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Dedication

I wish to dedicate this third volume of *Search the Scriptures*, *The Remnant shall Return* to the Fathers of our faith, the patriarchs who stood for the truth of the Lord in the ancient times, and faithfully taught the same to their sons and daughters.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage?

He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

Micah 7:18-20

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The Lord shall comfort Zion

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.
Psalm 50:2

The word of God is the antidote for all of the deceptions of the enemy, yet the Scripture warns us, in the last days, *“the time will come when men will no longer endure sound doctrine... and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”*^[1] Men shall turn their ears away from the truth, and from reality, turning to fables, or fictional stories, and thereby embracing doctrines and teachings which were created in the imaginations of the minds of men.

Walk into any Christian book store, and you will see this prophecy has already come to pass, as the vast majority of all the books on Bible Prophecy are fables, or fictional accounts. The Left Behind series, the most popular books on the subject, is all fables. Many of the doctrines widely held within the church today are also the result of fables which have been taught and which now form the foundational paradigms through which people read and understand the Scriptures.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”^[2] If you misunderstand the foundational truths of the Scriptures, you will build your house upon sinking sand. All of the errors which have come within the church began with paradigm errors, and they are everywhere. The truth is rare today, and many can no longer endure sound doctrine, and they can no longer discern the truth, even when they run right into it.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. 2nd Timothy 4:3

One of the errors, widely embraced by the majority of the Gentile church in the West, is that true Israel or spiritual Israel, who are the elect of God and the Gentile church, are somehow two separate and distinct groups of people and that God therefore is dealing with them differently. Yet the Scripture tells us, *“to the*

Jew first and then to the Gentile.” [\[3\]](#)

There is no difference, other than the order in which they get dealt with. Yet the enemy has been very successful in bringing his many deceptions among us, and one of these deceptions, is that God somehow has two nations, and now he also has two peoples. One is a nation which he calls Israel, in which he himself is the King, while the other is a separate institution, which calls itself the church. To Israel he has given the privilege of living in the land which he has reserved for himself, according to the revelation of the Holy Scriptures. And to the Church, he has given the New Covenant. Under this doctrine, the church has been taught that in past dispensations, God only dealt with the people of Israel, and now, in the new dispensation, he is dealing primarily with the Gentile church. The church, under this teaching, is different and separate from true Israel, and as a result, God is dealing with them differently. This is one of the reasons why many Christians believe that the church is going to disappear, in a pre-tribulation rapture, while those Jews; they will have to endure the Great Tribulation.

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

“The concept that God is dealing with Israel in one way and the ‘Gentile Church’ in another is a serious contradiction in Scripture. In God’s eyes, there is no such thing as a ‘Gentile Church’... This is a serious heretical doctrine... This doctrine is often referred to as ‘replacement theology.’ This idea was conceived about 200 years after the cross and then, later, birthed at the same time the Catholic church was birthed, during the Council of Nicaea in AD 325.” [\[4\]](#) It was during this Council, “the Gentile Church issued a doctrinal statement that strictly forbade any Jewish Believer to observe the law “ [\[5\]](#)

The Church has forgotten that Paul tells Gentile believers that they have been “*grafted in among the ever present Jewish remnant that believe in Christ. He also declares that they are also citizens of the nation of Israel.*” [\[6\]](#) The very name of Israel, *yis-raw-ale*, [\[7\]](#) means ruled by God. This is the name of the nation of people who are ruled by the Lord; they are his people, and he is their God. Jesus said his little flock would all be of one fold:

“I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them

also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold.” [\[8\]](#)

The other sheep Jesus spoke of are the Gentile believers, who would also be gathered into his flock, as one fold, who are all spiritual Israel, the one nation ruled by God. The Lord has only one people, and that, true Israel.

THE CALLED OUT AND CHOSEN ONES

The word “*church*” is actually not found in the Scripture. The original manuscripts contain the word *ekklesia* [\[9\]](#) which means the called out ones, or the chosen ones, and is used to describe a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both). The word *ekklesia* is translated by the scholars as the word “church”, but God never intended to create a separate institution apart from spiritual Israel. This false doctrine of “replacement theology” is a part of the last day’s deception of the church. The Spirit spoke of a great “falling away” in the last days, meaning the last two days of creation, and this great falling away began shortly after the resurrection of our Lord.

Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words defines *ekklesia* as deriving from the root word *ek*, meaning *out of*, and *klesis*, meaning *a calling* (*kaleo*, to call). It is used to designate the gathering of Israel, summoned for a definite purpose, or a gathering regarded as representative of the whole nation. It has two applications to companies of Christians, (a) to the whole company of the redeemed throughout the present era, the company of which Christ said, ‘I will build My Church,’ and which is further described as ‘the Church which is His Body,’ (b) in the singular number to a company consisting of professed believers, and in the plural, with reference to churches in a district.” [\[10\]](#)

Jesus spoke of his own ministry declaring, “*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” [\[11\]](#) The Lord was only sent to save the lost sheep of Israel, and dear reader, if you are not grafted into that company, then you have no part in Him.

When Jesus was crucified, the charge against him was written, and then nailed to the cross over his head:

Jesus of Nazareth, the King of Israel.

The crowd which had gathered to watch his execution, mocked and scorned him as he died: *“He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.”* [\[12\]](#) When Nathanael first met Jesus, he testified of the Lord, saying: *“Rabbi, thou art the Son of God, thou art the King of Israel.”* [\[13\]](#)

Paul in writing to the Romans, reveals that not all who are born of the flesh within nation of Israel, are also the elect of God:

“Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.” [\[14\]](#)

Paul reveals the mystery of God’s election of only remnant, for not everyone who is born into natural Israel is saved, but only those who are the children of the promise. He uses the choice by God of Isaac over Ishmael as an example of this mystery, that only a remnant was to be saved.

“Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” [\[15\]](#)

Though the number of the children of Israel would be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them shall be saved.

Dear reader, the same is true today within modern Christianity, where the number of those professing faith is many millions, yet the true elect of God are only a remnant. Jesus spoke of them saying, *“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”* [\[16\]](#) The true saints of the Most High are indeed only a little flock, while the many will one day say unto him “Lord, Lord”, and they will be very surprised, when on that day they finally realize, they only knew his name.

ALL THAT ARE TRUE ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED

Paul also addresses the issue of whether God has cast away Israel because of the rejection of Messiah by the majority. God has always had a small remnant within the nation of Israel.

“I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. God hath not cast away his people, which he foreknew. No ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he made intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and tore down thy altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. “Blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Zion a Deliverer, and he shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers’ sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.” [\[17\]](#)

All that are of true Israel shall be saved. None of them will be lost, nor can any among true Israel ever be lost, for their salvation is of the Lord.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. [\[18\]](#)

Those who hold the dispensational view that the church is somehow separate and distinct from true Israel, go as far as stating that the nation of Israel has no place or relevance in prophetic scripture. It is as if they believe Israel somehow coincidentally has been re-gathered back to the land in the last days, but that this fact has no relevance to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Jesus Christ is the King of Israel. Paul reveals that the believers under the New Covenant, have all become members of the Commonwealth of Israel. The Gentiles who are saved and born again have all been grafted in to true Israel, for God only has one people. There is only one Kingdom coming, and there is only one Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. The Lord is one, and his truth is one, and he is dealing with all of us the same. The Scriptures declare, *“to the Jew first and then to the Gentile.”* God is going to deal with the Gentiles in the same way

he dealt with Israel.

Replacement theology is a serious error and has played a major part in the great falling away, which was prophesied to occur in the last days. This idea was conceived 200 years after the cross, and was born at the same time that the Roman Catholic Church was created during the Council of Nicaea in 325. During this Council the Gentile church issued a doctrinal statement strictly forbidding any Jewish believer from observing the law or the feast days of Israel. The church forgot that Paul told the Gentile believers they had been grafted in among an ever present Jewish remnant that were born again in the Messiah. Paul also declared that these born-again gentiles have become citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel.

