovation by fire and may provide some answers to some complicated questions. The fervent heat used to renovate the earth will likely vaporize standing water causing it to rise and form a protective canopy of condensation in the upper regions of the atmosphere just as God originally created it in the beginning and before the flood of Noah. At the same time, all existing aguifers including those that have been dried up by overuse or climate abuse as well as all the underground rivers and streams will be filled causing abundant surface streams and rivers, lakes, and small seas enough to accommodate all eternal water creatures as was the case before the flood. This uniform fresh water supply will recycle naturally providing abundant moisture for all the crops necessary to feed the expanding population. At present, oceans cover threequarters of the earth's ground surface. By reclaiming the ocean floors the livable surface would roughly calculate into two hundred million square miles of usable land. If each person were to have one-half acre apiece the earth could easily accommodate over two hundred and forty billion people. These figures are conjecture but serve to show the possibilities of population expansion on eternal earth with perfect living conditions. Today's population is somewhere around seven billion. Many Bible passages declare natural man will live forever on planet earth as was God's intent from the beginning.

"For all the land which thou see, I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (Genesis 13:15-17:8)

There are, of course, scoffers who will challenge the idea that eternity is a long time and populations will eventually outgrow the earth in the future. This is a reasonable objection from a finite mind that refuses to consider that "God's ways are not our ways". Although there are many things God has chosen not to share with us at this time because "our thoughts are not like".

His thoughts," but we can draw some conclusions based on what He has told us.

"What is a man, that you are mindful of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in putting all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him." (Hebrews 2:6, 7, 8)

The term, works of Thy hands is a reference to the material universe. The vast outer limits of innumerable heavenly bodies are crafted by the creative power of the Almighty God. What is the purpose of this creation if not to populate it? Whereby all things are subject to man since God set him over the works of His hands. Isn't it reasonable to believe the earth will act as a trailhead to populate the material universe with natural eternal men? Especially when you consider that God will move Heaven to earth and establish His control center right here on the original earth. Who will lead this cosmic effort to establish a theocratic government in the countless worlds of the material universe? The Kings and Priests of the first resurrection! This includes all the saints that were changed and glorified in a moment from natural body composition to spiritual body composition.

## "To Him, that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father." (Revelation 1:5, 6)

Natural men of the future will undoubtedly have assets and abilities far greater than men today. How far it will take them we cannot say but God knows and that's what counts. We can say what abilities the saints possess for they have been clearly demonstrated in multiple Bible passages. The saints will have access to any part or parcel of the created universe where God chooses to send them via the 5th-dimensional highway. Atmospheric conditions play no role in their survival for they have been changed into supernatural incorruptible beings. They will possess a supernatural understanding of God's eternal plan for the ages and will enjoy residents in Heaven, the habitation of God. There will be no ethnic or racial discrepancy on earth, every man will have a wife and will live in perfect harmony with her forever. No spousal abuse or birth pains. People will retain their freedom of thought and will, but shall conform to the will of God and live in peace and prosperity. There will be no boredom, people will set forth to work and build a new and perfect society. sometime in the future, they will participate

in the exploration of the material universe The New earth will continue to function on a twenty-four-hour day, making one revolution around the sun every year. Seasons will remain a part of everyday life without the extremes, providing a perfect climate for planting and harvesting. All people, as well as all animals, will be vegetarians.

## "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)

All created beings, (angels) have been patrolling the universe from the beginning and will remain a vital part of God's government. Heaven will move to earth answering many questions about the habitation of God when He formed the material universe from nothing.

"I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, and I heard a loud voice from Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God." (Revelation 21:2, 3)

It has been in the heart of God to live among His children from the day He chose earth as home to Adam's race. This is all about family. All people who have grown up in a loving nurturing family atmosphere understand the value of family. It is the single most important lifestyle on earth. In today's world where the emphases are on self and sin is the rule, the family is broken. God will move Heaven to the new earth. In doing so He will demonstrate the allencompassing love He has for His children. As has been stated previously, the authors of scripture who were given a glimpse of the future or a look into the spiritual dimension could only describe what they saw by referencing things they understood. John's description of the City of God is no exception. Some conclusions can be reached, however, that paint a fair picture of Heaven. First, Heaven is transparent with incredible color not found on earth. There is nothing to hide in Heaven. The city is walled with a transparent substance having twelve gates that never close. It is fifteen hundred miles square with terrain that is equal in height to length. The City of God never sleeps for there is no night; the glory of God is the light.

