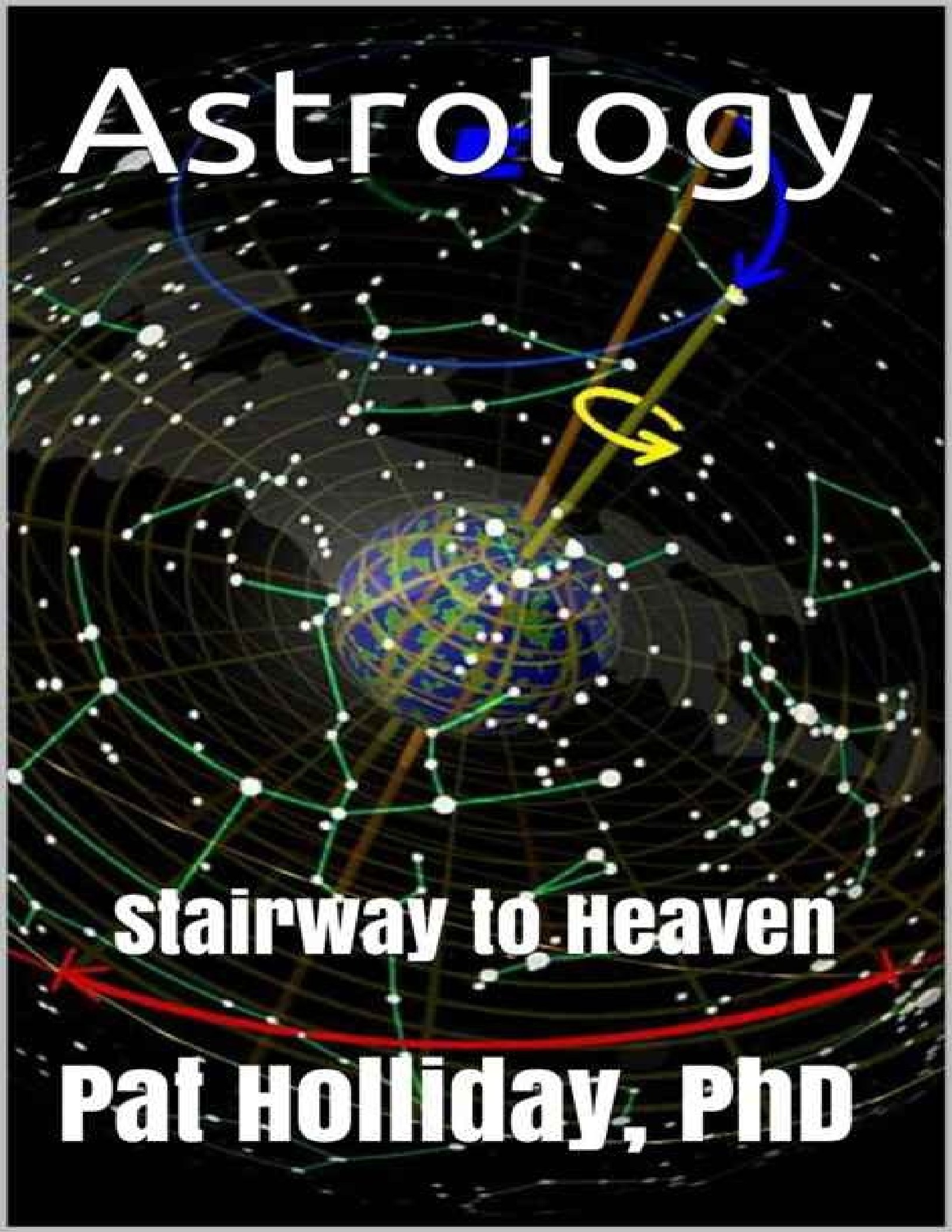

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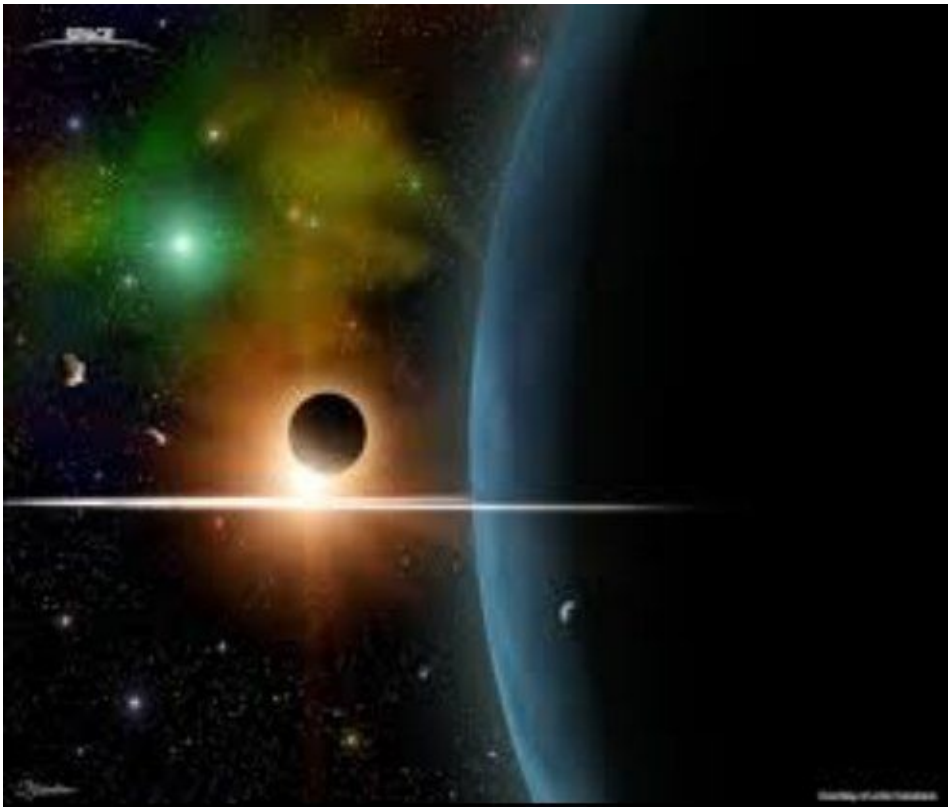
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Chapter One

HOROSCOPE

Young person's generally desire to become their own masters, and to have early possession of riches and power. But this, for the most part, ruins their future comfort, and causes mischief to others. It is much happier when young persons are sheltered under the care of parents or guardians, till age gives experience and discretion. Though such young persons are less indulged, they will afterwards be thankful. Manasseh wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, as if on purpose to provoke him to anger; he did more evil than the nations whom the Lord destroyed. Manasseh went on from bad to worse, till carried captive to Babylon. The people were ready to comply with his wishes, to obtain his favor and because it suited their depraved inclinations. In the reformation of large bodies, numbers are mere time-servers, and in temptation fall away.[1]

"For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them," (II Kin. 21: 3).[2]

Chapter 21

In this chapter we have a short but sad account of the reigns of two of the kings of Judah, Manasseh and Amon. I. Concerning Manasseh, all the account we have of him here is, 1. That he devoted himself to sin, to all manner of wickedness, idolatry, and murder (v. 1-9 and 16). 2. That therefore God devoted him and Jerusalem for his sake, to ruin (v. 10-18). In the book of Chronicles we have an account of his troubles, and his repentance. II. Concerning Amon we are only told that he lived in sin (v. 19-22), died quickly by the sword, and left good Josiah his successor (v. 23-26). By these two reigns Jerusalem was much debauched and much weakened, and so hastened apace towards its destruction, which slumbered not.[3]

Verses 1-9

How delightful were our meditations on the last reign! How many pleasing views had we of Sion in its glory (that is, in its purity and in its triumphs), of the king in his beauty! (for Isa. 33:17 refers to Hezekiah), and (as it follows there, v. 20) Jerusalem was a quiet habitation because a city of righteousness, Isa. 1:26. But now we have melancholy work upon our hands, unpleasant ground to travel,

and cannot but drive heavily. How have the gold become dim and the finest gold changed! The beauty of Jerusalem is stained, and all her glory, all her joy, sunk and gone. These verses give such an account of this reign as make it, in all respects, the reverse of the last, and, in a manner, the ruin of it.[4]

I. Manasseh began young. He was but twelve years old when he began to reign (v. 1), born when his father was about forty-two years old, three years after his sickness. If he had sons before, either they were dead, or set by as unpromising. As yet they knew of nothing bad in him, and they hoped he would prove good; but he proved very bad, and perhaps his coming to the crown so young might help to make it so, which yet will by no means excuse him, for his grandson Josiah came to it younger than he and yet acted well. But being young, 1. He was puffed up with his honor and proud of it; and thinking himself very wise, because he was very great, valued himself upon his undoing what his father had done. It is too common for novices to be lifted up with pride, and so to fall into the condemnation of the devil. 2. He was easily wrought upon and drawn aside by seducers that lay in wait to deceive. Those that were enemies to Hezekiah's reformation, and retained affection for the old idolatries, flattered him, and so gained his ear, and used his power at their pleasure. Many have been undone by coming too soon to their honors and estates.

II. He reigned long, longest of any of the kings of Judah, fifty-five years. This was the only very bad reign that was a long one; Joram's was but eight years, and Ahaz's sixteen; as for Manasseh's, we hope that in the beginning of his reign for some time affairs continued to move in the course that his father left them in, and that in the latter end of his reign, after his repentance, religion got head again; and, no doubt, when things were at the worst God had his remnant that kept their integrity. Though he reigned long, yet some of this time he was a prisoner in Babylon, which may well be looked upon as a drawback from these years, though they are reckoned in the number because then he repented and began to reform.

III. He reigned very ill.

1. In general, (1.) He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and which, having been well educated, he could not but know was so (v. 2): He wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, as if on purpose to provoke him to anger, v. 6. (2.) He did after the abominations of the heathen (v. 2) and as did Ahab (v. 3), not taking warning by the destruction both of the nations of Canaan and the house of Ahab for their idolatry; nay (v. 9), he did more evil than

did the nations whom the Lord destroyed. When the holy seed degenerate, they are commonly worse than the worst of the profane.[5]

2. More particularly, (1.) He rebuilt the high places which his father had destroyed, v. 3. Thus did he trample upon the dust, and affront the memory, of his worthy father, though he knew how much he was favored of God and honored of men. He concurred, it is probable, with Rabshakeh's sentiments (Ch. 18:22) that Hezekiah had done ill in destroying those high places, and pretended the honor of God, and the edification and convenience of the people, in rebuilding them. This he began with, but proceeded to that which was much worse; for, (2.) He set up other gods, Baal and Ashtaroth (which we translate a grove), and all the host of heaven, the sun and moon, the other planets, and the constellations; these he worshipped and served (v. 3), gave their names to the images he made, and then did homage to them and prayed for help from them. To these he built altars (v. 5), and offered sacrifices, no doubt, on these altars. (3.) He made his son pass through the fire, by which he dedicated him a votary to Moloch, in contempt of the seal of circumcision by which he had been dedicated to God. (4.)

He made the devil his oracle, and, in contempt both of urim and prophecy, he used enchantments and dealt with familiar spirits (v. 6) like Saul. Conjurers and fortune-tellers (who pretended, by the stars or the clouds, lucky and unlucky days, good and bad omens, the flight of birds, or the entrails of beasts, to foretell things to come) were great men with him, his intimates, his confidants; their arts pleased his fancy, and gained his belief, and his counsels were under their direction. (5.) We find afterwards (v. 16) that he shed innocent blood very much in gratification of his own passion and revenge; some perhaps were secretly murdered, others taken off by color of law. Probably much of the blood he shed was theirs that opposed idolatry and witnessed against it, that would not bow the knee to Baal. The blood of the prophets is, in a particular manner, charged upon Jerusalem, and it is probable that he put to death many of them. The tradition of the Jews is that he caused the prophet Isaiah to be sawn asunder; and many think the apostle refers to this in Heb. 11:37, where he speaks of those that had so suffered.[6]

3. Three things are here mentioned as aggravations of Manasseh's idolatry :- (1.) That he set up his images and altars in the house of the Lord (v. 4), in the two courts of the temple (v. 5), in the very house of which God had said to Solomon, Here will I put my name, v. 7. Thus he defied God to his face, and

impudently affronted him with his rivals immediately under his eye, as one that was neither afraid of God's wrath nor ashamed of his own folly and wickedness. Thus he desecrated what had been consecrated to God, and did, in effect, turn God out of his own house and put the rebels in possession of it.

Thus, when the faithful worshippers of God came to the place he had appointed for the performance of their duty to him, they found, to their great grief and terror, other gods ready to receive their offerings. God had said that here he would record his name, here he would put it forever, and here it was accordingly preserved, while the idolatrous altars were kept at a distance; but Manasseh, by bringing them into God's house, did what he could to alter the property, and to make the name of the God of Israel to be no more in remembrance. (2.) That hereby he put a great slight upon the word of God, and his covenant with Israel. Observe the favor he had shown to that people in putting his name among them,-the kindness he intended them, never to make them move out of that good land,-and the reasonableness of his expectations from them, only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, v. 7, 8.

Upon these good terms did Israel stand with God, and had as fair a prospect of being happy as any people could have; but they hearkened not, v. 9. They would not be kept close to God either by his precepts or by his promises; both were cast behind their back. (3.) That hereby he seduced the people of God, debauched them, and drew them into idolatry, v. 9. He caused Judah to sin (v. 11), as Jeroboam had caused Israel to sin. His very example was enough to corrupt the generality of unthinking people, who would do as their king did, right or wrong. All that aimed at preferment would do as the court did; and others thought it safest to comply, for fear of making their king their enemy. Thus, one way or other, the holy city became a harlot, and Manasseh made her so. Those will have a great deal to answer for that not only are wicked themselves, but help to make others so.[7]

FORBIDDEN BY GOD

"And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon , and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven," (Deut. 4:19).