The very name Israel means ruled by God. This is the name of the nation of people who are ruled by the Lord; they are his people and he is their God. He is the ruler in their midst and he calls them “*Israel*,” the people who are ruled by the Lord. The word *church* is actually not even found in the Bible. It is contained within your English version, but I am talking about the original manuscripts. In the original Greek, the word *church* does not exist. The original manuscripts contain the word *ecclesia*, which means the called out or chosen ones. It is used to describe a religious congregation, and in the first several hundred years of the New Covenant, the churches were all Jewish synagogues that had an increasing number of Gentile converts, who joined in the worship of the God of Israel and Jesus Christ, the true Messiah. But there was no separate institution known as the church. There was only a called out remnant of Israel, along with a growing number of Gentiles who were also being born again and filled with the Holy Spirit.

They were all part of the New Covenant which is by the spirit and not according to the flesh. The word *ecclesia* is translated as the word “*church*” in the English Bible, but God never intended to create a separate institution apart from spiritual Israel. The false doctrine of replacement theology is only a part of the deception that has come upon the Gentile believers in the last days. The Spirit of God warned us in Holy Scripture that a great falling away would come in the last days, and part of that falling away is the concept that somehow the church and the Gentile believers have a unique destiny separate from the way God is dealing with his people Israel.

The word *ecclesia* has applications, both to Christians, and to the whole

company of the redeemed throughout the present age, the company of which Christ said, “*I will build my ecclesia or my chosen ones, the body of Christ.*” Jesus spoke of his own ministry saying, “*I was only sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” [\[19\]](#) He was not sent to create another institution. The Lord is the King of Israel and he has only one kingdom. You can immigrate into this kingdom if you wish, but you must repent and forsake all of the other gods which the nations serve, or you will not be allowed in.

Jesus is the King in the Kingdom of God. Many students of Scripture failed to understand Paul’s writings, in Romans where he declares, “*Not as though the word of God has taken no effect, for they are not all of true Israel which are of Israel in the flesh.*”

Not everyone that was born in Israel is part of the *ecclesia*, for many went whoring after other gods, and were then cut off. The whole nation was ultimately destroyed in the judgment of God, after which the truth of the New Covenant was sent to the Gentiles. But there has always been a remnant of Jews who were also called out by the Lord. No, they are not all saved, who are part of natural Israel. Neither are all the seed of Abraham in the flesh, the children of God, but only in Isaac was the holy seed called. And Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau, yet only Jacob was chosen. Time and again, God has demonstrated his sovereignty. The Scripture has revealed the will of God’s election of only a remnant, for not everyone who was born into natural Israel was saved, only those who are the children of the promise. The Lord used the choice of Isaac over Ishmael as an example of this. The revelation that only a remnant is being saved, is echoed by the words of the prophet Isaiah, “*Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea only a remnant shall be saved, for God will finish his work and cut it short in righteousness.*” [\[20\]](#)

Those who teach the doctrine of replacement theology, who somehow believe that the church is a separate identity, fail to recognize that the true church is the *ecclesia*, who are the called out and chosen ones. Let’s face the truth, the gentile church has fallen into utter apostasy, and this began during the rule of the Romans. Go back and study the history, the formal church was burning people at the stake who believed that the Scripture should be shared with the common man. Luther and the rest of the reformers brought us the Protestant Reformation, at the risk of their lives, and God is still in the process of bringing to completion the reform of his *ecclesia*.

We must come out from this great apostasy, this great falling away, which began a few hundred years after the resurrection of our Lord, in which an institution arose where a man said, “I am the Pope, and no one else can read the Bible because you have to go through me.” The Scripture teaches that there is only one mediator between God and man; the Romans taught that the mediator was a man sitting in Rome, but the Bible teaches it is a man who is also God, and who now sits in the heavens. As the reformation began, the printing press was also created and for the first time, the Bible was made available to the common man. Tyndale translated the first English version in the 1500’s and they burned him at the stake for it. Then came the King James Bible in 1614, and thereafter the Protestant Reformation, but we have not made a full reform. All the while, the dogs of darkness were barking all their lies, and the enemy of our souls was twisting the Scriptures, to see what would be received by the Gentile nations. So the various denominations all got stuck with their own unique version, of the various perversions of the truth, which came forth right out of hell.

God has only one Kingdom, and only one book, the Bible, the Scriptures of Truth. The Lord told me, “Search the Scriptures; for the detailed instructions for this hour are in the word of God.” This is where the title for this series of books originated; I heard the Lord with my ears, and the content of these books is also from the Lord, if you can receive it. But don’t take my word for it; test it yourself in prayer and in the Holy Scriptures.

The Lord said, “Search the Scriptures for the detailed instructions” and those instructions are for the people of God, even for those who call themselves the church, though many of them falsely believe they have a separate identity, apart from true Israel, the true believers who have been born again.

I am not a Gentile, I am an Israeli, but I am also an American and I have been born again. If you are a Gentile who has also been born again, then we are of the same spirit. The kingdom of God is not by the flesh, but by the spirit of God. And if you are born again, we are of the same people, and we belong to the same Kingdom. Now you can believe the name of this Kingdom is whatever you choose to believe, or whatever you choose to call it, but from my reading of the Scriptures, it is still called the Kingdom of Israel.

The New Covenant is by the spirit and is not to be walked out under the dark counsel of the mind of the flesh. If you have not read volume one, *Out of the Darkness*, you might wish to read it. We all need to uncover the issues of the

dark counsel of this ruined age that are within each of us, through which the deceptions of the enemy dominate the minds of many. We also need to identify the ministries of death, so that we might come out from among them, and no longer listen to the jackals that came among us with their false doctrines. They may have meant well, they just didn't do well at all.

We are not going to perfect the things of the Kingdom of God in our lives through our knowledge of good and evil, understood through our carnal minds, which are filled with pride in which the many are so confident that they have it all right. None of us is right. Only that which is revealed by the Spirit of God and only that which is in accordance with the Scripture is true.

The Lord said, "Search the Scriptures", but what are the Scriptures? Do we even know what God is referring to? Is it merely the New Testament writings? Are the books of the Old Testament somehow not the Scriptures anymore? This entire concept that the Old Testament scriptures are only applicable to the nation of Israel is ridiculous. There is an Old Covenant, and the word for testament means covenant, but the entire writings of the Bible are not the Old Covenant. The books of wisdom in the Scriptures, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the book of Job, if you can receive it; these are all part of the books of wisdom and they are not the "Old Testament." There is amazing wisdom in the book of Psalms, and the Psalms have not been canceled or repealed as has the Old Covenant.

The wisdom of God has not been replaced but the Old Covenant law of walking under the commandments of God in the mind of the flesh has been repealed. But what is the Old Covenant? It is the Torah, in which men who did not have the Holy Spirit followed the commandments of God, and there are 613 of them. They followed them through the mind of the flesh. Yet there are teachers today who tell us we must go back to these commandments, but nobody follows them today.

According to the Torah, every seven years is a Sabbath year and you should not work, nor plant your fields, rather you should let your fields go fallow. There is not a single Torah observer who takes every seven years off. The Torah also requires that we appear in Jerusalem three times a year. I don't know anyone who does that either. Unless you live in Jerusalem, this is practically impossible for today's believer. There are hundreds of commandments that are ceremonial and were abolished when the Lord abolished the Old Covenant, and along with it, the Levitical priesthood, which was replaced with the priesthood according to

the order of *Melchizedek*, who is the Lord Jesus Christ.

This name is the combination of two words, *Melek* and *Zadok*. *Melek* means *King* and *Zadok* means *righteousness*, and there is only one King of Righteousness, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the new priesthood of the New Covenant and we have been called to walk under the authority of this covenant, but it can only be walked out in the power of the Spirit of God. You cannot walk in the New Covenant through the knowledge of the carnal mind or through the power of the mind of the flesh.

The New Covenant also includes new commandments. In addition to the Ten Commandments, we now have new commandments given to us by the Lord, which are impossible for us in the mind of the flesh. *“Love one another as I have loved you.”* Oh, only that much. *“Cast out devils.”* You cannot do that through the power of the mind of the flesh, and as result, we don’t see that happening today. *“These signs will follow those who believe, in my name they will lay their hands upon the sick and they shall recover.”* We do not see much of that anymore either. The reason we no longer see these signs of the Kingdom today is because of the great falling away which has occurred.