"The city is laid out as a square, and the length is as great as the breadth and the city was pure gold, like clear glass, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God illuminated it." (Revelation 21:16, 18, 21, 23)

There are pure clear streams and fountains of water that flow freely through Heaven originating from the throne room of God; the water of life that preserves the Kingdom with no end. There are trees in heaven that yield twelve kinds of fruit every month. The fruit lasts until it is consumed for there is no death or decay in heaven. This would suggest that spiritual beings could eat if they wish but it is not necessary to sustain life.

"And he showed me a pure river of the Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve kinds of fruit and yielded her fruit every month." (Revelation 22:2)

The New Jerusalem will be the capital of the universe where all agents of God reside. This, of course, includes the Trinity of God along with all His spiritual agents (angels and saints). Heaven will be a place where the inhabitants can step in and out of the 5th dimension at will, depending on where their assignments might take them.

# "You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." (Hebrews 12:22)

All natural earth dwellers will visit Heaven frequently. They will eat of the tree of life or drink the water of life freely. In general, they will learn the mysteries of the material universe. They will marvel at the wonders of Heaven. The City of God will be roughly half the size of the present-day U.S.A. All glorified saints, created beings, and natural men will forever bask in the abiding love of the Most High God for He will be their Heavenly Father.

"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." (Rev.21:7).

#### FINAL CHAPTER

### "It is done! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 21:6)

Only God knows the final timeline for "things to come" but shouldn't we be attentive to "the signs of the times"? It is a believer's prerogative if not a responsibility to recognize worldwide signs and events spoken of through the living Word. Since God knows "the beginning and the end" and since He has provided a window into both, shouldn't we take advantage of this extraordinary knowledge to prepare ourselves for the things to come? Whether it be the next big global event or the simple passing from this life to the next. My objective in writing this book was to provide a simple explanation for a complex question. What purpose does mankind serve? There is no answer to this difficult question outside of the Bible. Any explanation beyond the Bible must start with the idea that men are the result of a cosmic accident that formed the universe. This concept creates an even more problematic dilemma since there was no material or building blocks to support such a concept. Using this fallible theory, men serve no more purpose than sand pebbles on a beach and are irrelevant. The Bible, on the other hand, provides a much brighter future. Men were created to share and populate the material universe with God the creator and governor. They were endowed with free wills that would enable them to go as far as they desire within the framework of Divine guidance and law. Men are the singular most important reason for the material universe! This book will be criticized by fringe Christens who refuse to accept the Word of God for what it literally states. Pseudo-scientist, as well as some authentic physicists, will take exception to the use of dimensions as an explanation for the dual worlds plainly taught in scripture. The spiritual world existed well before the material world was created. I have tried to simplify some Bible concepts using twenty-first-century language and expressions in the hope they will translate into an easily understandable format. It is in no way intended to replace or supplement the Bible but more to encourage a thorough investigation into the Word of God. We, humans, have a fragile psyche (soul) and are easily misled when faced with something we don't fully understand. A confused mind is the devil's playground! Belief in a supreme God is a threat to our personal sovereignty. It seems we will accept any

alternative that allows us to retain complete control of our polluted lives. This attitude translates into rebellion and robs us of "the things that God has prepared for us." Many are ashamed of their faith and will not stand against a politically correct society that promotes corruption. We refuse to recognize absolute truth preferring to stay in the darkness away from the light. We have become a culture of disillusioned pleasure seekers "ever learning but never coming to an understanding of the truth." It is my sincere desire that this book will shed some light on the true value of mankind.

"Thy law is the truth." (Psalms 119:142)