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so-called seers are making millions of dollars playing the "game.

"They will plot your destiny or advise you on any matter for a handsome fee. Some will predict the outcome of the next presidential election or tell of the exact date the world will end! "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world," (I Jn. 4:3).

The results of people falling into the traps of the occult are the great falling away from Christ. According to Fr. Jonathan Morris, on Fox news, Easter Sunday, "half Americans don't go to church once a month" In my city, Jacksonville, Florida, eighty percent are attending church. Fr. Morris said, "Thirty-three percent populations of the world are Christians."

This is the indication that the "Great Falling Away," has begun. The Bible warns: "*Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: 16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image . . . 19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven,"* (Deut. 4:15).

ASTROLOGY ENSNARES THE SOUL

The occult is very religious and many seeking it hope to find themselves, a reason for their being and to fill a void in their soul. Instead, they will enter a door that very few are returning back through. Once ensnared by the Devil, the person's mind, body and spirit is totally bound by the powers of darkness. The only way out is through the grace of God and the Blood of Jesus Christ!

The Scriptures prophesied of increased occult activity that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons. God's word states clearly and gives us graphic occult practices that God defines abominations. Christians and Jews will surely be without excuse when they stand before the Judgment seat of God because they have the Word of God.

"When thou are come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be

found among you anyone that maketh his daughter to pass through the fire or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a which, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee," (Deut. 18:8-12).

The occult according to the Bible was shown to Moses and Aaron in Pharaoh's courts. They witnessed that the devil's priest could copy their powers, (Exod. 7) But God's power was greater. (Aaron's rod swallowed up the magicians' rods), but any spiritual power is greater than any human power and many people today need the greater power of Jesus to free them from the devil's powers.

CASSADAGA, FLORIDA

Typical of the many spiritualist groups around the world is the community of Cassadaga, Florida, located in the misty lake country a few miles southwest of Daytona Beach; more than one hundred spiritualists live in Cassadaga, and 24 of them are "certified mediums" who make their living communicating with the dead to obtain information for paying clients.

The usual trivia that pour through mediums are only incidental. In Casssadaga, as everywhere else, the real purpose of the spirits is to preach the same Cosmic Gospel that UFO cults receive by psychic transmission from "Space Brothers" . . . that there is no death, that Jesus did not die for our sins . . . that God is not personal but a Force . . . that all men are divine and only need to realize it. And that godhood can be achieved through occult enlightenment, mystical power, and generating good karma (how can one have 'good' karma or 'good' anything when Satan is the controller of all these mediums?) The central theme is always, "You won't really die, for there is no death."

A 1979 study by *Times Magazine* showed that of 250 forecasts made by the "leading psychics" for the previous year, only six could be listed as "reasonably fulfilled!" Nonetheless, "prediction issues" outsell every other tabloid year after year.

TESTIMONY

The author ministered to a lady about twenty-years-ago who had visited Cassadaga. I'll call her May. After her visit to Cassadaga a golden spirit appear

to her. She said, “the entire room lit up like the sun. The demon told her that he was the sun god. He told her that he had chosen her to become the first woman president of the United States. She was to appoint certain people who were her friends to her future cabinet. She was told to buy each appointed person a living Bible. Once she elected president, she would build a golden stature of this demon in Washington, D.C.

The author was unable to convince May that it was a demon that appeared to her and that this supernatural experience was not of God. She said, “My brother is a Baptist Minister. He told me that what happened was of the devil. Neither one of you will ever convince me that what happened to me was not of God. I was raised in the Baptist Church and I hate all Christians.”

Several months later she called me. She sounded like a zombie. “Pat, last night I got up and went to my medicine cabinet. I took a bottle of pills out. I started to swallow them all. Something stopped me from taking the pills. But you know what. . . Something took me to the medicine cabinet. I didn’t have any control over it. Something that I could not see seemed to have total control over my mind and body. I’m scared Pat, really terrified.”

I witnessed to her again about the saving grace of Jesus. She told me, “you will never convert me to Jesus. I just don’t believe that stuff.”

Today, this woman is casting astrology charts for people.

ASTROLOGY AND THE REAGANS

“Then the Lord said unto me, the prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of naught, and the deceit of their heart,” (Jer. 14:14).

It is my belief that this astrology is exceedingly supernatural or magic witchcraft or paranormal phenomena and that the hand of worker of evil is involved in making it work. Astrology exalts the self and knowledge of secret knowledge in place of God and His word in the guise of offering "spiritual" advice. It is one of the most seductive of the occulted arts relating to and not understood by ordinary human beings; a true wolf in sheep's clothing.

Astrology is not just for fun and games. It is deadly. It wants your soul.

Astrology belief came from Babel, not the Bible!

It may surprise you to know that both Reagans have had an interest in Astrology since his movie acting career! Amazingly, this touchy matter came up when Reagan chose the Late Show hour of 12:10 a.m. to be sworn in as governor. Astrologers looking up his chart said the Aquarian Reagan had picked the most propitious astrological moment to merge politics and show biz. Spokesmen for the ex-cowboy actor have stuck by their anti-astrologer guns over the years despite published reports in the Hollywood trades that Reagan has long been a client of the famous Lotus Land astrologer Carroll Righter. [8]

Our day has become notorious for toppling of moral leadership in the nation's most visible and influential offices. Leaders in business, in government and even in evangelism have fallen one by one. Now, it seems that even the office of the President is in moral crisis. According to Donald T. Regan, reveals what he calls, "the most closely guarded secret in the Reagan White House." That secret: Relying on the advice of an astrologer to predict the most propitious times, dates and places for White House activities. [9]

According to *Time Magazine*, "The First Lady dabbled in astrology as far back as 1967. In 1981, her astrologer, Joan Quigley made Nancy a believer by showing her how the astrologer's charts could have foretold that the period on or around March 30, 1961 and would have been extremely dangerous for the President. On that day, a bullet from John Hinckley hand gun gravely wounded the President. From then on, Nancy, obsessed with her husband's safety, was convinced of [Joan Quigley's] power to protect him. And from then on, no presidential public appearance was slated without [her] say- so. Even the time of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting was scheduled according to astrological charts, finally being centered around 2:00 p.m. on December 8, 1987. The moment was the time deemed most propitious for the signing of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty. [10]

Joyce Jillson, a popular syndicated astrologer, was denounced by Reagan communications director Lyn Nofziger for trafficking in "lies." Jillson is the astrologer for the Chicago-Tribune/N.Y. News Syndicate. She had told the Los Angeles Herald Examiner that she had been paid $1200 by the Reagan campaign to do horoscopes on eight prospective Reagan Vice presidential prospects. The horoscopes were rushes order so Reagan could take them with him on a pre-convention vacation to Mexico where he pondered the matter of his running

mate. . . She was “chagrined” by the Republicans’ rude denial that they hired her services. “A lot of people who go to astrologers just don’t want it known,” she said. “Incidentally, Jillson had forecast that George Bush, a Gemini, was the most compatible running mate for the Aquarian Reagan.” [11]

Alice Braemer, who has been an aide to Jeanne Dixon, the princess regent of the supermarket rack stargazers, claims: ... back in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s Governor Reagan used to have regular consultations two or three times a year with Dixon.... These meetings were held in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. but were “covered up” by the seeress’ staff so that gossipy Democrats couldn’t poke astrology fun at the governor. Braemer worked for Jeanne Dixon in Washington from 1966 to 1973 - roughly the span of Reagan’s gubernatorial years. Braemer said she left the famous soothsayer’s employ when she became a born-again Christian. When her new Charismatic friends discovered she used to work for a seeress, “why, they think I was hobnobbing with Satan.” “For there is going to come a time when people won’t listen to the truth, but will go around looking for teachers who will tell them just what they want to hear. They won’t listen to what the Bible says but will blithely follow their own misguided ideas.” (2 Tim. 4:3-4). [12]

Hitler was a follower of astrology. However the saddest example is the occult involvement of the England's Royal Family. It is noteworthy to explain that the king or queen becomes the head of the Anglican Church of England. Prince Charles says that he frequently talks to Count Mountbatten.[13]

Princess Diana and Princess Fergie sought solace from astrologers, psychics and faith healers ... very sad indeed. Result is broken marriages and perhaps a lost kingship and certainly the most devastating wound to the royal family. Association with demons will always bring loss of morality and respect for God's laws. We see spiritual adultery brings physical deceptions and adultery and divorce.[14]

AGREE WITH CHRISTIANITY?

Astrology is the superstitious notion that the destinies of nations and individuals are ordained by the relative position of the stars. These destinies can be uncovered by a detailed examination of horoscopes which have been drawn by professional astrologers. The Bible says, *“Abstain from all appearance of evil,”* (1 Thess. 5:22). Astrology belief came from Babel, not the Bible! *“Now*

the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," (I Tim. 4:1).

Nancy Reagan is said to have come under the influence of astrology trusting in its power as she sought counsel from someone who could show her the future. Once, in Israel, King Saul feared the increasing strength of his enemy, the Philistines. Acting contrary to God's pronouncements he sought the help of a spirit medium, the witch of Endor. Through her use of the black arts, she raised and imitating evil spirit of the dead prophet Samuel. In (I Sam. 28:15), and the verses following, we read of the resulting encounter: *"And Samuel said to Saul Why hast thou disquieted me, from thee, and is become thine enemy? And the Lord hath done to him, as he spake by me; for the Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbor, even to David: Because thou obeyest not the voice of the Lord, nor executed his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day."*

Saul's kingly authority was lost because of his disobedience ignored God's injunction against the use of the black arts in an effort to save himself and his rule. Saul was lost. Worse than that, his sons were lost. Israel's enemies gained strength. As they did, they took the initiative. Israel, when under the guidance and power of God caused the enemies in the land to tremble with fear. As God's influence waned, those same enemies found courage.

Horoscopes are cast by professional astrologers, based upon the precise moment and location of one's birth. According to them, this is a science, (though it is manly practiced in many instances by people with no training) with the same level of academic discipline as astronomy. Astronomers however fail to see the planetary alignments and combinations that supposed produce celestial influences upon our earthly lives. To them, the forces said by astrologers to emanate from the planets simply do not exist.[15]

THE GAME

Why are housewives, business executives and other Americans becoming so obsessed with the occult? Is it really "just for kicks" as some suggest or is there a terrible fear of the future and what is "beyond?"

How does it all begin? What are the results?

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that he also reap,” (Gal. 6:7).

The occult is defined as secretive-hidden knowledge or wisdom beyond human understanding. It could also be described as supernatural perception from sources other than God. *"The secret things (hidden knowledge) belong to the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us,"* (Deut. 29:27).

JESUS CHRIST OR SATAN

There are only two sources for supernatural power: Jesus or Satan. Seeking power beyond the Word of God and Jesus Christ, finds one stepping into the world of the Occult.

“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of **devils**: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of **devils**,” (I Cor. 10:21).

NEW AGE ASTROLOGERS

Astrologers, numerologists, New Age Channelers, Palm readers, and other so-called seers are making millions of dollars playing the "game." They will plot your destiny or advise you on any matter for a handsome fee. Some will predict the outcome of the next presidential election or tell of the exact date the world will end!

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world, " (I Jn. 4:3).

HIGH PLACES

When the world discovered Nancy Reagan, wife of President Reagan, was using an astrologer. Everyone was shocked! Why? Americans had been sold on the reports that Ronald Reagan was Born Again and they probably assumed that his wife was a Christian also.

Down through the years there have always been people firmly convinced that our lives on earth are mysteriously influenced by the celestial bodies - the moon, the planets and the stars. It has been estimated that up to one billion people on earth today "believe in or follow astrology to some extent.” Many of the rich and famous of this world consult astrologers, convinced that the

knowledge they gain will help them be successful in life.

It is claimed that many major Fortune 500 companies consult astrological advice for major decision making. According to the former Chief of Staff of the White House, Donald Regan's text For the Record, the influence of astrology at the White House during the Reagan administration extended to "every major move and decision."

"Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? 23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. 24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. 25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. 26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. 28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.,29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; 31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof," (Jer. 5:22-31)?

Chapter Two

Babylon in mentioned almost 300 times throughout the Bible. It is mentioned more than any other city except Jerusalem. It is the most important pagan city that has ever existed, for there is no city in the entire world that has not been influenced by the Babylonian culture, be it in religion, government or in commerce. All kinds of occulted practices seen today such as astrology, spiritism, reincarnation, the signs of the zodiac, witchcraft, sorcery idolatry and other kinds of practices hated by God had their origins in Babylon; Its religion; Astrology, the stairway to heaven.

"Many popular American magazines have been commenting recently on astrology and its important contemporary scene; most of these secular writers have done a good job of historical research into the subject. However, few touch upon the best history book of all in doing their reference work. In Genesis we find that astrology got its beginnings in Babylon, which is verified by secular writers in their historical accounts" [16]

These practices are recorded in some passages of the Bible. In Daniel chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had a dream that made him worry. Then he called the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans of Babylon to interpret the dream for the king. (Dan. 2:1-2)

*“But God proves that these practices are of no effect, and He prepares Daniel, His servant to give the king the interpretation of the dream to prove to the king that only the God of heaven is capable of knowing the future,”.(*Dan. 2:16-28).

In Isaiah chapter 47, we find God's condemnation against these practices:

"Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of

the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The Lady of Kingdoms. I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady forever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it. Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander everyone to his quarter; none shall save thee," (Isa. 47:1-15).

MYSTERY OF BABYLON ~ MYSTICAL, UNIVERSAL RELIGION

Antichrist has a Jezebel wife that he uses to bewitch and pollute the souls of the masses.

"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the

reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works, "(Rev. 2:19).

(Becoming blood,) of judgments.

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood,"(Rev. 6:12).

(Withdrawing her light of deep calamities)," (Rev. 6:17).

"For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine," (Isa. 13:10).

"The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining," (Joel 2:10).