The Lord told us, “search the Scriptures” and that includes all of the prophetic writings, the words of the true prophets of Israel; Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the other prophets, whose testimonies are recorded in the Bible. These are the true prophets of the kingdom and they prophesied until the end of the age. Jeremiah was called by the Lord and his words were given power over the nations, and over all of the kingdoms of man.

See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it. Jeremiah 1:10-12

If you understand the things of God, then you will comprehend that when the Lord speaks, he speaks twice. Every word of God is always fulfilled twice, and in more than one way. God’s word is infinite and eternal. God’s word is altogether righteous and true; it is true in every way and it is true in every day. The Day of the Lord, which the true prophets of Israel spoke of, is the day of the

judgment of God. When Ezekiel, Jeremiah and the other prophets spoke to the people of their time, the word they spoke came upon those people at some point. Yet all of the prophets of Israel also prophesied of the great final Day of the Lord, when God would judge the entire earth, and that is our time.

You cannot throw out the prophetic Scriptures simply because God replaced the Old Covenant with the new. The commandments of the Torah no longer apply to us, and we dare not try to walk them out in the power of our flesh, rather we are to walk out the perfect will of God through the power of his Spirit now.

If the truth be told, the Lord has raised the bar. The commandment said, “*Thou shall not murder*”, but the Messiah said, “*You shall not hate.*” He raised the bar. The irony of this is most of the people who want to put everyone back under the yoke of the Old Covenant, and under the mind of the flesh, are themselves full of darkness because they are full of themselves. They are puffed up in pride, for knowledge puffs up, and then pride deceives. If you can receive it, the people of this generation are among the proudest in all of history. The Lord said, “My people are full of themselves, but I will empty them out.” Prepare to be emptied out. Now you can choose to empty yourself out; that is what prayer and fasting is all about, and that is what the solemn assemblies are for, where we confess our sins, one to another. Your pride cannot survive becoming honest and telling the truth, because the truth is, there is nothing any of us have done to be proud of.

The other astonishing revelation is the majority of us have not yet seen clearly what we have done. We are going to be rather surprised when the Lord takes the veil off of our eyes and very ashamed over the things we have done. The Lord judges all things, and is not what we did that is as important, as why we did what we did. God is looking at the matters of the heart and he alone sees the intentions within our hearts.

This concept that there are somehow now two nations in the Kingdom of God is completely wrong. The Lord never intended to create an institution called the church, separate and apart from true Israel. There is only one Kingdom and it is only entered into by the Spirit. It is also the kingdom of truth and only those who love the truth will ever enter this kingdom. Everyone who still wants to hold onto the lie is going to be deceived in one or more of the great deceptions which are coming. One of these deceptions is that we have to go back and attempt to strive under the law through our knowledge of good and evil and through the power of our flesh.

We are beyond the help of the flesh, for our condition is hopeless apart from the intervention of the Lord, but he is looking for us to obey him, through the power of his Spirit. It is not that we throw the commitments of God away, no, we fulfill them as the Lord intended them. The commandment said, “*Thou shall not commit adultery.*” The Messiah said, “*Thou shall not lust in thy heart.*” The Lord raised the bar. Maybe we can obey the commandments in the flesh, do not murder and do not commit adultery. Maybe you have never murdered anyone, and maybe you don’t commit adultery, but Jesus was speaking to the intent and the spirit of these commandments; thou shall not hate your neighbor and thou shall not lust with your eyes or worship other idols in the secret chambers of your heart. Yet, there are a lot of people doing just that today and they don’t even know it. There are some big surprises coming, but we can still humble ourselves, and if we turn from our wicked ways and call upon his name, he is going to hear from heaven. The Lord is merciful and he knows we have all lived in a time of incredible deception; but it is also the time for the truth to come forth.

The modern institution of the church is mentioned in the prophetic writings; aside from a small remnant of righteous congregations, most churches today are the resemblance of the curse spoken by the prophet Zechariah.

Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. And he said unto me, what seest thou? And I answered; I see a flying scroll... This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that steals shall be cut off ... and every one that swears shall be cut off as on that side according to it. I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that swear falsely by my name... Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goes forth. 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... And he said, This is wickedness. [\[21\]](#)

There are congregations of people who are born again and Spirit filled, who call themselves the church, but they are actually part of spiritual Israel, having been born again into the New Covenant with all of the saints of God who walk in faith, hope and love.

If you wish to enter into covenant with God, and you try to come under the Old Covenant through faith based upon the works of the flesh, you are not going anywhere, because God does not recognize the Old Covenant any longer. The apostle Paul called it a ministry of death, because all it did was condemn and then kill us. There was not one person saved by following the law because nobody could follow it perfectly. All the law did was condemn us and then kill us, for that is all it could ever do, and that is why it had to be abolished, and replaced with the New Covenant. God replaced the law, which was a covenant based upon our obedience through the strength of the flesh, with a covenant based upon our dying to ourselves through the power of the cross and receiving a new life in Jesus through the Holy Spirit, in order that we might be born again and become a new creation – and that is the New Covenant.

Paul told us to cease from foolish questions about how we keep the Old Covenant through the strength of our flesh. The Scripture says, *“If any man has not the spirit of Christ, then he is none of his.”* If you do not have the Holy Spirit, then you are not saved. You are merely part of the many who are going to be found on that day to been walking on the wide road to destruction. God told ancient Israel, *“Though the number of the sons of Israel should be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant would be saved.”*

The last day’s church, which thinks of itself as having a separate identity from the Kingdom of Spiritual Israel, disregards the prophetic writings because they think they do not apply to them, because they are not Israel, they are the church. But these prophecies do apply to them, because the word of God is forever, and though the number of people who profess the name of Jesus and call themselves Christians be as the sand of the seashore, only a remnant is being saved.

Jesus told us this himself, when he said, *“Enter ye in through the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in therein. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”* [\[22\]](#)

The vast majority of people professing faith, who Jesus called the *“many”*, will one day discover they sought to enter through the wide road and will not be allowed. The word for *many* in this text is *polis* in the Greek, it means virtually all of them; many people who profess to be Christians are going to find out on that day, they only know his name and they never knew the Lord. They were never changed, for they never came out of the dark counsel of the fallen mind of

man. All their faith did for them, was give them a religion. When they come among us, they bring their bondage, for they are the sons of Belial and the daughters of Jezebel, and we all need to repent of this nonsense. There is a lot of deception in this last hour; for example, much of the church believes they are simply going to disappear before any trouble comes. They believe this, because they think they are somehow a special class of people, but it is only in America that this teaching is widely held.

I have lived outside of the United States, and I know what it means to look at America from the perspective of another country, where everyone is just shaking their heads at the Americans, and where all of the saints refer to the U.S.A. as the Great Babylon. They all know America is part of Mystery Babylon; only the American church is unable to perceive this.

All of these false doctrines cause us to miss the clear instructions contained within the Scriptures. The false doctrine that the church is somehow a separate entity, causes the Gentiles to not search out the prophetic writings and thus, they fail to realize that these prophecies also pertain to them. The books of wisdom, the Proverbs, the Psalms, they are filled with wisdom for our generation, the people at the end of time. They are as relevant today as they were when they were first written.

So don't just take the entire Old Testament and throw it away. The prophetic writings are not even part of the Old Covenant; they are the writings of the prophets of God. This whole concept that there should be one piece of paper in your Bible between the books of Malachi and Matthew with the words, *The New Testament* written upon it is an error. There should be another piece of paper in front of the prophetic writings with the words, *The writings of the Prophets of God*.

The concept that the Bible, which was written before the New Testament, is now the Old testament is an error; the Old Covenant is merely the first five books of the Bible. Our entire mindset is false, and the reason these errors matter, is because they have brought devastation. The false prophets made many widows in the land of Israel. They do not just waste your time, they destroy things and they destroy people and in the end, they will have brought to ruin, many lives. God has made many promises to Israel. They are clearly outlined in the Holy Scriptures and the entire Bible is the Holy Scripture. The only part which has been canceled is the Torah, the actual Old Covenant and not the Bible. Isaiah,

Jeremiah, the Psalms, and the sealed book of Daniel, these are all very relevant today, for they are still very much the word of God.

Where do we find America in these prophetic writings? That is a whole separate study, and I will direct you to *The Day of the Lord is at Hand, 7th edition*, if you want to study that carefully. You can find America in the prophetic writings of Jeremiah, in chapters 50 and 51, described as the daughter of Babylon. You will also find the American church there as well. Go read the book of Jeremiah, and every time the Scripture says *Israel* think of America and every time Jeremiah speaks of *Judah*, replace that word with the church, and you will get a perfect prophetic word for our nation and the people who call themselves the church in this hour.

The word *church* actually comes from the word *Circe* which means to encircle, and this is one more dimension of the last day's deception, which are addressed in the first volume of this book, *Out of the Darkness*, in the chapter entitled, *Ministry of Death*. The astonishing reality is, many modern churches, truly are a separate body of people, apart from the chosen ones. They are described in the Bible as the "*congregations of the dead*", and the majority of the people within them will be found on the last day to have only known his name; but they had their part, in what the scriptures call Mystery Babylon. They are the religious part of the Mystery of Iniquity, and they are described in the prophetic writings as a church, which was built in the land of Shinar.

This is their resemblance through all the earth... This is wickedness... and, behold, there came two women, and the wind was in their wings... and they lifted up the ephah (false church) between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? 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. [23]

Return to Zion: The Long Road Home

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. Isaiah 35:1

The Scriptures speak of the Holy City, Zion, which is the New Jerusalem. Zion also represents the mountains of Jerusalem and the mountains of Israel. Zion has been chosen by God, where he desires to meet with his people, and where he will one day receive his people unto himself. Zion is the place of our home coming, and it is the place where Father God is calling us home.

Our home is with the Lord and God is calling us home to the place he calls Zion. It is going to be a long road, but we are going to make it. Give thanks to the Lord, for all of his goodness unto the children of men, for we are also not going alone.

The Lord is going with us and he is going to help us. He is going to send his angels to watch over us and he is going to send his army to protect us. He is also going to send new shepherds with a heart after his own, and they are going to minister the healing and deliverance which God has appointed for his people. Then he is going to reveal his glory, in the place which he calls Zion.

THE WILDERNESS SHALL BE GLAD FOR THEM

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to

them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you. Isaiah 35:1-4

Our God is coming with vengeance, and He is coming to save us, so do not be afraid. The word *fearful* [\[24\]](#) is *mahar*, and it means to be hurried, or to be fearful; to make haste or be filled with anxiety in a state of unrest, and so God says, “*Fear not and do not make haste.*” The Lord is coming, and the Lord has been making preparations for this day from the beginning. Most of us are not prepared for what is coming; the majority are not prepared spiritually, nor are they prepared in the natural for what is about to happen, but the Lord is prepared. Our God has prepared, and the Lord is not going to have a problem in this day, which is His day, the Day of the LORD. He is not going to have a problem delivering his people, nor protecting his little lambs, and He is going to do all that he promised in his word.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. Isaiah 35:5

The blind are going to see, and there are many who are blind today. The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, and there are many among us whose spiritual ears are deaf. But their ears shall be opened, and the eyes of those blind shall soon begin to see. The thirsty ground shall be filled with water in a land of dragons, and where the people shall lay; there shall be sweet grass, with reeds and rushes. Even though the Dragon will be released into the earth, God is going to prepare a way in the wilderness for his people and when we travel through this wilderness, when we lay down, the Lord will have already prepared a comfortable place, for his people to rest.

A HIGHWAY SHALL BE THERE

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for

those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35:8-10

The highway of the Lord shall be prepared for the wayfaring ones, for those who will walk on the long road home. The foolish shall not err therein, and no lion will be there either, for the forces of the antichrist will not be allowed on the highway to Zion. Only the redeemed shall walk there, and the remnant will all go this way, for the redeemed of the Lord shall all return. The remnant of our God shall return, and they will come to Zion. They will travel with songs in their hearts, and everlasting joy will be upon their heads, and all of their sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

All prophecy is fulfilled twice and this prophecy in Isaiah was fulfilled in part, in the ministry of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. Yet the remnant did not return at that time, rather, the nation rejected the Lord, then judgment came and Israel was scattered. Now Israel shall be gathered again and the remnant shall return. The word for *return* [\[25\]](#) is *shub*, which means to turn once again, to turn back home and to be rescued. The remnant shall be rescued by the Lord and then they shall all return home to Zion, for God is going to bring us back to his land, to the Zion of the Lord.

What is the meaning of Zion in the context of this verse? Is this a spiritual identity, a mystical picture of the future city of God? Does the prophet speak of Zion, the New Jerusalem which will appear after the Lord returns? What is the true meaning of this prophecy, that the remnant, who are the redeemed and the ransomed of the Lord, shall all return to Zion? There are many people with so many different opinions regarding the prophecies in the Bible, but we need to look to the Scriptures as to what the Lord actually meant when he said, “My remnant shall all return to Zion.”

O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thy self the nations were scattered. And your spoil shall be gathered like the

gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them. The LORD is exalted; for he dwells on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. Isaiah 33:2-5

Zion represents the people of God, who are the living stones of his new temple, which he is building in the spirit. Zion also represents a land that is far off for many of us. The Lord is filling Zion with judgment and righteousness, for the judgment of God begins in the house of the Lord. I thank God for his judgment in my life, and I do not despise the discipline of the Lord, because it turns us back to righteousness. The Lord has promised to fill Zion with judgment and then righteousness, so he does in us as well.

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure. Isaiah 33:6

I pray that you would be able to receive wisdom from the pages of this book, and knowledge with understanding, that through the revelation of the Holy Scriptures, you will be able to stand, and not be shaken like a reed in the wind when the whirlwind comes. In the days that are coming, you must not lose your balance or your peace, if you hope to remain standing upon the cornerstone, but we must all be found in Him, in this time, if you hope to be found walking with wisdom in the knowledge of God's deliverance plan for you.

Wisdom and knowledge of the word of God will give you strength to stand in the coming hour of testing, that you might rest in the salvation of your God, for our salvation is of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is our treasure; this is the gold which Jesus counseled us to purchase without money. He said, "*Buy gold from me without money*" and the precious wealth of the kingdom of God is the fear of the Lord. That is our treasure, and we need to buy the truth and sell it not. Buy the fear of the Lord, and then hide it in your heart, so that you might not sin against him.

Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regards no man. Isaiah 33:7-8

The valiant ones, who are outside of Zion, shall all cry, and that without remedy,

for all of the mighty men of valor in this hour, who are not part of Zion, are going to be wailing. The ambassadors of peace shall also weep bitterly, because there will be no peace. The highways shall all lay wasted and the wayfaring men will cease, all travel will stop, as the Lord breaks the covenant of peace among men, for he despises their cities, and he no longer regards any man in the flesh.

YOUR BREATH AS FIRE SHALL DEVOUR YOU

Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you. And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.
Isaiah 33:10-12

Those who are still walking in mixture and compromise, the fruit of their ways will be nothing more than chaff now, and all of the chaff shall soon be set ablaze. The flesh can only produce wood, hay or stubble. The wood and the hay may have had some value in times past, but all of the works of the flesh shall be as chaff now, and altogether worthless once the Day of the Lord begins. You will conceive only chaff if you keep walking in the flesh. You will bring forth only stubble from all of your works and then, your breath as fire, shall devour you.

I recently had a dream in which I saw a man whose car had run off the road, and now was stuck in a ditch. He was fumbling through the glove box when suddenly the field behind him burst into flames, and the fire began to rush upon the car. Oblivious to the danger, he continued rummaging through the glove box, as if looking for something of value. I began to scream, "Get out of the car, and get out of the way!" But he would not listen. He didn't realize the grave danger until the entire car was engulfed with fire, and then it began to burn. He tried to escape, but was trapped by the seat belt, and could not get out. As the flames engulfed his entire body, his final breath came forth out of his nose as fire and devoured him.