"*The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining,*" (Joel 3:15).

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken," (Matt. 24:29).

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT?

This coming world demagogical system must appeal to the spiritual wishes of the masses and the prophesied anti-Christian leader that will bring his own mystical, universal religion which is a Harlot Church called the Mystery of Babylon complete with its false prophet and false god (Rev. 17:5), *"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."* (Rev. 17:5).

Babylon was renowned for its high, well-fortified walls and for the magnificence of its temples and palaces. Its famous Hanging Gardens, built by King Nebuchadnezzar II for his wife Amytas, were one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Amytas was a Medes and her home was in mountainous country, so the King reputedly had the Hanging Gardens built to allay her homesickness.

The New World Religion will be based upon Astrology and the gods of Satan's hosts of Heaven.

MYSTERY BABYLON

The rise of modern paganism [17]

The Bible says that in the last days there will be a falling away from the true faith to doctrines of demons. *The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ* tells us that in the end time a woman riding a Beast will appear (this pagan god riding a beast of burden is today displayed all over Europe as one of the symbols for the European Union). The woman on the Beast in Revelation is Mystery Babylon. The Beast according to Daniel and Revelation will come out of the area of the revived Roman empire. It will be the last Gentile world empire before the return of Christ. The woman on the Beast is described as a harlot, she is the world religious system led from Rome. She is identified as a harlot because she retains the name of God but has been infiltrated by pagan Babylonian doctrines of demons. She rides on the back of the last Gentile world empire but the Beast will hate her and in the end will devour her.[18]

As a foreshadow Hitler used the Roman Church to get into power but documents now tell us that after the Jews were killed, Christians were to be next. In the same way the world leader that will rise in Europe will get guidance and direction from the Vatican. (She will control all world religion in the end time.) However, in the end, the world leader (Antichrist) will claim to be above anything called God and seek to kill all those who will not worship him as God. When Satan indwells the Antichrist he will throw off anything identified with Christianity and Judaism, and paganism will rise to power in the world.

Many wonder how satanic religion could come to power in this day and age. We think we are too sophisticated to worship demons, practice witchcraft or be in the occult. However, if you examine the beliefs of world religions and the "new age/new spirituality" movement you will see that the demonic deceptions of neo-paganism and eastern philosophies have already infiltrated the whole world and even much of Christianity.

Some say paganism is not satanic since most pagans claim they do not worship Satan. However, adoration of any god or goddess outside of the true God of the Bible is idolatry and is satanically inspired. The belief that spiritual

power can come to an individual outside of the God of creation through self-effort, by forces in nature, or from spirits separated from the biblical God, descends from the mystery religion of Babylonian paganism.[19]

All world religious beliefs not founded on the absolute truths of the Bible have descended from Mystery Babylon and can therefore be described as religions from Babylonian paganism. Those who claim they are not pagans because they are not witches do not understand this common root and source of all polytheistic and pantheistic beliefs.

The "New Age/New Spirituality Movement" is a loose collection of many things that have pagan roots. This modern pagan movement is nothing more than ancient paganism put in a new package. The polytheistic religious of the East and those in "New Age/New Spirituality" beliefs and witchcraft all have a common root source in ancient Babylon and they share the common polytheist and/or pantheist beliefs of the mystery religion that began at Babylon**.** [20]

Most "New Age" leaders have now rejected the term "New Age" they call themselves part of the "New Spirituality" movement. However, be assured, no matter how much they like to deny being "New Age", this "New Spirituality Movement" contains the same beliefs of "New Age" doctrine and Babylonian paganism. It just has a refined title. **The "new spirituality movement" is a more refined pagan movement for those who rejected certain silly practices that were identified with the "New Age" movement.** This "New Spirituality" concept or movement is the latest effort to make polytheistic and pantheistic beliefs acceptable to the mainstream public. [21]

CATHOLIC CHURCH UFO'S HYBRIDS

The **Vatican Observatory** (*Specola Vaticana*) is an astronomical research and educational institution supported by the Holy See. Originally based in the Roman College of Rome, its headquarters are now in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, and an observatory at the Mount Graham International Observatory in the United States.[1] [22]

The Director of the Observatory is Father José Gabriel Funes an Argentinian Jesuit. Many distinguished scholars have worked at the Observatory.[*according to whom?*] In 2008, the Templeton Prize was awarded to cosmologist Fr. Michał Heller, a Vatican Observatory Adjunct Scholar. In 2010, the George Van Biesbroeck Prize was awarded to former observatory director, the American

Jesuit, Fr. George Coyne.[2]

The Church has had long-standing interests in astronomy, due to the astronomical basis of the calendar by which holy days and Easter are determined. For instance, the Gregorian Calendar, promulgated in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, was developed by the Jesuit mathematician Christoph Clavius at the Collegio Romano from astronomical data. The Gregorian Tower was completed in 1580 for his purpose, designed by Bolognese architect Ottaviano Matte. [23]

In the 18th century, the Papacy actively supported astronomy, establishing the Observatory of the Roman College in 1774. In 1789-1787, the *Specola Vaticana* in the Tower of the Winds within the Vatican was established under the direction of Msgr. Filippo Luigi Gilii (1756-1821). When Msgr. Gilii died, the *Specola* was closed down, as inconvenient to students in the city, and with the dome of St. Peter's obstructing its view. Its instruments were transferred to the College Observatory. A third facility, the Observatory of the Capitol, was operated from 1827 to 1870.

Father Angelo Secchi SJ relocated the College Observatory to the top of Sant'Ignazio di Loyola a Campo Marzio (Church of St. Ignatius in Rome). In 1870, with the capture of Rome, the College Observatory fell into the hands of the Italian Government. Out of respect for his work, however, Father Secchi was permitted to continue using the Observatory. After Secchi's death in 1878, though, the Observatory was nationalized by the Italian government and renamed the *Regio Osservatorio al Collegio Romano* ("Royal Observatory at the Roman College"), putting an end to astronomical research in the Vatican.

In 1891, however, Pope Leo XIII issued a Motu Proprio re-founding the *Specola Vaticana* (Vatican Observatory) and a new observatory was built on the walls at the edge of the Vatican.[3] The new Vatican Observatory remained there for the next forty years.

By the 1930s, the smoke and sky-glow of the city had made it impossible to conduct useful observations in Rome.[1] Pope Pius XI relocated the Observatory to Castel Gandolfo, which is 25 kilometres (16 mi) southeast of Rome. By 1961, the same problems of light pollution made observing difficult at Castel Gandolfo. The Observatory then established the **Vatican Observatory Research Group**, with offices at the Steward Observatory of the University of Arizona in

Tucson, Arizona.[1] In 1993, VORG completed construction of the 1.8 metres (71 in) Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope, which is at Mount Graham near Safford, Arizona.

The Observatory's headquarters remain in Italy at Castel Gandolfo. In early 2008, the Vatican announced that as part of a general reconstruction of the Papal residence, the Observatory would be relocated to a former convent a mile away from the castle, while its former space would be used to provide more room for the reception of diplomatic visitors. There was some commentary that the Observatory was being shut down or cut back, but in fact the Observatory staff welcomed the move.[*citation needed*] The old quarters in the castle were cramped and very poorly laid out for the Observatory's use. The research activities of VORG in Arizona continue unaffected.[24]

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

This woman is also called Babylon the Great; she is the exact antitype of the ancient Babylon in her idolatry and cruelty, but the ancient city called Babylon is only a drawing of her in miniature. This is indeed Babylon THE GREAT; she is, in truth, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." [25]

The Tower of Babel

Up until this point in the Bible, the whole world had one language - one common speech for all people. The people of the earth became skilled in construction and decided to build a city with a tower that would reach to heaven. By building the tower they wanted to make a name for themselves and also prevent their city from being scattered. To build, the people used brick instead of stone and tar instead of mortar. They used "man-made" materials, instead of more durable "God-made" materials. The people were building a monument to themselves, to call attention to their own abilities and achievements, instead of giving glory to God. [26]

God came to see their city and the tower they were building. He perceived their intentions, and in His infinite wisdom, He knew this "stairway to heaven" would only lead the people away from God. He noted the powerful force within their unity of purpose. As a result, God confused their language, causing them to speak different languages so they would not understand each other. By doing this, God thwarted their plans. He also scattered the people of the city all over the face of the earth.

THE VATICAN UFO DISCLOSURE ALIEN CONTACT

They are looking for the gods in the heavens; The Vatican on UFO Disclosure, Alien Contact, and Extraterrestrial Life:

The Vatican is attempting to get out ahead of the Extraterrestrial issues before the announcements by major world governments. [27]

The Vatican is playing a leading role preparing the world for extraterrestrial disclosure.

There are few things that are sure bets in this life and one of them is that the Vatican would never have come out and told the world that they believe extraterrestrial are real without emphatic proof, without advance knowledge that some type of disclosure is imminent.

The Vatican is not a cutting edge group, they generally move so slow that it is painful to much of the world's congregation. After all, this is the same organization that to this day does not allow woman to be priest or any form of contraception. This is the same organization that forced Galileo to recant his finding and put him under arrest for the remainder of his life, for telling the world that the earth is not at the center of the universe.

For the most part the Vatican is stodgy, archaic, and slow to move on major issues and generally behind the times. So what prompted them to move at lightning speed on the difficult issues of extraterrestrials life and full disclosure? Well they have been receiving information from their embassies that is hard to deny and they attended a series of secret meeting in NYC at the UN that changed everything. Shortly afterward the Vatican gave the infamous "Aliens Are My Brothers Interview" that should have garnered worldwide headline but it was typically played down by the mainstream media. [28]

WICKED WOMEN ~ MYSTERY BABYLON ~ SATAN'S CHURCH

The Old Testament Prophet, Zechariah predicts that a representational "wicked woman" (i.e., Mystery Babylon; Satan's church) will literally FLY (by aircraft) to the "land of Shinar" or by an astrological, witchcraft system flying by two witchcraft systems to the land of Shinar (Babylon (i.e., ancient Babylon; Iraq) to establish its new religious headquarters (i.e., "to build it a house"). Obviously this extraordinary biblical prophecy has never been fulfilled, so it must represent a future fulfillment: [29]

These two wicked systems symbolized by two wicked women will supernaturally fly the world commerce to Babylon. The representation of the ephah flying to land of Shinar is the world's financial system being relocated there; therefore those who believe that New York and American relates to the scriptures concerning Babylon.

EPHAH

"Ephah." The ephah basket measured at about one bushel and three pints. Accordingly, in this biblical prophecy, the basket symbolizes the economic and financial system that will support and undergird the empire of the Antichrist. Moreover, because it carries the wicked woman inside of it, the combination of these two symbols represents the close alliance and collaboration that will exist between the economic and religious systems within the empire of Antichrist. That is why we should not be surprised to see the rebuilt city of Babylon become the religious headquarters for the Antichrist while also functioning as a center of world trade and commerce during the "time of the end." Evidently the melding of financial power and religious power and influence, combined with the miraculous abilities and prestige of the Antichrist, will simply overwhelm the sensibilities and intellectual honesty of most people. Thus, the rebuilt city of Babylon, the economic system, will coexist with Mystery Babylon, the religious system, at the same geographical location in modern-day Iraq.

The woman mentioned here is called a great whore, to denote her excessive depravity, and the awful nature of her idolatry. She is also represented as sitting upon many waters, to show the vast extent of her influence.[30]

"Wicked Woman;" represents the mysterious, ancient Babylonian cult beliefs and rituals that dominated, or will dominate, the seven biblical world empires that oppress Israel at various times throughout her history. Because Satan is super intelligent and quite devious in his methods, these vile pagan and occult beliefs and practices dominated the religious beliefs and activities that prevailed in the ancient biblical world empires; since it is more difficult for people generally to discern the true nature of false religious beliefs if they are blended in with significant amounts of perceived truth that is precisely the strategy which Satan frequently employed and will employ, to deceive people spiritually.

TALENT OF LEAD

“Talent of Lead;” A talent of lead weighed over 122 lbs., which was an extreme amount of weight for a lid covering the top of an ephah basket. Even so, despite the unusually heavy weight of the lid, that still did not hold the “woman of wickedness” down, thus illustrating the power of evil.

TWO WOMEN

“Two Women;” It is possible that the “two women” who carry the “wicked woman” to Babylon represent two major world religions, perhaps Islam and “professing” Christianity consisting of Roman Catholicism and mainline Protestant denominations.

WINGS

“Wings;” The “wings” probably refer to the mode of travel employed when the “wicked woman” is transported to rebuild Babylon, i.e., air-travel by modern airplanes.

As further corroboration of our interpretation of (Zech. 5:5-11), a careful analytic comparison of both Revelation 17 and 18 establishes the singular fact that “Mystery Babylon” (i.e., Satan’s church) and the city of Babylon will be located geographically at the exact same place near the time of their final and complete destruction.

Here are excerpts:

“The judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication (spiritual unfaithfulness).... and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy.... And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus... And the woman which thou sawest is that great city....” (Rev.17*).*

“For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and

the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, AND THE MERCHANTS OF THE EARTH ARE WAXED RICH THROUGH THE ABUNDANCE OF HER DELICACIES... Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins...” (Rev.18).

“*Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: FOR STRONG IS THE LORD GOD WHO JUDGETH HER. And the kings of the earth who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, alas, alas, that great CITY Babylon, that mighty CITY! for in one hour is thy judgment come.*

“And the MERCHANTS of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls... and SOULS OF MEN.... Alas, alas, that great CITY, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls.... “And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, what CITY is like unto this great CITY! ...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; FOR BY THY SORCERIES WERE ALL NATIONS DECEIVED. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.”

“Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her recompense. 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed,” (Jer. 51:6-8).