He was caught up trying to find one of the silly things in the glove box of his car. There is nothing of value in the glove box of your car, and there is nothing of value in the realm of the flesh either. But this man was preoccupied with finding something where in truth there was nothing to find. As fire came upon him, his

very breath became as fire and coming out of his nose, it devoured him. I had to watch and it troubled me for a day. It is a heavy burden to bear the true word of the Lord in this hour. The Scripture says, “*It shall be vexation of soul to even hear the report.*”^[26] The people who are not part of the remnant of Zion shall soon become as the burnings of lime, and as thorns cut up, the apostate church will be burned in the fire. The branches that no longer bear fruit, and which are being cut off even now, shall all be bundled together for the fire that is coming.

Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? Isaiah 33:13

The Scripture answers the question, “Who can dwell with everlasting burning?”

He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off. Isaiah 33:15

THEY SHALL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY

These are the remnant; they do not conceive chaff, nor do their lives bring forth stubble, for their breath is full of the Holy Spirit and it brings life and not death. They are the fruitful branches and they will be gathered into the barn and into the secret hiding place of the Lord. They shall not be burned in the fire, for they walk righteously and they speak uprightly. They do not speak words filled with death, doubt, or unbelief, nor do they speak words of slander or murmur, which are only vanity's words. They do not speak foolishly like Job's comforters; for they speak only the truth in uprightness. They despise the gain of oppression; and they shake their hands from the taking of bribes. They close their ears to the hearing of wickedness and shut their eyes from seeing evil. It grieves them far too much, so they will not look upon it, for their hearts have been purified.

They are clean before the Lord and they do not desire to even hear or see the wicked things done in this land. So they shall dwell on high, for the Lord is going to lift them up on the top of the mountains. This prophecy is literal, for they will literally be living at high elevations by the time of the end. It is going to get really hot during the latter part of the Great Tribulation, as the sun heats up, and unless you are dwelling at a high elevation, it is going to become brutally hot for you. So the Lord places his remnant on the top of the mountains, where it is going to be comfortable in terms of climate. More comfort than you can even imagine is awaiting the remnant. They shall dwell on high, and their place in defense, is “*the munitions of rocks*.” There, bread shall be given unto them, every day; living manna from heaven, angel’s bread provided, and every day, the needs of the people shall be met. Their water shall be sure and their eyes will see the King in his beauty and they will behold Zion, a land that is very far off.

This is a literal prophecy, and not a type or a shadow or a spiritual allegory. These prophecies are not presenting a mystical idea, and this is not the New Jerusalem which will one day come down from the heavens. This is the place of the defense of the remnant, “*the munition of rocks*” which is a fortress. That word for *munition* [\[27\]](#) in Hebrew is *metsadāh*, and it means a fortress or a castle, a stronghold. The word for *rocks* [\[28\]](#) in this text appears in the Scripture only one time, in this verse, and it is the word *selah* in Hebrew.

It appears in the margin notes in the Psalms many times, but appears only once in the context of Scripture, here in this verse. The word *selah* in Hebrew does not mean stop or pause, it means a fortress of rocks. It’s the name *Petra* in the Greek, and is the hiding place of the remnant during the Great Tribulation. God has promised a secret hiding place for his people, where he is going to hide them from the face of the dragon and from the persecution of the beast, out of the reach of the antichrist. There, the remnant will see the King in his beauty, for the remnant shall see the Lord Jesus Christ coming in the clouds and they will behold a land that is very far off. This land is far away for those who dwell in the West, and that is why it is a long road home. We have a long journey ahead of us.

LOOK UPON ZION

Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. Isaiah 33:20-24

Zion is the city of solemn assemblies, for it is the city of repentance and holiness unto the Lord. “Look upon Zion, which is Jerusalem, and to the mountains of Israel”, for the remnant shall all be found there. Some may object, but for those who have ears to hear, the Scripture is our only authority. It does not matter what men think. It matters not my opinion, and it does not matter what your opinion is either. The only thing that matters in this hour, is that we find God’s will and God’s plan for our lives, and more importantly, for the lives of our families. We are facing a serious problem, in truth this is the greatest problem ever faced by any generation. There has never been a time such as what is about to begin, but God has a plan for his people in this hour, and we are going to study it within this chapter.

Everyone is welcome to attempt their own solution, and you can try your own deliverance plan if you wish. You can go whatever way seems right in your eyes, but the Lord has a deliverance plan which he has prepared for his remnant in this hour which the Scriptures declare; “all of his people will follow.” Now, you can try to be the exception, but if you are coming with us, then you are going to follow the plan of the Lord and we start by looking upon Zion, the city of solemn assemblies. The starting point in our deliverance is in solemn assemblies, and that is what is sorely needed in this hour. Solemn assemblies are the place of deep repentance, where we acknowledge our sin, one to another, becoming brutally honest, gathering together with an assembly of saints, small in number, because you cannot be open and honest in a large group.

There also can be no pretenders, or people who only want to continue to play the version of church filled with pretense, or whose faith is still in part, made of fantasy and who are walking around “naming it” and “claiming it” but they have no clue about the reality of holiness or walking in the power of the real Holy Spirit. Most of the church is walking in a fantasy version of the faith, a counterfeit reality which was sold to the church en masse; it was mass marketed, as a multilevel marketing scheme and a lot of people made a lot of money selling the lie, but the people who continue to hold onto the lie, most of them are going to die.

THE REMNANT WALKS IN REALITY

The remnant walks in reality, not pretense. In reality, we all desperately need to attend solemn assemblies, but you only want to gather with people that are solemn in their own hearts, because we have to confess our sins and we have to get real. The church is very much wounded right now, and many people are walking with deep wounds in their hearts, and thus, we have all fallen from the truth. The Lord told me as much, saying to me, “Ye have all fallen from the truth.” We are all backslidden to varying degrees, for the love of many has grown cold in this hour, even as the Scripture prophesied. But thank God, the Lord is calling us back to our first love and to the place of holiness before him. Some of us have never walked in the place of true holiness, for this is a foreign idea to many who came from churches where no one walked in the fear of the Lord, nor did anyone walk in the real anointing either. Entire churches are full of people where no one walks in holiness before God anymore. Yet everyone comforts each other, for they walk down the wide road together, but that is not going to be much comfort when you get to the end of the road.

We must find the narrow way, which is the walk of holiness and the way of repentance before the Lord. For many of us, there are hindrances which stand in the way, sin areas that need to be torn down and need to be released. The bindings of sin become bondages within the hearts and minds of the many, and they must be cut off, and torn down along with the yokes of the evil one, the deceptions from the false prophets, and the doctrines of devils that have come within the church. To the extent you have received them; you have been brought into bondage. These must all be broken off of us, if we are to find our way into the place of holiness, so that we might complete the process of sanctification in our lives.

In this hour, God is setting apart his remnant unto himself before the judgment begins. Jesus told us, “*you shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*” To the extent we have received and been deceived by the lies, we are in bondage to these lies.

The lies of the enemy need to be uncovered confessed and prayed through, that they might be broken off of us. That is the purpose of a solemn assembly, where a group of three or four women, and three or four men, gather together with fasting and prayer for a weekend or number of days, for intimate *konanea* fellowship. This requires people who love each other, trust each other, and who are mature enough in the Lord, to get real with each other; humbled and broken hearted saints who have enough faith and courage to search their hearts, and then to obey the Lord and confess their sins, one to another. In the confession of your sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, you are set free. The confession of your sin brings deliverance, for the Lord instructed us to do this, and he did so for a reason. Confessing our sins brings healing and deliverance, and it also lays the axe to the root of the tree of pride in your life. After you confess those sins that you have had hidden within, sins that you were afraid to tell anyone about, after you finally confess them to another person you trust, you suddenly cannot be as proud as you were before.

We must bring these things forward into the light, and when everything comes into the light, none of us will be proud anymore. Zion is the city of solemn assemblies, after which our eyes shall see Jerusalem as a quiet habitation. Once we have completed and passed through the solemn assemblies, the enemy will have nothing left within us, nothing to disquiet us, and no buttons to push; so now we can enter into the city of peace and we will be granted access to the tabernacle that shall not be taken down, for not one of its stakes shall ever be removed.

After we have done the deep repentance work required of us in this hour, and the fasting and prayer that is commanded of us by the Lord, then we will enter into a time of Tabernacles, where we will meet with the Lord in a “tabernacle that will not be taken down.” God is coming among us and he is not planning on leaving, but we have to clean up first, because this is literal. The Lord really is coming, and he really is coming among us first. Judgment begins in the house of God, and after the remnant has passed under the rod of judgment, righteousness and holiness will prevail in the camp of the Most High. Then the Lord will rejoice

and if the truth be told, he desires to come among his people, for he has been waiting a long time. God wants to come and visit us, but we have to clean up first, because if he came upon most of us in the condition we are in today, we would burn. So God is protecting us. He must first put us through the process of sanctification, so that we could be cleansed before he comes among us, because he does not want you to explode.

If God were to come upon you before you were sanctified, he would ruin you. So the Lord is going to get you ready first, before you meet him. Then the tabernacle will not be taken down, for there the glorious Lord will be. You are going to meet the Lord soon, but we have to clean up first; we have to clean our houses and our hearts. We also have to renew our minds, because we are going to see the Lord and we best be ready. We don't want to be embarrassed nor do we want to start on fire when we see him.

“There the glorious Lord will be in a place of broad rivers and streams.” The anointing that will be coming forth upon the remnant will be tremendous. *“And there be no galley with oars, and no galley it ships passing thereby.”* No works of the flesh on that day will be found among us, no, that will be over. Everything will be by the power of the Spirit of God in that day. *“For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king and he will save us.”*

RETURN BACKSLIDDEN ISRAEL

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not stay anger forever. Only acknowledge thy iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. Jeremiah 3:12-14

All God is requiring of us, is to acknowledge our sin, and that we tell the truth. If we continue to hide our sin, then we are not going to be delivered. Some of us have so successfully hidden our sin, even from ourselves, that we don't even know, what is hidden deep within our own hearts. That is why we need to fast and pray, so that God could help us with this process. The Lord promises to

deliver us, one from a city, and two from a family, and then bring us back to Zion.

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

The Lord also promises to give shepherds to the remnant who have his own heart within them. The Lord is going to send shepherds among his little flock, and new leadership is coming forth, with the heart of the Lord within them, and their only concern is for the sheep. They come to do the will of God, and to take care of his sheep. No more shepherds who only want to muddy the water while feeding themselves all of the best things; men who desired the best seats in the assembly, and they thought they were worthy of treating the people like property, they will all be removed in that day. The Lord is going to bring new shepherds for his remnant, and they will do good to the people of God.

And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. Jeremiah 3:16

Israel will no longer be talking about the Ark of the Covenant either. We can all forget about the Ark now, for that is ending. Neither shall any one wish to visit the Ark either, for that shall not be done anymore. The Ark of the Covenant was the holiest part of the entire Old Covenant. If you touched it, you would be killed. It was set within the Holy of Holies, and the original Torah scroll, written by the hand of Moses, was placed within, along with the showbread and Aaron's rod. Only now God says, "No, not anymore. Forget about the Ark, and don't even let it come into your mind", for the Lord is about to do a new thing in Israel.

I WILL PLEAD WITH YOU SAYS THE LORD

The Lord is going to plead with each of us in the wilderness journey on the long road home. While we are traveling, during the long road back to Zion, we are all going to pass through the wilderness, and under the rod of his judgment.

As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. Ezekiel 20:33-37

Many of us have been a disobedient people for the most part, and in Ezekiel 20, God says, “*I am going to put my rule upon you. And I will bring you out from the people and I will gather you out of all the countries where you were scattered and I will lead you into the wilderness and there I will plead with you face to face.*” God is going to have some time with each of us, and the Lord does not desire to condemn us, but he seriously wants to correct all of us. And the Lord is running out of time, because there is only an appointed amount of time left. So God is going to get really serious with each of us now, because we have to get this right. When you are in the wilderness on the way to Zion, if you don’t get your relationship with the Lord right during the wilderness journey, you will not be allowed to enter Zion. So the Lord is going to have to get tough with each of us, and our Father in heaven is going to plead with us, and cause us to pass under the rod of his judgment, in order to bring us into the bond of his covenant. None of us enjoys the rod of his discipline, or the pain that it inflicts, but we should all embrace the judgments of God in our lives, for by faith, we should know, what he is doing is for our good. God is going to bring us into the bond of the covenant, and that is what the New Covenant is about.

What is the bond that ties together the perfect covenant of God? It is God’s love. God wants to deliver us from all of the religious thinking, which has so many people so confused. Jesus gave us one new commandment, after we completely failed to keep the first ten, and there was no way any of us are going to keep all 613 of them. Nobody lets their fields lay fallow every seven years or shows up in Jerusalem three times a year. Nobody is even doing the Torah. Even the Torah people are not doing the whole Torah, because we cannot keep the whole law in our own strength. God does not want us even trying to keep the commandments

given to Israel in the flesh. God wants us walking out the new commandment, which is to love one another, in the power of his spirit, yet there is very little love in the church today. People are broken, and hurting, and many of them have a type of posttraumatic stress disorder where they have their defenses up all the time. They have been betrayed so many times, they do not know who they can trust.

With everlasting love, God has called us to himself, and with the love of a Father, he nailed our sins to the cross. That is the New Covenant, the perfect covenant, and if you walk in perfect love, you fulfill the will of God. You do not have to worry about all of the confusion that darkens the religious minds of men; you only have to walk in the will of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the first fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. I will accept you with your sweet savor, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. Ezekiel 20:40-42

The Lord is re-gathering his remnant which is the greater Exodus prophesied in Scripture. God is doing this, and remember, he said, “*I will bring you.*” You are not bringing yourself.

And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 20:43-44

It is hard when you loathe yourself, to also feel proud about yourself at the same time. They just don't fit together very well. In order to stand in pride, you have

to be in a place of deception, where you do not really see who you are. Once the Lord takes the blinders off, and your eyes are opened, the first thing he is going to do is show you your sin for what it really is. This sin nature is the same in all of us. You are not going to want to believe it at first, for it is far worse than you can imagine, and you are probably going to scream when you see it. You are going to pull out your hair, and the word for *threshing floor* in Hebrew means the place where you pull out your hair and scream. When the Lord finally removes the veil, and we see how we all have behaved, we are going to be horrified. We are going to be crying out for the cross, and thanking God that our old nature can die in Jesus and that there is a new life available for each of us.

YOU WERE IN TIMES PAST GENTILES

A number of people may question how the prophecies pertaining to the nation of Israel have any bearing on the future of the church. Many people teach that the church is a whole separate identity apart from Israel. Is that not what they taught you, that you have a separate identity from the people of Israel?

*Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh ... at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
Ephesians 2:11-13*

Paul is speaking to the Gentile believers in Ephesus; he is reminding them that in times past, they were among the Gentiles, who were all pagans. When Israelites speak of the Gentiles, they use the “G” word. To us, you are the *goy* [\[29\]](#) or the pagan people and this is not a term of endearment. The word *goy* translates as a cloud of locusts, or a herd of wild beasts, and this is a picture of the Gentile nations. As such, you were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and you had no part in the covenant of promise. Now in Jesus Christ, you have been brought near, and become part of the covenant and you too, now belong to the commonwealth of Israel.

You belong to a new country in the spirit, which is the kingdom of God and which the Scripture calls true Israel. Jesus is the King of Israel, and the Scripture

does not say, and also the church. He is the King of Israel, and he has only one kingdom, and one people, in which the two, Jew and Gentile, shall be made one. The New Covenant did not turn the Jews into Gentiles, rather the *goy* who were born again, became Israelis. The Gentiles who are being saved are all immigrants in the kingdom of God, and having been grafted in, you now have equal standing. You might as well count yourself as a Hebrew now. God has called us as one people, whom he calls, Israel, and he also has only one deliverance plan available for you.