One final reason which proves the ancient city of Babylon must be rebuilt at its original geographical location in modern Iraq is the prophetic prediction that the final overthrow of Babylon will be followed by “blessings” upon the nation of Israel. Furthermore, (Isa 14:1-10) very clearly indicates that these blessings will be bestowed upon the nation of Israel during the Millennium, which will commence immediately after the demise of Antichrist, the king of Babylon, and their oppressor. (Isa. 13:19-22) (Isa. 14:1-10) (Jer. 50:4-7, 20).

“*For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and*

set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, 4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! 5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. 6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. 7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. 8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. 9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us," (Isa. 14:1-10)*?*

We see that the ancient city of Babylon must be rebuilt at its original geographical location in modern-day Iraq. On the other hand, the following scriptural references in Revelation can be used to prove categorically that ancient Babylon will be totally destroyed forever, near the time of Armageddon.

Case in point the rebuilt city of Babylon must be destroyed "suddenly" and in "one hour" of time. (Isa. 13:19) (Jer. 50:40) (Jer. 51:8) (Rev. 18:8-10, 17-19) (Isa. 47). Furthermore, Babylon must be burned with fire, something which likewise has never happened, yet. (Rev. 17:16 -18); (Rev. 18:8-10, 18); (Rev. 19:1- 3). Moreover Babylon must be destroyed by an earthquake, which never has happened, and that earthquake must occur during the seventh plague, just before Armageddon and the Return of Christ. (Rev. 16:16-21). Finally, the soldiers of Antichrist must destroy Babylon with fire, very possibly even with a bomb. (Rev. 17:16-18) (Rev. 18:15-17, 21) (Jer. 51:59-64).

The awakened part of the Church of today has now no doubt of the real existence of the spirit beings of evil, and that there is an organized monarchy of supernatural powers set up in opposition to Christ, and His kingdom, bent upon the eternal ruin of every member of the human race. Believers know that God is calling them to seek the fullest equipment obtainable for withstanding, and

resisting these enemies of Christ and His Church.

Chapter Three

New Tower of Babel

BUILDING NEW WORLD

Saddam Hussein was confident enough of the location of the ruins of the biblical Babylon near Baghdad that he spent millions of dollars reconstructing it. Saddam may have had delusions of grandeur -- he reportedly had plans of restoring the Tower of Babel -- but there were no claims that he was spending his money in the wrong place. As much as Saddam was despised in the West, it is fairly certain that if he had been foolish enough to put his modern reconstruction in the wrong place, the mistake would have been publicized.[31]

Asserting that the whereabouts of the biblical Babel are unknown more a ploy of theological liberals to minimize the historicity of the Genesis account of Babel than a reflection of reality. As mentioned, the location of the biblical Babel has been known for a century. Since theological liberals (along with most proponents of Judaism, not to mention evolutionism) tend to deny the historicity of (Gen. 1-11), it is natural for them to deny that we can locate any physical evidence of the history in those chapters.

The European Union Parliament building at Brussels, Belgium, was designed in the form of an unfinished Tower of Babal, and a stylized Tower of Babel has been used to advertise the European Union's goal of human unification [32]

UNITED NATIONS NEW HOME?

"But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his father's knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things," (Dan. 11:38).

There are many factions who are preparing for the rise of the Antichrist figure and the Harlot Church to come into view in our present time. Nowadays, its ruins covers about 302 km lying on the east bank of Euphrates 90 km south of Baghdad and about 10 km north of Hilla. The most important of the standing

monuments of Babylon today are the Summer and Winter Palaces of King Nebuchadnezzar II, the Ziggurat attached to it, the Street of Processions, the Lion of Babylon, and the famous Ishtar Gate. [33]

PALACE OF ANTICHRIST OR NEW U.S. EMBASSY

From Here to There ~ BABYLON

It only cost 700 trillion dollars to build and they call it the Bush Palace.

Jan. 2004 - Since the U.N. headquarters in New York is very crowded, and since the U.S. is not very happy with the organization, it is possible it could move to another location. According to this article, that location could conceivably be Babylon.

Triggered by the Iraq War, informed sources say that the international Quartet of world powers (the US, UN, European Union and Russia) has drafted a proposal to transfer the seat of the United Nations to Baghdad (ancient Babel or Babylon)! [34]

At this time in February 2006, how do we get from the seemingly interminable and grinding urban combat of insurgency and potential civil war of present-day Iraq to the future glory of a rebuilt Babylon? I do not know the path of events that will lead us from the present to the prophesied future, but we can be assured it will happen. It may take decades. However, a resolution to the problems in Iraq should (in my view) begin to happen quickly because the rebuilding and prosperity of Babylon and all of Iraq will be a lengthy process. The rise to power of the entire Middle East leading to blocs of nations led by two kings, a King of the South and a King of the North, all this will take time. The process will take decade's once relative peace and safety in Iraq has been achieved. [35]

It is important to note that the military of Iraq, the future army of Babylon, is being trained by the most experienced, most advanced; best trained, and best led military force the world has ever seen, the United States military. Eventually (and this will also take a long time) the Iraqi armed forces should learn to be as efficient, as deadly, and as constrained in the application of military force as the United States military is today. Only such a trained force can be useful as an instrument of policy, something more than merely being

an oppressive force upon its own people. This does not mean that Iraq or Babylon will have a large military force, but it shall be powerful for its size. And this does not preclude the possibility that the nation of Iraq may break into 2 or 3 political parts. If such a breakup occurs, Iraq will still have a loose confederation and cooperation for economic reasons, much like nations in Europe today — economically unified in many ways, yet political divisions that continue even under the European Union. A break up if Iraq is not prophetically impossible. [36]

My understanding is that the beginning of the resolution of conflicts in Iraq leading to relative peace and safety will occur soon, and likely it will occur swiftly. Merchants, bankers, investors, tradesmen, artists, and kings put their resources and investments where property, money, and people are safe. The wealthy do not live where it is not safe for themselves, their families, or their money. Corporations do not invest heavily where valuable assets are at risk of being destroyed. Wealth flows where there is safety and opportunity. (This is one reason the United States is a desirable safe haven for investment.) Safety in Iraq is an essential precondition for investment, trade, and wealth to take place for a future Babylon. The world wants to invest in Iraq. See my article "World Bank Ready to Rebuild Iraq." They will not do so unless there is a very positive potential reward for any risk they undertake. [37]

If Babylon and Iraq are to be rebuilt and become a major world-class economic, financial, and population center in the Middle East, then this will take a massive amount of infrastructure construction. That infrastructure demands sewage and water treatment, energy supplies, an entirely new and huge electrical supply grid, importation of building materials into the area, food processing and distribution, communications networks, highways and city roads, shipping facilities to accommodate millions of people. In other words, everything will be needed to make Babylon a great city. [38]

The Bible also predicts that the final condition of Babylon will be similar to that of Sodom and Gomorrah, namely complete and utter desolation as a result of massive amounts of fire and brimstone. (Isa. 13:19) (Jer. 50:40). Obviously such destruction has never happened, yet. Moreover, according to various biblical scriptures, this final cataclysmic destruction must occur near the time of Armageddon, during the great and terrible Day of the Lord, when the entire world will be punished for their evil: (Isa. 13:1, 4-6, 9-11, 13, 19).

The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see... *"The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of THE KINGDOMS OF NATIONS GATHERED TOGETHER (i.e., Armageddon): the Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye; for THE DAY OF THE LORD is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty..."* (Isa. 13: 4-6).

PALACE FOR THE ANTICHRIST?

The United States formally dedicated its new $592-million embassy in Iraq on Monday, the largest and most expensive American embassy in the world.[39]

An American Palace in Iraq and Four Permanent US Bases

... watch the massive US Embassy they call 'George W's palace ... Bush declared, "We're helping to rebuild Iraq, where the dictator ... Iraq Stats Dec 10, 2008 President Barack Obama ..

U.S. Embassy: A Lavish American Palace

Against the Iraq backdrop of violence and misery, soaring unemployment and middle class flight, malnutrition and unprecedented illness for Iraqis... rises an American embassy-palace the likes of which the world has never before seen, and four plush, seemingly-permanent bases for US armed forces.

Here is info published by the world's leading news media sources about the new US Embassy in Baghdad's Green Zone. It is/has:

the largest embassy in world history
the only building project in Iraq on-time and on-budget
a bomb-proof super-bunker with a 15-ft thick perimeter wall
21 buildings on 104 acres, the size of 80 football fields
wired for state-of-the-art communications and surveillance
"extraordinary" security measures
Congress was told that the cost is $592 million
impressive residences for the Ambassador and his deputy, and six posh apartments for senior officials
a water-treatment plant and power generator (to provide basic services not yet restored to pre-invasion levels for Iraqis)

two huge blocks of offices for 8,000 US staff workers
the biggest swimming pool in Iraq
a well-equipped gym
tennis courts
movie theater
restaurants serving US food chain favorites
a "swish" American Club for evening social functions/ [40]

"And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands," (Jer. 25:12-14).

"Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' Excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah," (Isa. 13:18-19).

If we read and interpret this passage of scripture literally, it states that when obvious signs of Christ's Return are seen in the heavens, then the city of Babylon, which once was the "glory of kingdoms" and the "beauty of the Chaldees Excellency" during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, "shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah."

In spite of this very plain, explicit wording, however, some people insist on interpreting the word "Babylon" in a figurative or symbolic sense so that it can represent New York City or the United States in prophecy passages such as this one. They pursue this line of reasoning even though this scriptural passage states very clearly that the "Babylon" portrayed in this scripture is the Babylon that was ruled over by King Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans in the ancient land of Babylon, now modern-day Iraq.

However, as we demonstrated earlier, there are basic, fundamental reasons why we should be interpreting biblical passages such as this one in a sensible, literal manner. Therefore, the Babylon portrayed in Isaiah 13 at the time of its

destruction, just before the Battle of Armageddon commences, will be the Babylon that was geographically located in ancient Babylon, now modern-day Iraq, and was ruled over by Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans.[41]

"Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. 6 And I said. What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. 7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. 8 And he said, this is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base." (Zech. 5:5-11).

[*To build it an house in the land of Shinar*] (Zech. 5:11), The name of Shinar, though strictly Babylonia, carries back to an older power than the world-empire of Babylon; which now too was destroyed.

"In the land of Shinar," (Gen 11:2) was that first attempt to array a world-empire against God, ere mankind was ye dispersed. And so it is the apter symbol of the antitheist or anti-Christian world, which by violence, art, falsehood, sophistry, wars against the truth. To this great world-empire it was to be removed; yet to live there, no longer cramped and confined as within an Ephah, but in pomp and splendor. [42]

A house or temple was to be built for it, for its honor and glory; as Dagon (half-man/ half-fish god) {or god of the sea connected to the god of the earth} (1 Sam 5:2-5) or Ashtaroth {I n demonology Astaroth (also Ashtaroth, Astarot, and Asteroth) is a Prince of Hell. (I Sam 31:10), or Baal (II Kin. 10:23) had their houses or temples, a great idol temple, in which the god of this world should be worshiped.[43]

He/She is referred to in The Lesser Key of Solomon as a very powerful deity. His main assistants are four demons called Aamon, Pruslas, Barbatos and Rashaverak. In art, in the Dictionnaire Infernal, Astaroth is depicted as a nude

man with dragon-like wings, hands and feet, a second pair of feathered wings after the main, wearing a crown, holding a serpent in one hand, and riding a wolf or dog. Upon closer examination, however, it can be seen in the image (right) that the dragon-like wings actually belong to the dragon. According to Sebastien Michaelis he is a demon of the First Hierarchy, who seduces by means of laziness, vanity, and rationalized philosophies to see the world and his adversary is St. Bartholomew, who can protect against him for he has resisted Astaroth's temptations. To others, he teaches mathematical sciences and handicrafts, can make men invisible and lead them to hidden treasures, and answers every question formulated to him. He was also said to give to mortal beings the power over serpents. [44]

According to Francis Barrett, Astaroth is the prince of accusers and inquisitors. According to some demonologists of the 16th century, August is the month during which this demon's attacks against man are stronger. He also goes by the name ‘Ashtart/Astarte which was rendered in the Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible as Astharthe (singular) and Astharoth (plural), that last form rendered in the King James Version of the Bible as Ashtaroth. It seems this plural form was taken either from the Latin or from some translation or other by those who did not know it was a plural form.[45]

According to Lon Milo DuQuette and Christopher S. Hyatt, Astaroth is "a thinly disguised version of the goddess Astarte...."[1]

Jeff Rovin's The Fantasy Encyclopedia (1979) depicted Astaroth with a likeness fitting the description of Baal, including a newly-created illustration, and this error has been repeated in other places, such as with Monster in My Pocket, in which a spidery, 3-headed Astaroth is #102. [46]

[And it] - "The house," "shall be established" firmly on its base, like the house of God, and it, (wickedness) shall be tranquilly rested on its base, as an idol in its temple, until the end come. In the end, the belief of those of old was, that the Jews would have great share in the antagonism to Christ and His empire. At the first, they were the great enemies of the faith, and sent forth, Justin says, (NOTE: Justin Martyr, Dial. n. 17 (n. 91. Oxford Translation) and n. 108. p. 205. Eusebius quotes the first passage, H. E. (4:18, and repeats the statement on Isa 18), those everywhere who should circulate the calumnies against Christians, which were made a ground of early persecutions. In the end, it was believed, that antichrist should be from them, that they would receive him as their Christ, the last fulfillment of our Lord's words, "I am come in My Father's name and ye receive Me not; another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (Jn.

5:43). [47]

BABYLON HAS FALLEN

Apostle John stood on the sands of the sea and saw a vision of the spirit of Abbadon, the beast arises from the sea.

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and

decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. 21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth," (Rev. 18:1-24). KJV

This demonic religious system will be a blood thirsty one that will feed off the salacious transgressions of spiritual prostitute. She rides into power upon the back of the depraved Beast who rules the world. She desires human sacrifice and draws her power from demons and the blood of God's Saints.[48]

"Behold, THE DAY OF THE LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land DESOLATE: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. FOR THE STARS OF HEAVEN AND THE CONSTELLATIONS THEREOF SHALL NOT GIVE THEIR LIGHT: THE SUN SHALL BE DARKENED IN HIS GOING FORTH, AND THE MOON SHALL NOT CAUSE HER LIGHT TO SHINE. AND I WILL PUNISH THE WORLD FOR THEIR EVIL..." (Isa. 13: 11).

"And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the Lord, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of

Babylon.10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. 11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the Lord; and they shall till it, and dwell therein," (Jer. 27:8-11).

WICKED WITCH THAT DRINKS BLOOD

She is exposed as a great whore [in this passage] is one that is married, and has been false to her husband's bed and has forsaken the guide of her youth by breaking the covenant of God. She is a rebellious woman (backslidden Christian church) that once knew Jesus Christ now fallen, idolatrous worship under the character of a whore or whoredom.

The Bible prophesies the appearance of a global superpower that will precede the coming of a man known as the Antichrist. The name of this world power is given as "Babylon the Great" and so we see, from Babel in Genesis to Babylon in Revelation, that mankind's rebellion against God comes full circle. In this series of articles I will show that the theme of "full circle" is applicable in more ways than one as we witness the fulfillment of prophetic events at the close of the Age.[49]

Dr. Pat Holliday says, "The identity of the Antichrist" will reach his destination from a new world empire that arises out of the ashes of the old world chaos. This will create a world government, new world economic system and a new universal religion. The Apostle John saw two powerful spiritual beings that will come from the sea and out of the Earth that he called them Beasts. Their authority will consist of Satan's anointing, giving his unassailable power to his son, a man who is united with a group of secretive, depraved, cabalistic men. This new order will join the iniquity of the masses and idol worship into a world witchcraft driven religion."

Chapter Four

Power of Astrology

DABBLING CHRISTIANS

"For there is going to come a time when people won't listen to the truth, but will go around looking for teachers who will tell them just what they want to hear. They won't listen to what the Bible says but will blithely follow their own misguided ideas," (II Tim. 4:3-4).

It is very difficult to minister to uninformed Christians. Most have never been taught the Word of God. They look lightly committing occult sins. They hardly believe that there would be any consequences of entering into occult sins. They freely participate in the powers of darkness. Millions are becoming entrapped with all its aftermaths, such as, spiritual blindness, sickness, confusion, etc.

ASTROLOGY DOES PLAY FOR FUN

This minister has had the below conversation with thousands of Christians.

"Do you read your horoscope?"

"Yes, I'm an Aries. What is your sign?"

"Are You a Christian?"

"Yes."

"Do you know that God says that you are committing an abomination to God?"

"No. Oh, well, I don't believe it. I Just do it for fun."

God doesn't look at this sin as being fun."

"Well, I don't think that God would care if I read my horoscope."

"He does care. He looks at it as spiritual adultery. Seeking other gods."

Demons are involved with such activity. No one can play with these demons and expect not to be injured.

Too often Christians and others are prone to be skeptical about the existence of spirits and demons. But they do exist and they are responsible to Satan for deceiving curious humans. Such is the case with the well-known clergyman who was convinced that he was talking to his dead son!

Can a Christian be made subject to these occult powers? Some authorities believe they can! Playing at the occult and even reading books on the black arts can bring much distress.

Anyone who wishes to learn should consult only books written by true evangelical Bible scholars, who are exposing astrology, for their information. *“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s Table and of the devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he,”* (I Cor. 10: 21, 22)?

HEALING ~ PSYCHIC

Christians should never seek any type of service, direction or healing from an occultist or psychic. When any Christian pursues healing from these demons, they will be bewitched and guided by the devils. Many have discovered to their surprise and horror that Satan is the one who is willing to divulge supernatural affairs and give them momentary assistance. Often too late, they find that the real source of their advice and supernatural ability is demonic. Confusion results and many end up going into insane asylums and never return! Occult powers come from Satan. When one uses occult power he or she opens a door for the devil to enter into their spirit. Once the door is opened, very few victims ever get it to shut again.

ANTICHRIST

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world, " (I Jn. 4:3).

Astrologers, numerologists, New Age Channelers, Palm readers, and other so-called seers are making millions of dollars playing the "game." They will plot your destiny or advise you on any matter for a handsome fee. Some will predict the outcome of the next presidential election or tell of the exact date the world will end!

THE REAL POWER OF ASTROLOGY

"And hath gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, either the sun, or moon , or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; 4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: 5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die," (Deut. 17:3-5).

The real power of astrology is not merely in the horoscopes which are published in so many modern newspapers and magazines. Every day these character and things that have happened to them in the past. This is attributed to knowledge gained through the charts. When many things are revealed about an otherwise unknown person, amazement and credulity are often the results.

People drop their defenses and begin to believe very much in what the astrologer says. If he explains this power in terms of the stars then this may be believed without question. Before long, a person can become dependent on the advice and counsel of professional astrologers for every major decision. The power of suggestion and possibly other powers may then become involved in powerfully influencing that person's life. Pretty soon all the events in a person's life - good and bad, may be interpreted in the light of the astrologer's pronouncements. 3

These horoscopes contradict each other in so many ways - and indeed, most professional astrologers complain that these columns are vastly oversimplified at best and "utter nonsense" at worst. No, the real power of astrology comes into play when someone goes to a professional astrologer for advice concerning their life and the decisions they must make. Think about it, hundreds of thousands read these columns everyday and believing.

The astrologer may be able to come up with many amazing insights concerning the person's life. However, those things happen in 95 percent of the lives of people.

OCCULT AND GOVERNMENT

Hitler was a follower of astrology. However the saddest example is the occult involvement of the England's Royal Family. It is noteworthy to explain that the king or queen becomes the head of the Anglican Church of England.

Prince Charles, who will be the head of the Anglican Church, says that he frequently talks to his uncle, Count Mountbatten. The late Princess Diana and Princess Fergie sought solace from astrologers, psychics and faith healers . . . very sad indeed. The result is broken marriages and perhaps a lost kingship and certainly the most devastating wound to the royal family. Association with demons will always bring loss of morality and respect for God's laws. We see spiritual adultery brings physical deceptions and adultery and divorce.

AGREE WITH CHRISTIANITY?

Astrology belief came from Babel, not the Bible*! "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils,"* (I Tim. 4:1).

ASTROLOGY IS NOT INNOCENT FUN

Astrology is more than the horoscope columns in the newspapers and in magazines. Astrology is an occult practice, rooted in ancient Babylon. It originated, historians believe, when the ancient Chaldeans observed the orderly movement of the planets and assigned them godlike character and powers. The planets eventually were worshiped as gods. Each planet came to be the ruler of certain areas of life. The astrologers, who advised kings and rulers, interpreted the pattern of planets as omens or signs of what were to come.

Astrology is the superstitious notion that the destinies of nations and individuals are ordained by the relative position of the stars. These destinies can be uncovered by a detailed examination of horoscopes which have been drawn by professional astrologers. The Bible says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil," (I Thess. 5:22).

ASTROLOGY AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

Astrology cannot be combined with Christian belief in any way. It is condemned explicitly in the Bible, *"Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor*

fire to sit before it." (Isa. 47:13-14).

Unquestioningly in passages condemning divination and worshiping the heavens are shown, *"And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven,"* (Deut. 4:19).

"And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded," (Deut. 17:3).

"When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.10 There shall not be found among you anyone that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD:" and because of these abominations the such as karma and reincarnation, contemporary astrology shifted in the 20th century from rigid readings and prediction to a tool of character analysis and spiritual advice. Although future events are still part of the chart reading, they are downplayed, and usually called "forecasting" or "looking at coming trends." Astrology is a form of divination: an esoteric method to gain information about past, present, and future. 8

BELIEF

Astrology is based on the magical belief that the planetary positions at one's birth time and birthplace reflect that person's character, lessons in life, challenges, and spiritual path. Most astrologers, like all occultists, believe that since the universe is connected by a mystical force into a supernatural oneness (monism), our intimate journeys can be read in external factors, such as the planets. This belief is stated in the occult expression." 9

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," (1 Tim. 4:1).

Astrology allows the believer to live his life without moral judgments and

absolute truths that demand adherence. Individuals are seeking answers to who am I? What is real? Where am I going and what is my purpose in life?

Is there a God? Astrology offers the individual answers to all these questions and more. The answers, if on target, can be very seductive. Hypnotically so!

Astrology becomes spiritually addictive because it works in the mind of the believer. If there was no degree of accuracy in the astrologer's delineations astrology would not be found to be of the slightest interest. The fact is, astrology works! The issue then becomes how.

The astrologer claims that his abilities are derived from his knowledge of the constellations and the alignment of the planets. However, his information, whether physical or spiritual, comes from another source. One former astrologist concludes that this source is not the planets or the constellations themselves but the gods behind them.

The perceived qualities of each planet according to Charles Strohmer, a former astrologist, are as follows. Jupiter's nature is to be good-willed and represent financial success. Saturn is seen as constricting, binding, even malefic. Venus is said to influence the higher attributes such as drama, the arts, and music. Mars is believed to affect athletic ability and to govern wars.

Neptune is thought to be more psychic than physical. Pluto is believed to rule the "abode of the dead." Each planet is assigned attribute(s) that denote personhood rather than their cosmic makeup such as atmosphere, soils, energies, and other properties. These qualities or attributes and other characteristics are in line with the deities assigned to these planets rather than the physical properties that were used in their makeup.

Charles Strohmer underscores this statement regarding astrology when he says; the system is not based on the physical properties of the planets but on the distinctives, attributes, and desperate limitations of each god in the closed circle of astrological polytheism. He continues by asserting that the "principles of astrological interpretation are clearly excerpted from ancient myths, updated, and has absolutely nothing to do with planets but with superstitions and imaginings related to mythical deities."

Strohmer concludes that it is the gods (not planets) that influence our lives. He makes one further observation that is critical to our understanding of the nature of astrology. He states that, since these gods are indeed the source of astrological knowledge rather than the planets, and the gods are mythical, they are imaginary at best. Strohmer adds, it is mind-altering to realize now that there is no such thing, astrologically, as a planetary influence.

In essence, Strohmer, as a former astrologist, identifies the information derived from astrology as being based not on the influence of the planets in one's life, but rather on the gods who rule those planets. Astrology is not a benign art that utilizes planetary alignment (essentially nature) to chart one's life but rather uses the pagan deities of mythology (in reality, the demonic world of the occult). Astrology, then, is merely the modern form of planetary worship practiced by the pagans of the pre-Christian era.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed, *"Let the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee."*

"Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it. Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander everyone to his quarter; none shall save thee," (47:13-15).

As Isaiah explains, the astrologer will not save anyone from their troubles. Looking to the stars is not where man's hope and faith should be placed.

As early as the time of Moses, man had a spiritually unhealthy preoccupation with the stars.

"And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven," (Deut. 4:10).

In similar fashion, the prophet Jeremiah declared, *"Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them,"* (10:2).

The Lord makes it clear that to look to the movements of the planets rather than to look to Him, is the action of the heathen.

Finally, when astrology is tested side-by-side with turning to God for the answers, there should be no doubt as to which is the most accurate.

"And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. Daniel answered in the presence of the kind, and said, The secret which the king hast demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days," (Dan. 1:20 and 2:27-28).

Throughout history, man has searched the stars, planets and heavenly bodies for the answers to life's questions. Throughout history, God has condemned such practices as heathen and vain. When will man realize that the answer to his questions lay not in the creation of the sun, moon and planets, but rather in the creator of the sun, moon and planets?

Chapter Five

Western Astrology

MOON, SUN, STARS

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psa. 8:3-4).

Western astrology was adopted by Ptolemy's zodiac or calculations. Mundane Astrology is the practice of predicting the future of a nation. This is the most ancient form of astrology. Many astrologers practiced mundane astrology in ancient Babylon and Egypt.

TSABAISTISM

This earliest form of astrology was connected with the worship of the stars, or Tsabaistism. In Biblical times the "*stars and planets were "consulted"* and thought to have power over the destinies of people because they were assumed to be gods! This planetary worship is the reason why God destroyed the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-9).

This notorious tower was not constructed to reach "unto heaven" but rather, archaeologists identify the Tower of Babel as a ziggurat or astrological tower on top of which priest could conduct the viewing and worship of the sun, moon, and planets.

It is very strange that educated, intelligent people are being drawn into this ancient evil practice. Actually, its pull is not a matter of brains but spirit. Astrology is going after other gods. . After the created instead of the Creator! Is it any wonder, that many feel the judgment of God is now abiding on America; especially when her leaders are seeking after other gods that their forefathers did not worship!

HOROSCOPE TELESCOPE

Contemporary astrologers regard themselves as astro-scientists, astro biologists, scientific astrologers, etc.; usually allege that science has proven the

validity of astrology.

Ancient astrology is a system of belief which is based solely on what the unaided human eye can see. They assumed that “appearance” always corresponds to reality. Therefore its foundational concepts and starting principles were in error. Ptolemy concluded that the earth was the center of the universe, that the sun, moon, planets and stars all revolved around the earth.... according to what he saw with his eyes, the sun came up in the east and set in the west.

He assumed that there were no other planets in our galaxy. Using the positions of the seven visible stars, he set forth in the *Tetrabiblos* the calculations which are to be used in casting a person’s horoscope.

Uranus was discovered in 1781, Neptune in 1846, and Pluto in 1930. Since these planets were not included in Ptolemy’s horoscope calculations, they threaten to annul all of the horoscopes which follow his calculations! Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto will always prove an embarrassment of astrologers because their entire system of drawing horoscope is based on Ptolemy’s seven-star zodiac.

NATAL ASTROLOGY

Astrology was practiced only for kings and nations until Alexander the Great brought it to Greece after his conquests. The Greeks scientific mind soon redesigned the art into a science that applied to everyone. The chief architect was Ptolemy, (A.D. 130). Ptolemy, in the Tetrabiblos, finalized the zodiac and the method of casting horoscopes by the positions of the sun, moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn at the time of a person’s birth. Once the exact time of a person’s birth was known, their future could be predicted by this pseudo man made “science”. Astrology was no longer only for Kings but for the public as well.