This is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompense for the controversy of Zion. Isaiah 34:8

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. I am very displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Zechariah 1:14-16

Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwells with the daughter of Babylon. Zechariah 2:7

BE SILENT, ALL FLESH, BEFORE THE LORD

The Scripture calls us to deliver ourselves in this hour. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for God is working in you and through you. We have work to do. We have to step up to this task and we must make greater progress than we have made up to this point.

Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation. Zechariah 2:13

This is a good Scripture reference for this final hour, in which the Lord is standing now, ready to judge the entire earth, and in this time, the Scriptures declare, “*Be silent all flesh.*” Everyone who is still walking in the flesh, under the knowledge of good and evil, should be silent now. The Scripture says, “*If any man speaks, let him speak as an Oracle of God*”^[30] which means an infallible authority. Many men have come forward in this hour, offering their opinions and assumptions, while purporting to teach the word of God; they will

all give an account for their false words. It is a grievous offense to teach error in the name of the Lord. It is even a greater offense to bear false witness of the Lord, and to declare, “Thus saith the Lord”, when the Lord has not spoken.

We are all going to give an account for every idle word we speak, and the Lord is serious about this, so we should not be speaking words without knowledge, through the dark counsel of the mind of the flesh any longer. Do not be speaking words filled with death, doubt and unbelief. Do not be speaking anything which the Lord would not be pleased with, for in the last days, he says to those who are still in the flesh, “*be silent.*” God is standing now and he is ready to judge the entire earth. One of the things he is going to judge is our words. So this is an easy one to fix, we simply zip up our lips.

Why did I bring forth this message on the return to Zion at this time, and include it in volume three of this book? Because it is time for you to be thinking about the fact that if you are in the remnant, soon you will be traveling. All of us will be considering the itinerary for our long journey home soon. Not everybody knows that we are all leaving, and some people are going to get really upset, because they do not want to leave their comfort zone. I have had believers say to me, “God would never move all of the people out of a country.” I responded, “Really, have you ever read the book of Exodus?”

God most certainly will move his people and when you understand what is about to happen in the earth, and when the Great Tribulation begins, you will understand why we are not staying in the kingdom of the antichrist. That would not work out very well. Most American Christians believe they are not going to be here, and they are all going to simply disappear soon, so they never consider what the Lord’s deliverance plan might be for his people in this hour. They assume they will be gone in the rapture, and so they will not even be here, and for them, none of this matters. Many of them are going to be very surprised when they learn, they are not getting raptured, and rather, they are going to be captured. They are correct in part, they won’t be here as part of the remnant; rather, they will be among the dead in Christ who rise first, on the last day. But the remnant is staying, and the Lord has prepared a place in the wilderness for his people, even Zion, and it is beautiful.

THE FALL OF ANCIENT BABYLON

Let us look into the authority for this message, which is in Jeremiah 50 and 51. These passages deal with the United States, which is revealed in the prophetic writings as the daughter of Babylon. When ancient Babylon fell, it was conquered by the Medes and Persians. Their army came in under the cover of darkness, killed the Royal family, and in the morning when the people woke up, a new government was in power. The city did not burn and the people did not leave, only the government changed. The people continued to live under the rule of the Media Persian Empire for the lives of several kings and it was not until the time of Nehemiah, that Israel actually left Babylon. The land was not utterly desolate following the fall of ancient Babylon and everybody did not forsake Media Persia just because Babylon fell.

In the last days, when the hindermost nation, the daughter of Babylon, is destroyed, we are going to see from Scripture, that the cities will burn like Sodom and Gomorrah and the land will become completely defiled by the biological and nuclear weapons, and so the land will be utterly forsaken. The people will all leave, as hard as this may be for you to believe, the survivors of America Babylon will all leave.

The prophecies of Jeremiah 50 and 51 were not fulfilled in the fall of ancient Babylon but they will be fulfilled in the fall of the daughter of Babylon, America. Babylon is a mystery kingdom, and thus, it is not a geography question. God would not call it a mystery if it was a simple geography question. Mystery Babylon represents all of the kingdoms which rule the earth under Satan's power. These are the ruling empires of the beast and there will be seven of them, and they are pictured by the seven horns of the beast of Revelation 17. They represent seven kings and seven mountains. There are seven satanic kingdoms which will dominate the earth. Rome was part of mystery Babylon, along with Media Persia, Greece under Alexander, and the one world government of the antichrist, which is coming soon. It will be the final and seventh kingdom of mystery Babylon. The United States is merely the daughter, and part of the family. You could call it an associate Empire of the kingdom of Babylon.

THE FALL OF AMERICA, THE DAUGHTER OF BABYLON

For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast. In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. Jeremiah 50:3-5

Even the animals will be leaving. In the days in which the land of America Babylon is utterly destroyed, after the nation has been made completely desolate, everyone is going to receive the revelation that we should all leave. In those days, and in that time, the children of Israel (including all of the Gentiles who have been born again under the New Covenant) and the children of Judah together, all of them as one remnant now, will go forth from this land weeping. It is going to be a hard time, and as they go, they are going to seek the Lord and ask for the way to Zion. Why will all of the people be asking how to get to Zion? Because the Scriptures command us to go back to our own country. If you were born as a Frenchman, you will go to France. If you're an Asian, you will go to Asia. And if you're born again, and part of the Commonwealth of Israel, God is going to call you to Zion. You will go to your country as well.

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks. Jeremiah 50:8

Some people leave early, but most people will only go after the land is desolate.

For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. Jeremiah 50:9

The Scripture speaks of an assembly of many great nations which will come against America Babylon. The scripture is talking about Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua; all of the Communists and Islamic terrorist states will join together in the attack on the daughter Babylon,

America. This attack is part of the war of Ezekiel 38. The enemies of America are the *reds*. They will bring the red horse of war and none of their arrows return in vain for they are not going to miss their targets.

THE HINDERMOST NATION SHALL BECOME A WILDERNESS

Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. Jeremiah 50:12

The word for *hindermost* [\[31\]](#) in this text is *achariyth* and it means the last, or of the end time, in the latter days. This word appears for the second time in Scripture in Genesis 33:2 where Jacob separated Leah and Rachel; he put Rachel and Joseph in the *hindermost* part and it means the last but it also means towards the West. The word for *hindermost* means the last superpower to rise out of the earth and it comes out of the west. This nation is also pictured in the prophetic writings as an eagle, and it was once a godly nation, and only now it has become an Obama nation.

Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his people, and they shall flee everyone to his own land. Jeremiah 50:16

When will Babylon be destroyed? In the time of her harvest, in the season of fall. America is described in Ezekiel 39 in which God sends fire upon those “who dwell carelessly in the distant coastlands.” In Ezekiel chapter 38, the first 9 verses prophesy of the Gog and Magog invasion of Israel in the last days, but in verse 10, the Scripture reveals: “*at the same time*” another nation is going to be attacked, for the enemies of Israel will devise “*an evil plan*” against another land, which is described as a nation of un-walled villages. The Israelis have security fences, and they are not coming down. The nation of un-walled villages is a rich country, having great wealth, and it is also a nation of immigrants, where everybody comes from somewhere else.

That is why God says to the survivors, “go back to your country of origin.” If the

prophecy of the fall of a future Babylon in Jeremiah 50 was describing France, and the citizens of France would have to all flee to their own country, where would they go? How could the French flee to France after France was destroyed? This prophecy can only be fulfilled by a nation of immigrants, and they shall all flee, everyone to his own land.

People ask me regularly, where are we supposed to go? Go to your own land. Which land is your land? Well, it depends who you are. If you are part of the remnant of the God of Israel, then Zion is your land. So go to Zion. That is why the Scripture declares, “*the children of Israel will all go weeping and seeking the way to return to Zion.*” Everyone will want to know the way to Zion on that day.