For Christians, The Father is their God and Jesus Christ is their redeemer. He created them and is in charge! We are not ruled by the planets they are just created things!

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy

book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them," (Psa. 139: 13-16).

VISIBLE CONSTELLATIONS

Astrology is established on visible constellations. Each planet moves in their respected orbits across the sky; while the zodiac is divided into twelve houses with 30 degrees in each house. By application of the zodiac, the exact position of the twelve stars can be measured at any time. A calendar year is broken down into twelve sections, with dates for each house. For example if one is born between Oct 23 - Nov. 22, the sign is Scorpio.

Ptolemy's zodiac of seven stars and twelve houses is still employed today by most astrologers. He had developed his zodiac and all his calculations on the assumption that the earth was the center of the universe. He said that the sun, moon, and five planets all circled the earth and focused their "powers" on earth to determine the destiny of every human being.

The knowledge that the earth was only one of several planets resolving around the sun instead of Ptolemy's earth-centered universe, people began to abandon astrology as an old wives tale. The beginning of Scientific Astronomy spelled destruction for astrology for the thinking person.

FERTILE CRESCENT

Present-day astrology has its basis in the planetary worship by the ancient civilizations of the Fertile Crescent. Its popularity has enlarged and waned throughout the centuries. While it suffered serious decline under early Christianity and the rise of modern science, it has returned in strength in the twentieth century. History tells us that astrology prospers best in ages of religious decline and social trauma.

Chapter Six

Goddess Worship

GODDESS WORSHIP ASHERAH

Scripture has many references to astrological planet worship. The Old Testament refers to Israel's' frequent involvement in Baal worship (the sun god) nearly one hundred times. Baal was the Phoenician god. Apostate Israel went so far as to build houses dedicated to the worship of sun (Baal) and even to install horses and chariots dedicated to sun worship (II Kin. 23:11).

The Hebrew word "*Asherah,*" mistranslated as "groves" in the King James Version, referred to the Phoenician worship of Venus or the moon as the goddess of love, fertility and good luck. "Asherah" indicates the worship of Astarte.

The Bible clearly shows that a person can turn their attention from serving God to pagan gods and goddesses. (I Kin. 11:4-6), "*For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father."* 2

King Solomon followed the worshiping practices of his wives. (I Kin. 11:8), *"And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods,"* (I Kin. 11:9).

And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice.

[The Lord was angry with Solomon] Had not this man's delinquency been strongly marked by the divine disapprobation, it would have had a fatal effect on the morals of mankind. Vice is vice, no matter who commits it. And God is as much displeased with sin in Solomon as he can be with it in the most profligate, uneducated wretch. And although God sees the same sin in precisely the same degree of moral turpitude as to the act itself, yet there may be circumstances which greatly aggravate the offence, and subject the offender to greater punishment.

Solomon was wise; he knew better; his understanding showed him the vanity as well as the wickedness of idolatry. God had appeared unto him twice, and thus given him the most direct proof of his being and of his providence. The promises of God had been fulfilled to him in the most remarkable manner, and in such a way as to prove that they came by a divine counsel, and not by any kind of casualty.

All these were aggravations of Solomon's crimes, as to their demerit; for the same crime has, in every case, the same degree of moral turpitude in the sight of God; but circumstances may so aggravate, as to require the offender to be more grievously punished; so the punishment may be legally increased where the crime is the same. Solomon deserved more punishment for his worship of Ashtoreth than any of the Sidonians did, though they performed precisely the same acts. The Sidonians had never known the true God; Solomon had been fully acquainted with him." 3

"For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. 7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded," (I Kin. 11:5-10).

STAR WORSHIP

C.F. Keil comments,"Syrophoenician star worship, in which sun and moon were worshiped under the names of Baal and Astarte as the bearer of the male and female powers of nature, was pure star worship . . .The stars were worshiped . . . as the leaders and regulators of sublunary things.

The burning of incense took place not merely to the sun and moon, but also to the signs of the zodiac and to all the host of heaven, i.e., to all the stars (Ch. XXIII. 5) by which we are no doubt to understand that the sun, moon, planets and other stars, were worshiped in conjunction with the zodiac, and with this were connected astrology, augury, and the casting of nativities (horoscopes). [50]

JESUS HEALED A WITCH

"For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. 28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. 29 And he said unto her, for this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. 30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed," (Mk. 7: 25 - 30)

The first step in the re-establishment of idolatry seems to have been the restoration of the high places where Yahweh was professedly worshipped II Kin., but with idolatrous rites 1 Kin. 14:23. The next was to re-introduce the favorite idolatry of Israel, Baal-worship, which had formerly flourished in Judaea under Athaliah II Kin. 11:18, and Ahaz II Chron/ 28:2. After this, Manasseh seems to have especially affected Sabaism, which had been previously unknown in Judaea (compare II Kin. 17:16 and note).

Worshipped all the host of heaven - Sabaism, or pure star-worship, without images, and without astrological superstitions, included a reverence for the sun, the moon, the chief stars, and the twelve signs of the Zodiac (II Kin. 23:5 note). The main worship was by altars, on which incense was burned Jer. 19:13. These altars were placed either upon the ground II Kin, 21:5, or upon the house-tops II Kin. 23:12; Zeph. 1:5. The sun was worshipped with the face toward the east Ezek. 8:16; chariots and horses were dedicated to him II Kin. 23:11. The star-worship of the Jews has far more the character of an Arabian than an Assyrian or Chaldaean cult. It obtained its hold at a time when Assyria and Babylonia had but little communication with Judaea - i. e., during the reign of Manasseh. It crept in probably from the same quarter as the Molech worship, with which it is here (and in II Chron. 33:3-6) conjoined. [51]

TAURUS THE BULL

The golden calf which Aaron fashioned was the Egyptian astrological god, Taurus, the bull (Exod. 32:1-35; Deut. 9:16-21; Neh. 9:18; Psa. 105: 19-21; Acts 7:39-43).

"And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive

their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. 33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. 34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. 35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made," (Exod. 32:31-35).

Idolatry and star worship is a very serious to God. King Jeroboam made two golden bulls and placed them at Bethel and Dan, saying, *"Here are your gods, O Israel. . ."* (I Kin. 12:26-9.)

The prophet of God lamented, *"And this thing became a sin; the people went even as far as Dan to worship the one there,"* (I Kin. 12:30). The sins of Jeroboam became a byword.

The record of the rise and fall of Israel's and Judah's kings includes whether they allowed the practice of astrology or stopped it (II Kin. 10:28-31). Israel's final doom was linked directly to its people's involvement with astrological planet worship.

"They forsook all the commands of the Lord their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshiped Baal. They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, provoking him to anger. Therefore the Lord rejected all the people of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them from his presence," (II Kin. 16: 16, 17, 20).

BLOOD SACRIFICES

King Rehoboam of Judah not only erected images of Taurus but also of Aries the goat (II Chron. 11:15; Lev. 17:7).The god Molech (Milchom, Moloch, Malcham) to whom human sacrifices were made was another astrological god who was worshiped (Lev. 18:21; 20:1-6) It represented the sun and was worshiped by casting live children into the fire in its belly.

Several astrological deities are mentioned in these Scriptures:

"The King Josiah ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank

and the door keepers to remove from the temple of the Lord all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel. He did away with the pagan priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts. He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the Lord to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes, which were in the temple of the Lord and where women did weaving for Asherah," (II Kin. 23:4-7).

It is noteworthy that when astrology was strong, morality was wrong. . . both men and women were drawn into perversity.

Many other references concerning Astrology are found in the Bible. The worship of Moloch and "Rephan" or Saturn is condemned in (Acts 7:43), *"You have lifted up the shrine of Moloch and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship. Therefore, I will send you into exile beyond Babylon."*

Notice children sacrifices are always entered into when Astrology is practiced. Astrology is big business in America and so the Killing of Babies in abortions. As judgment came to Israel to turn after other gods, surely God is not winking at the rise of these evils. God is not mocked ... The blood of the children is crying out from the ground to our Lord Jesus for His justice!

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being deceived," (II Tim. 3:13).

Chapter Seven

Dwarf Planet

WHAT THE NEW PLANETS?

"And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets , and to all the host of heaven," (II Kin. 23:5).

Eris, the largest dwarf planet known was discovered in an ongoing survey at 1.Palomar Observatory's Samuel Oschin telescope by astronomers Mike Brown (Caltech), Chad Trujillo (Gemini Observatory), and David Rabinowitz (Yale University). We officially suggested the name on September 6, 2006, and it was accepted and announced on 13 September 2006.

In Greek mythology, Eris is the goddess of warfare and strife. She stirs up jealousy and envy to cause fighting and anger among men. At the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, the parents of the Greek hero Achilles, all the gods with the exception of Eris were invited, and, enraged at her exclusion, she spitefully caused a quarrel among the goddesses that led to the Trojan war.

In the astronomical world, Eris stirred up a great deal of trouble among the international astronomical community when the question of its proper designation led to a raucous meeting of the IAU in Prague. At the end of the conference, IAU members voted to demote Pluto and Eris to dwarf-planet status, leaving the solar system with only eight planets.

The satellite of Eris has received the official name Dysnomia, who in Greek mythology is Eris' daughter and the demon spirit of lawlessness. As Dysnomia is a bit of a mouthful, we tend to simply call the satellite Dy, for short.

2. As promised for the past year, the name Xena (and satellite Gabrielle) was simply placeholders while awaiting the IAU's decision on how an official name was to be proposed. As that process dragged on, however, many people got

to know Xena and Gabrielle as the real names of these objects and are sad to see them change. We admit to some sadness ourselves. We used the names for almost two years now and are having a hard time switching. But for those who miss Xena, look for the obvious nod in the new name of the moon of Eris.

This new dwarf planet (see the now out of date). 1. What makes a planet?" below) is the largest object found in orbit around the sun since the discovery of Neptune and its moon Triton in 1846.

It is larger than Pluto, discovered in 1930. Like Pluto, the new dwarf planet is a member of the Kuiper belt, a swarm of icy bodies beyond Neptune in orbit around the sun. Until this discovery Pluto was frequently described as "the largest Kuiper belt object" in addition to being a dwarf planet. Pluto is now the second largest Kuiper belt object, while this is the largest currently known. 11

WATER BEARING PLANETS

Two new (potentially) water-bearing planets have been discovered 35 light years away!

This makes a total of four known planetary systems.

An article published by Reuters on 17 January 1996, a bit overzealous with visibility claims, nonetheless tells us: Using the 120-inch telescope at the University of California's Lick Observatory near San Jose, Geoffrey Marcy and fellow researcher Paul Butler discovered the new planets in the Virgo and Ursa Major constellations.[52]

The Berkeley press release further clarified this (with graphics too):

The two new planets were found around the stars 70 Virginis, in the constellation Virgo, and 47 Ursae Majoris, in the Big Dipper or Ursa Major. Both stars are visible to the naked eye, but the planets are too small and dim to be seen against the glare of their parent star. Nevertheless the planets create a telltale wobble in the stars' motion, which the astronomers were able to detect with sensitive equipment mounted on the 120-inch Shane reflector telescope at the University of California's Lick Observatory. [53]

The question is this. What do the astrologers do with these new discoveries? Are these areas in a person’s life that caused the “astrologers” to misguide them for a lack of knowledge? Ask yourselves these questions.

How can an object have a brain to rule and control my life? Why worship a thing when you can worship the Maker of the Stars and Planets?

God and will bring His swift Judgment upon the person involved also their ancestors. *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation them that hate me,"* (Deut. 5: 7, 9).

Once a person knows God and turns away, Satan is always there to give them a false prophets or a false religious experience. Unfortunately, help is rare once one is entrapped. The workers are truly few and most churches are totally ignorant concerning the power they have in Jesus' name to set the captives free.

The Scriptures prophesied of increased occult activity that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons. God's word states clearly and gives us graphic occult practices that God defines abominations. Christians and Jews will surely be without excuse when they stand before the Judgment seat of God because they have the Word of God.

"When thou are come into the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone that maketh his daughter to pass through the fire or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a which, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee," (Deut. 18:8-12).

DEMON POSSESSED PASTOR

Occult powers come from Satan. When one uses occult power, he or she opens a door for the devil to come into their lives. The Bible talks about demons. The King James Version calls them devils. Once the Author ministered to a pastor. He was not born again and therefore was drawn by the Devil into a group that was operating in New Age spiritualism out of his church into astrology and other occult actives.

They were channeling spirit guides to contact the dead. Eventually, this

minister was bound by the powers of demons and began to lose his mind. He eventually lost his church and family. He found himself in a mental institution diagnosed as schizophrenic. He was put on heavy mind altering drugs and released.

When some brought him to me, he was doing odd jobs and totally bound by devils. This man had demons speaking out of his mouth saying such things as, "I am God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost and I hate your guts."

After prayer and commanding authority, using the name of Jesus, this minister was set free exactly like Mary Magdalene and the divination girl shown in Acts 16, The Name of Jesus has never lost its power to set the captives free, it's just that not many Christians are willing to do so. This minister is serving Jesus Christ today . . . Free! To God be the glory.

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Chapter Eight

Avenues to the Occult

AMERICA AND DEMONOLOGY

Demonology has become very attractive to Americans. Everywhere you go, you can now witness occult activity. It is blatant. Psychics and astrologers are using the 900 numbers. Occult themes are being worked into many television programs. Talk shows are featuring astrologers, divinators, clairvoyants, scientologists, Satanists, witches, psychics, crystal gazers, dream analysis, yoga meditator, reincarnations, hypnotists, fortune-tellers, spiritualists, parapsychologists, numerologists and New Agers.

"Many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an Antichrist. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds," (II Jn. 7)

Presidents, Senators, Congressmen and people in high places are influenced by Jeanne Dixon, Shirley MaClaine, Ruth Montgomery, and other astrologers.

Occult movies, heavy metal rock music, fantasy role-playing games. These games have the attention of the young and the old. Books on magic, witchcraft, paganism, Satanism, gremoires cross the boundary lines of gender. Objects used for spells, such as candles, incense, knives, pentagram, inverted cross, symbolic jewelry are being sold in great numbers.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works," (II Cor. 11:13:13-15).

RELIGIOUS BOOKS DIVINATION

Demon inspired religions and books: Sorcery, Divination, Ouija boards,

fortune-telling, Satan Worship, Spiritualism, parapsychology, Numerology, Fetishes, Voodoo, Table-tipping, Tarot Cards, Clairvoyance, Great Seal, Alchemy, Talismans, Telepathy, Witchcraft, Astrology, Witchcraft, Black Arts, Materializations, Tea Leaves, Levitation, Palmistry, Scientology, White Magic, Colorology, Black Mass, Phrenology, I Ching, E.S.P., Kabala, Automatic Writing, Clairaudience, Pendulum Healing, Psychic Portraits, Crystal Gazing Dream Analysis, Rosicrucianism, Yoga Meditation, Reincarnation, Devil's Pentagrams, Person Programming, Astral Projection, Transcendental Meditations, New Age Channeling, and many more.

EFFECTS OF THE OCCULT

A Christian will fall away from the faith is they dabble with Astrology.

The Bible says, *"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of devils,"* (I Cor. 10:21). You simply cannot have that fellowship with Christ which this ordinance implies, while you are partakers of the table of demons.

There are dangers from astrology besides those associated with spiritism and other occult practices.1 Science writer Lawrence E. Jerome states, "How much physical and psychological damage such false astrological practices and advice cause cannot even be estimated."

Bart Bok, a former president of the prestigious American Astronomical Society, has observed that, "The study and ready availability of astrological predictions can exert an insidious influence on a person's personal judgment." [54]

Indeed, if a billion people trust in the false advice of astrology in some degree, one can hardly hazard a guess at the overall personal cost around the world. Even some astrologers confess that practitioners are liable to the characteristic hazards of the trade. These kinds of hazards do not make for a trusting relationship between astrologer and client but further complicate an already potentially dangerous situation. [55]

Leading astrologer Tracy Marks discusses the following potential problems between the astrologer and his client. A little imagination here will reveal how each one can produce harm to the client:[56]

The astrologer may experience himself as superior to the client.

The astrologer may encourage the dependency of his clients.

The astrologer may give clients what they appear to want rather than what they really need.

Astrologers may pass their own values and ideas under the cloak of astrological authority.

The astrologers' "own sense of powerlessness" may lead them to "disempower [their] clients, imparting deterministic [fatalistic attitudes."

The astrologers own fears concerning certain planets and signs may influence their interpretation and "result in [their] imparting pronouncements which could become destructively self-fulfilling prophecies."

Astrologers may speak in astrological jargon the client cannot understand and use mystical language authoritatively to create "the illusion that [they] are imparting high truths, when indeed [they] may be saying little of significance."

Astrologers may "speak in vague, ungrounded generalities." [57]

Marks observes that even "most professional astrologers are guilty on occasion of at least several of the above inadequacies…." [58]

In addition, she admits that astrologers may react more to the chart than to the client; may become egotistical; may devalue the client; and can draw hasty conclusions. [59]

No one can dabble in the occult and come away unshackled. It is not harmless games and fun. Occult involvement whether done innocently or not, is disobedience to God's Word. When people ignore God's warning and enter a forbidden realm, they witness spiritual phenomenon's. The Devil does have supernatural power. However, everything he does for people, he requires payment. The result of occult involvement causes oppression, depression, confusion, delusion, and physical ailments of all sorts. We are warned not to be ignorant of Satan's devices in (II Cor. 2:11). There is surely a supernatural connection, Satan and his demonic host.

Astrology has always been, and still is, a branch of black witchcraft. Is it any wonder that the occult religions of our own day (e.g., the Church of Light,

Rosicrucian's, Theosophy, etc.) are at the forefront of the astrological movement?

There is no such thing as innocent participation, nor can you read your

(Horror scope) just for fun. God takes this idolatry seriously and so should you!

Chapter Nine

Deliverance

ANOINTING TO CAST OUT DEVILS

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord," (Lk. 4:18-19).

CONFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Victims of occult dominion must, with all sincerity, trust Christ and confess Him as Savior.

Jesus is the only deliverer from the powers of darkness (demons). You must call upon the name of Jesus and be reconciled to God before dealing with the problem of occult involvement. You must be determining because Satan does not let people go easily. It is only through the blood of Christ and you're open and honest confession of Jesus as Savior and Lord and that liberation will come.

CONFESSION OF ALL INVOLVEMENT:

By confessing the specific sins of occult transgression, you unmask the enemy and expose the strategy by which you were held in bondage.

Confession means to agree with God and His Word about the sin.

RENOUNCE THE DEVIL

Satan has a right to enter when a pact or agreement has been concluded with the powers of darkness because you have opened the door for him. You have granted Satan access through occult involvement.

All agreements must be annulled and can only be dissolved by a conscious verbal act of repudiation on the part of the one subjected. One can say, you must depart in the Name of Jesus (Not a prayer request, but a command. Make it clear once and forever that you are taking back the place, the agreement, the lease, the pact, that you gave to Satan.

T O BE LIBERATED:

You must realize that deliverance is a walk as well as experience. The ground taken from Satan must be safeguarded for Jesus. After deliverance, it is necessary to walk in the will of God according to the Word of God. The riddance of all occult objects, charms and literature is indispensable to a sustained freedom. All objects are to be done away with and destroyed, (Acts 19:18,19), *"Put on the whole armour of God that you may be able you stand against the wiles of the Devil,"* (Eph. 6:10-18). Study and stand on the Word daily. Above all, do not rely on feeling or appearance.

Satan knows he is defeated and because God's Word says it . . . You believe it and that settles it!

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EFFECTS OF THE OCCULT

No one can dabble in the occult and come away unshackled. It is not harmless games and fun. Occult involvement whether done innocently or not, is disobedience to God's Word. When people ignore God's warning and enter a forbidden realm, they witness spiritual phenomenon’s. The Devil does have supernatural power. However, everything he does for people, he requires payment. The result of occult involvement causes oppression, depression, confusion, delusion, and physical ailments of all sorts. We are warned not to be ignorant of Satan's devices in (II Chron. 2:11).

There is surely a supernatural connection, Satan and his demonic host. Astrology has always been, and still is, a branch of black witchcraft... Is it any wonder that the occult religions of our own day (e.g., the Church of Light, Rosicrucian’s, Theosophy, etc.) are at the forefront of the astrological

movement?

There is no such thing as innocent participation, nor can you read your (Horror-scope) just for fun. God takes this idolatry seriously and so should you!

OCCULT SCRIPTURES

Divination by an alleged assistance of evil spirits; Forbidden, (Lev. 19; 26-28, 31; 20:6; Deut. 18:9-14). Denounced, (Isa. 8:19; Mal. 3:5). Practiced: By the Egyptians, (Isa. 19:3,11,12): by the magicians, (Exod. 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18); by Balaam, (Num. 22:6; 23:23, with chapters 22; 23); by Jezebel, (II Kin. 9:22); by the Ninevites, (Nah. 3:4,5): by the Babylonians, (Isa. 47:9-13; Ezek. 21:21,22; Dan. 2:2, 10, 27); by Belshazzar, (Dan. 5:7), 15; by Simon Magus, (Acts 8:9, 11); by Elymas, (Acts 13:8); by the damsel at Philippi (Acts 16:16); by vagabond Jews, (Acts 19:13): by sons of Sceva. (Acts 19:14,15); by astrologers, (Jer. 10:2; Mic. 3:6,7) by false prophets. (Jer. 14:14; 27:9, Ezek. 13:6-9; 22-28; Matt. 24:24). To cease, (Ezek. 12:23, 24; 13-23; Mic. 5:12). Messages of, false, (Ezek. 21-29; Zech. 10:2; 2 Thess. 2:9). Diviners shall be confounded, (Mic. 3:7). Belongs to the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:20). Wickedness of, (I Sam. 15:23), vainness of Isa. 44:25. Punishment for, familiar spirits. (Lev. 20:27; I Chron. 10:13; II Chron. 33:6; Isa. 8:19; 19:3; 294); by entails, (Ezek.. 21:21, by rods, Hos. 4:12).

Chapter Ten

Spiritual Influence

A WARFARE OF GOOD AND EVIL

A reporter approached Billy Sunday in his hotel room and said, “Mr. Sunday will you tell us the secret of your marvelous success in getting men to God--- in getting men saved?” Billy walked to the window, looked down at the throng of humanity in the street, and said. “They are going to Eternity---hose folks down there are going to Eternity!” He believed that men are lost, and he loved the souls of men and tried to help them. His passion was a borrowed one--- it was Christ in Him reaching out to a lost world.

From the time that sin secured a stronghold on the earth, there has been an endless warfare between the armies of good and evil for dominion of the souls of humankind. In these last days, the battleground is to take the form of an enormous battle between the power of Jesus Christ and the power of the Antichrist. Commitment to Jesus or to Satan of every person alive will be decided.

A person will choose to abide beneath the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Creator and Redeemer, steadfast and loyal to all of His commandments or on the other hand, one will choose be under the apostate standard of the Antichrist. They will yield allegiance to his authority and obedience to his commands, which he has set up in the place of the authority of Jesus Christ. Each of these powers has its own special mark. Notice there is the mark of the beast and there is the seal of God, and the mark will be placed upon the forehead of the particular followers.

“Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed,” (Dan. 6:8). A seal was used to affix the signature of royalty that it might have the proper authority and be of force. According to Webster’s Dictionary, a seal is “that which confirms, ratifies, or makes stable, ratification, confirmation, pledge, guaranty, assurance.” Jezebel the wife of Ahab, king of Israel, wrote letters in Ahab’s name, and sealed them with his seal. (I Kin. 21:6).

Satan is a usurper of Christ's authority. Just as Jezebel's usurpation of Ahab's power, Satan comes as a minister of righteousness with his bewitching deception. His craftiness will entice souls into Hell.

Jesus Christ will not step over one's will. People choose to go to Heaven or Hell. There is a warfare that is being waged for the souls of people. The target of Satan only has to get your will to agree with sin. Unfortunately, man's fallen state, gives Satan an easy ticket to man's will. In this world revolution for souls, there is a vacuum that only Jesus Christ can fill. Satan will try to fill this vacuum with sin, and worldly materialism. It won't work. People of sin, will only fall captive to Satan's world. Walking with Christ brings the greatest joy and happiness in the earth.

". . . He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are Bound," (Isa. 61:1).

Throughout the ages, God is shown warring for His people to deliver them from bondage and captivity--when they wanted to be liberated, loosed, or set free. This principle is still true today. A host of people need to be liberated and set free! The Scriptures show that Jesus came to set the captives free.

The Apostle Johns reveals this never-ending war in (Rev. 12:7-11), "*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice, saying in heaven now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death.*"

"And ye shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you **free**," (Jn. 8:32).

EQUIPMENT OF A SOLDIER

D.L. Moody had it because he received it from the great Soul Winner Christ

had a passion for the souls of all men. When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion and prayed for more laborers for the souls of men. Everywhere Jesus went he was in the business leading men to God. Even on the Cross, he had time to win a soul for God. There was a great "must" in the Master's heart. Day and night, he strove to reach men. It is that same "must" that the apostle Paul: *"Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears,"* (Acts 20:31). Dr. C.M. Ward

INFLUENCE OVER PEOPLE

The word for "armor" is a fusion of two Greek Words, 'all' and 'weapons'. The phrase 'armor of God' refers to the full combat equipment of a soldier, and is used figuratively to indicate the total resources which God makes available to those who enlist under his command. . . . Through the prayer of total dependence, God's power over Satan in every situation . . . where the believer encounters (in his own heat) the craftiness of primal evil."

Spirits of good or evil can be transmitted through people who have influence over other people. The spiritual influence over followers comes from the spiritual anointing (either God or Satan) upon the leader. Examples of transference of good spirits, Cornelius, a Roman centurion, or commander of basically one hundred men in the Roman army stationed in Caesarea. He is described *as "a devout man, and one that feared God with his entire house, which gave much alms to the people and prayed to God always,"* (Acts 10:2), and *"of good report among the Jews"* (Acts 10:11). His search for religious truth, he was instructed in a vision to send servants to bring Peter from Joppa to Caesarea.

Peter himself had also received a vision, revealing the Christian religion no distinction between Jew and Gentile. The centurion described the vision which he had received. Moving Peter to speak the famous words, *"Of a truth perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him,"* (Acts 10:34-35). Then, after the Holy Spirit had come, *"On all them which heard the word,"* Peter baptized Cornelius and his household. In later years, this event was accredited as having set a precedent for the admission of Gentiles to full Christian fellowship.

The laying-on of hands is shown by the Scripture. It is a means of setting

apart men to particular offices or ministries. See (Num. 8:20*); "And thou shalt bring the Levites before the Lord; and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites: And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the Lord."* Then we see in (Num. 27:18), *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; And set Him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient."*

TRINITY

Can we see the TRINITY of Spirit of God in the Bible?
The application of unguents or oils to the body and head.

Father -God the Holy Ghost - (II Jn. 4:13).
Glory - God the Son, Jesus. (I Tim. 4:14).
The Lord - God the Father. (II Jn. 3:17).

GOD'S ANGELS

Angels are Good spirits:
The Angel of the Lord, (Exod. 14:19).
Delivers from prisons, (Acts. 12:7).
Charge over Thee. (Psa. 91:11).
Keep thee in all thy ways. (Isa. 63:9; Dan. 3:28).
Shut the mouths of the Lord, (Dan. 6:22).
Stands by you, (Acts 27:23).
Ministering to you. (Heb. 1:14).
Appear to men and women, (Gen. 32:1; Judg. 32;31; Judg. 2:1; Zech. 1:9; Matt. 1:20; 2:13; 28:2; Lk. 1:11; 28; Jn.. 20:12; Acts 8:23; 10:3).

BAD SPIRITS ASTROLOGY

Worshipped as the queen of heaven

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger," (Jer. 7:18).

"But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings

unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men," (Jer. 44:17-19).

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows," (Jer. 44:25).

"If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant, 3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;" (Deut. 17: 2-4).

To be punished with death.

"And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death," (Deut. 17: 3-6).

Jews often guilty of.

"And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven," (II Kin.

23:5).

"And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth," (Jer.8:2).

Jews punished for.

"At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts," (To be punished with death," (Jer.8:1-3).

"And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death," (Deut. 17- 36).

The Bible reveals the forces of Evil: Ruler Spirits. The following show spirits of:

Astrology - (Deut. 4:19).
Perversion - (Isa. 19:14, Lev. 30:12-21).
Whoredom & Harlotry - (Hos. 4:11; 5:4-6).
Lying (2 18:20, 22).
Unclean (Mk. 1:26: 3:11; 5:3; k 4:35).

Deaf- (Mk. 9:25).
Dumb, (Mk. 9:17-27).
Darkness & Envy, (Isa. 61:3).
Torment, (1 Sam. 16:13, 14).
Bondage, (Eph. 1-3).
Disobedience, (Eph. 1:3).
World, (I Jn. 2:12, 13).
Infirmity, 13, 11-13.
Fear, (2Tim.1:7; Jn. 14:13).
Judgment, (Rev. 28:6).
Error (Jn. 4:6).
Deep Sleep; (Rev. 29:10).
Lethargy, (1 Sam. 26:12).
Necromancer, (Deut. 18: 9-12).
Divination, (Acts 16:16).
Python, (Acts 16:16).
False Prophet, (Revelation 13:11; 2 Jn. 1:12b).
Antichrist, (Jn. 4:3).
Satan, father of lies, 28:1-19.
Stupor, 1 Kin. 19:18.7, 8.

GOOD SPIRITS

This transference of the anointing for service is shown in (Acts 7:5), "And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them." Then again this spiritual transference of God's power is shown in (1 Tim.4:14): "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." Another corresponding Scripture in demonstrated in, (2 Tim.1), "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."

The power of God rest in the Spirits of God. Good spirit consists of:

Fear (AWE) of the Lord. (Rev. 11:2).
Love (Agape').
Counsel - (Isa. 11:2).
Excellence - (Dan. 6:3).
Understanding - (Isa. 11:2).

Knowledge - (Isa. 11:2).
Lord - (Isa. 11:2).
Supplication - Zech. 12:10.
Adoption - (Rom. 8:15).
Grace - (2 Tim. 3:18).
Obedience and Meekness - (Gal. 6:1).
Elijah - (Lk. 4:4).
Prophesy- (Rev. 19:10).
Burning - (Isa. 4:4).
Might - (Isa. 11:2).
Power - (Isa. 11:2).
Wisdom - (1 Jn. 4:6).
Truth - (I Jn.).
Sound Mind - (2 Tim.1:7).
Mind - (Eph. 4:23).

Jesus is coming back for a delivered church!

Chapter Eleven

Born Again

HOW TO BECOME BORN AGAIN

Accept God's Word, that He loves you and wants to give you an abundant life.

Unless you are born again, you have no hope of enjoying the glories of heaven or escaping the terrors of Hell. *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God,"* (Jn. 3:3).

Salvation is a free gift of God granted to lost and undeserving men who trust in the righteousness of Christ and humble themselves in submission to his will.

Accept God's Word that He loves you and wants to give you an abundant life.

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

"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly," (Jn. 10:10).

REGENERATION

Regeneration is a subject which lies at the very basis of salvation, and we should be very diligent to take heed that we really are "born again," for there are many who fancy they are, who are not. Be assured that the name of a Christian is not the nature of a Christian. Also that being born in a Christian land, and being recognized as professing the Christian religion is of no avail whatever, unless there is something more added to it--the being "born again," is a matter so mysterious, that human words cannot describe it. *"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit,"* (Jn. 3:8).

Nevertheless, it is a change which is known and felt: known by works of

holiness, and felt by a gracious experience. This great work is supernatural. It is not an operation which a man performs for himself: a new principle is infused, which works in the heart, renews the soul, and affects the entire man. It is not a change of my name, but a renewal of my nature, so that I am not the man I used to be, but a new man in Christ Jesus. To wash and dress a corpse is a far different thing from making it alive: man can do the one, God alone can do the other. If you have then, been "born again," your acknowledgment will be, "O Lord Jesus, the everlasting Father, Thou art my spiritual Parent; unless Thy Spirit had breathed into me the breath of a new, holy, and spiritual life, I had been to this day dead in trespasses and sins. My heavenly life is wholly derived from Thee, to Thee I ascribe it. My life is hid with Christ in God. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who liveth in me." May the Lord enable us to be well assured on this vital point, for to be unregenerate is to be unsaved, unpardoned, without God, and without hope.

WHAT IS GRACE

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God," (Gen 6:8-9).

The definition of grace is simply "God's unmerited favor toward man, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast,"* (Eph. 2:8, 9).

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior," (Tit. 3:4, 5, 6). "*For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came of Jesus Christ,"* (Jn. 1:17).

All spiritual blessing come to us through the Lord Jesus and that leaves man out of it!

Jesus was the only man who ever completely pleased God, and the only way you and I can please God is through His Son.

"I am the way," (Jn. 14:6).
"I am the Door," (Jn. 19:9.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," (Act 4:12).

"We are saved by His marvelous grace, " (Eph. 2:8)

."We are led by His precious Spirit," (Rom. 8:14).

We are saved because of God's love. God is love.

HOW TO BE SAVED

The most important questions of life concerns your well-being or your sorrow throughout eternity depends upon your answer to the questions: Are you saved? Are you sure you will go to heaven when you die? This matter has nothing to do with how good you are, but are you saved?

No one can enjoy the blessings of God or go to Heaven without being saved. Jesus said, to Nicodemus in (Jn. 3:7). *Ye must be born again."* God gives us in His Word the only plan for Salvation! You can be saved today.

First, you must realize that you are a sinner. *"There is none righteous no not one: for there is no difference. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,"* (Rom. 3:10:22, 23). There is no chance to be saved unless you come to realize that you are a sinner. Pray for God is eager to save you.

"Sin bringeth forth death," (Jam. 1:15). This is spiritual death, separation from God forever and spending your eternal life in Hell. How terrible! Yes, my friend, but it is true. However, God loved you so much that he gave his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as your substitute, who bore your sins and died in your place. *"He hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us who knew sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him,"* (II Cor. 5:21).

Jesus said, *"For whosoever that includes you, shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (shall be, not might or can but shall be saved,"* (Rom. 10:12).

Jesus Christ died for you! *"Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed,"* (2 Pet. 2:24).

SALVATION

The Philippian jailer asked the Apostle Paul and Silas, *"What must I do to be saved and they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved*

and thy house," (Acts 16:31).

You simply believe on Him as the One who bore your sin, died in your place, was buried and was raised for your justification.

What is salvation? It is the act, plan, or result of deliverance or protection from danger, bondage, or sin.

Man is seen as universally in need of salvation which he is unable of himself to bring about. His lost condition may be variously described as corruption, disease, death, fall short of the glory of God, bondage to sin and its consequences, alienation from one's fellow men and from God, rebellion against God, guilt, anxiety, etc. His own unaided efforts to solve his problems through intellectual, economic, political, social, or psychological skills and techniques are doomed to futility.

Be sure you are saved. You need salvation above everything else in your life. If you lose your soul you miss Heaven and lose all. *"If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved,"* (Rom. 10:9).

GRACE OF GOD

Do not trust your feelings. Thy change. Stand on God's promises in the Bible. They never change! *"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out,"* (Jn. 6:37).

The supreme manifestation of God's grace, the focal point in the history of salvation, is the cross of Jesus Christ. The significance of this act is viewed under several figures of speech in the New Testament (see Atonement); whether it is spoken of as a ransom paid to redeem enslaved man, an acquittal before the divine bar of justice, or a victory over sin and death, it is clear throughout the effective powers in salvation belongs to God and not to man. Salvation is a free gift of God granted to lost and undeserving men who trust in the righteousness of Christ and humble themselves in submission to his will.

Just pray, "O Lord, I am a sinner, I am sorry, and repent for my all my sin. Have mercy on me and save me for Jesus' sake. I ask You to forgive me and come into my heart and be my personal Savior. Help me Jesus to forsake my sin life. Please Lord Jesus, increase my faith and confidence in You.

Now that you are saved, there are four things to practice daily for spiritual growth.

Pray. You talk to God in Jesus Name.

Bible. God talks to you!
Witness. You talk for God to your family and friends.
“Whosoever, therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven,” (Matt. 10:32).
You should unite yourself with a Bible believing church and be baptized.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

Chapter Twelve

God is Holy

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

God is absolutely holy. He can expect no less than holiness in His creatures. He hates sin with a perfect hatred and cannot tolerate it. The righteousness of God demands that sin be exposed, judged and punished (Psa. 89:14; Rom.1: 17).

Angelic and human beings were created with a free will. They must live within the boundaries of God's will. God's law is the standard of righteousness for all to follow. Without the law, there would be no order to follow.

Remember. Adam and Eve had one law. It was the law of loving obedience to God and transgression of this law was sin, (I Jn. 3:4).

The holiness of God, His very essence is absolute, His holiness is personified and shown in (Lev. 1:2, Exod. 15:11, Rev. 15:3-4).

THE DOCTRINE OF SIN

Under the Doctrine of Sin, it is seen that man fell into a state of sinfulness, becoming totally depraved in spirit, soul and body.

Sin made man lawless, a rebel in his heart and separated him from God, (Isa. 59:2). Man is sinful by nature and therefore sins in thought, word and deed. He sins because of what he is, (Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22; Rom. 7:7:21).

The Holiness of God demands that man's sinfulness be exposed and judged. If God did not deal with man's sinfulness, God's righteousness and justice would be void.

COMMAND TO REPENT

When the word repent is used of humans beings, it ordinarily indicates a complete change of character, a forsaking of one's past existence and an acceptance of a whole new approach to life.

The fundamental message of the Hebrew prophets was repentance, a call to forsake the worship of Baal or other sins which characterized the lives of their heresies and to return to faithful practice of the worship of the one true God of Israel.

When John the Baptist came with the spirit of Elijah, he proclaimed repentance as the necessary condition for escape from the imminent Judgment and entrance into the kingdom of God.

In Jesus' preaching, repentance was closely connected with belief in the gospel (Mk. 1:15).

Repentance affects the whole man. It is not merely an exchange of one set of external actions and observances for another but it’s an inward turning, a recognition and disavowal of one's sin coupled with the embracing of a new way of life, a life in conformity with the teaching of Christ, a life characterized by "fruits meet for repentance.” (See: Acts 2:37; Acts 16:30; 2 Cor. 7:9-10. Mk. 4:17; Mk. 1:15).

IS JESUS THE SAVIOR?

Jesus was human in His person as He walked and talked with men. He was hungry, thirsty, tired, resting his weary body at Jacobs well. He stood at the tomb of a friend weeping with loved ones who were grieved. We find him sleeping in the ship while his disciples cry out in fear of the storm.

Jesus is also divine. He spoke, and the dead came forth alive from the tomb. He rebuked the wind and waves, commanding the storm to cease. His enemies said, "Who but God could cleanse the leper? Who but God could open blind eyes, raise the dead and control the wind?"

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him. And he is before all things and by him all things consist," (Col. 1:15-17).

"I and My Father are one," (Jn. 10:30).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I Am," (Jn. 8:58).

We must believe that Jesus is God in the flesh, reconciling the world unto

himself.

Yes, Jesus is the Savior! He came to set the captives free! He died on the cross for your sins!

CHRIST TOOK OUR SINS

Jesus Christ died in our place!

"Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray: but now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls," (I Pet. 2:24, 25).

"Who he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him," (II Cor. 5:21).

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." (Jn. 10:17).

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (By grace ye are saved) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2:4-7).

"And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world," (I Jn. 2:20).

HOW ARE WE SAVED?

In His life, Jesus is our example. In His death Jesus is our redeemer. In His burial, Jesus is our scapegoat, (Lev. 16:20-22).

"And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man unto the wilderness. And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness," (Lev. 16:20:22).

In His Resurrection, Jesus is our justification. He has ascended and sits at the right hand of God the Father, and He is our Mediator, our head. (See: Jn. 3:16; Jn. 2:8, 9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9,10; Tit. 3:5,6; Jn. 1:12, 13).

DOCTRINE OF THE BLOOD

We find the nature, design, need and results of the atonement purchased by Jesus at the tremendous price of His own blood, shed willingly on the cross in the Bible.

Webster's dictionary defines the word atonement: The reconciliation of God and man though the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ is preparation for an offense or injury, satisfaction, the exemplifying of man's oneness with God.

"Almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaketh," (Heb. 11:4).

NEW CONVERT SALVATION

Everyone has questions about God. What is He like? Does He really care about me? How can I know Him?

You must know that Jesus Christ is the only Redeemer, and Savior.

Where are you spiritually? Do you know Jesus? If the answer is no, then you must know that salvation is through God's Word.

Make a decision and trust God for the results.

Will you receive Christ? You can be saved in seconds! Open the door and Pray this simple sinner's prayer!

Dear Father, I'm a lost sinner. I repent. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. Thank You for saving my soul! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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