In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.
Jeremiah 50:20

IN THOSE DAYS AND IN THAT TIME

The Scripture says, “*In those days*”, when the daughter of Babylon is destroyed with fire like Sodom and Gomorrah. When the hindermost nation falls, and her cities are all burned; when the last great superpower which rose out of the West is destroyed, “*in those days, and in that time, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for and there shall be none.*” There will be no iniquity among the remnant anymore, because they have already been to the solemn assemblies. You can choose to go now, or you can always wait for the cities to burn, and then you can gather together with the few survivors, fasting and praying and repenting for your sin at that time. There will be some deep repentance in that day, and God is going to forgive and forget all the sins of his people, when they truly repent. You can look for the iniquity in the people at that time, but there will be none, for iniquity will not be found among them, for God will pardon those whom he reserves as his remnant.

And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him. Jeremiah 50:32

What nation could best be described as the “*most proud*” among all nations?

“We are number one, the greatest country in the history of the earth”, say the Americans. Oh yes we are, and we are first on the list for the recompense of the Lord. We are number one, and in that day, *“none shall raise him up.”* None of our allies will even help us, as the Lord kindles fire in our cities and it shall devour all around.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; the children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.
Jeremiah 50:33-34

Some may ask, “When were the children of Israel and the children of Judah oppressed in America?” When were God’s people taken captive and held in concentration camps in the daughter of Babylon? This hasn’t happened yet, but this is exactly what is coming next, as the nation goes under martial law. Even some of the remnant will be taken captive, and the sons of darkness are going to refuse to let you go. So Pharaoh does not want to let you go once again, but the Lord has a different plan, and he is going to do his will in the land of Babylon. The Lord is going to *“thoroughly plead your cause.”* Some of us are going to attend what I call *the repentance rehabilitation workshop* because we did not want to go the solemn assemblies and fast and pray as the Lord commanded; so the Lord is going to literally make us do this.

THERE IS A HARD WAY COMING

You can do it now or you can do it later but you are going to do the things which the Lord has commanded. However, we get to decide when and how. I would recommend doing it now, because there is a hard way ahead of us. Many will be arrested, and taken into the detention system, but the Lord is still our Redeemer, and so God is going to deliver some of his people out of the camps. If you find yourself in this system, think of it is a retreat, and while you are there, do some deep repentance work. Once you have done the repentance, you will be completely clean. The workshop can accomplish in just a few days what could take months or years of fasting and prayer. God is going to do a quick work in his people, and then he is going to deliver his remnant right out of the hand of the beast. See to it you do not become hysterical when these things come upon

you, because the Lord has already commanded you and told you, “do not be afraid.” God has this whole thing under control, and he knows exactly what he is doing. We just need to take the Lord very seriously now.

As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein. Jeremiah 50:40

“No man shall dwell there anymore” means everyone is leaving or no longer living.

Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. Jeremiah 50:41

Ancient Babylon was attacked by the Medes and Persians, and not a great nation along with many kings.

Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me? Jeremiah 50:44

There is going to be a change in government at some point; God is going to raise up a new governor, who will rule over what is left of this nation. The Lord is going to have an election in the future, after he levels the land of Babylon. He is going to appoint a new government over the remnant and it is going to be a good government. And in this election, the right person is going to win.

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 a recompense. Jeremiah 51:6

We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reaches unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the

LORD our God. Jeremiah 51:9-10

A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

Only a nation of immigrants could fulfill this Scripture, for only in a nation of immigrants could the people all go back to their own countries. Babylon is a land of confusion and much of what is been occurring in America over the last several decades has been nothing but confusion. That is why so many believers are confused. The same thinking that got us into all of this confusion is not going to get us out. Only the word of truth is going to redeem us out of the confusion of Babylon. We must have our minds renewed through the word of truth to clear the confusion out of our American minds.

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come. Jeremiah 51:33

The Scripture speaks of this last day superpower as, “*the daughter of Babylon*” and now we know who the prophet was talking about. He was not referring to the women of ancient Babylon. No, these words reveal that the daughter of Babylon is a descendent empire of *mystery* Babylon. America is not the final seventh kingdom of Babylon; we are merely the eagles wings which came out of the Lion as revealed in Daniel chapter seven. Once the eagles wings are plucked, then the final seventh kingdom of Babylon will ascend above the earth. The final kingdom of Babylon is the beast of Revelation 13. It has the head of a lion, feet of a leopard and the body of a bear, and they all come together in a one-world government after the eagles wings are plucked.

The Lord has put the inhabitants of America Babylon to sleep and we are not going to wake them up. If God gives somebody a sleeping pill, you and I cannot wake them up.

My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. Jeremiah 51:45, 50

“*You that escape the sword*”, the surviving remnant of America Babylon, “*go*

away and stand not still, remember the Lord, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.”

The fires that are coming are going to set us free! Seventy years ago, the fires in Europe were used by God to set the children of Israel free. It was seventy years ago, in 1945, when the fires of the holocaust went out. Germany had fallen to the allies and the surviving remnant was hanging onto life in the concentration camps of the Nazis. In the final months of the Nazi regime, the leadership of the Third Reich knew their days were numbered, so they stepped up operations in the death camps and the fires in the ovens burned night and day. The smell, the smoke and the ashes filled the April skies, and then rained back down upon the land.

The fires of the Shoah went out seventy years ago, in April of 1945. It is now been seventy years since the fires burned in Germany in Auschwitz and the other camps. The furnaces of a greater Holocaust will soon be lit and the unthinkable is going to happen in America. The people of God will once again be persecuted to the point of death in the kingdom of the beast.

THE LONG ROAD HOME

“To the Jew first and then to the Gentile” declares the Scripture. The state of Israel was born out of the fires of the Holocaust. So too, the Gentile believers in Messiah will be sanctified and born again totally in the fires of a worldwide persecution which lies immediately ahead of us. Out of this time of *Jacob’s trouble*, the true Zion of the Lord will be cleansed and restored.

The story of the return of the Jews to Zion is a picture of the journey that we now face. *“To the Jews first and then to the Gentiles.”* Let us now look at the history of the return to the land by the people of Israel, and what happened after the furnaces went out in the death camps of the Nazis, for it is a very accurate picture of what will be awaiting all of us who survive.

In 1939, there were 16 million Jews living in Europe; by the end of the war, one third of them had been killed, and two thirds survived the fire. In the days ahead, we know from the prophecy in the book of Zechariah, one third will be brought through the fire and 66.6% will perish in what is coming upon the land. The ones

who pass through this fire will cry out from the bottom of their hearts; they will be tried and tested as gold and they will be purified as silver. They will cry out and call upon the name of the Lord, and then the Lord “will hear them.” The angels in heaven will also hear as God shouts, “it is my people!” And the people will all say in that day, “The Lord is my God.”

“Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.” [\[32\]](#)

Coming out of these fires, there will be no other gods in the hearts of the people, no wedges of silver hidden in their tents, and no sin hidden within their hearts. You will be able to look for the iniquity of Israel and Judah and you will find none, for it will all be purged in the fire. God did the same thing in the natural to bring Israel out of the nations seventy years ago, and now, it is our turn, for this is our time.

The movement back to the land of Israel is known as the Zionist movement. It began in the 1600’s with the writings of rabbis who were inspired by the spirit of God. The movement gained momentum in the 1800’s, organizing itself and by the early 1900’s; the World Zionist Congress was created and began negotiating with the world powers to devise a plan to begin moving the Jews back to their own land in Israel.

Historians would later write the Zionist movement, “was too timid, for we never foresaw the Shoah, the Holocaust.” Yet the Jews were warned. In the 1930’s, rabbis all over Europe began to speak out, they wrote books, they spoke in synagogues, they would have been on Blog Talk Radio had there been an Internet at that time. They did whatever they could. Some of them even claimed they had heard the audible voice of the God of Israel telling them, “Warn the people to leave Europe for a great Holocaust is coming”, but the people did not want to leave, and only 1% heeded the warnings. Yet all of them could clearly see the warning signs, for they were written in the graffiti on the walls of Berlin, “Juden oust! Jews get out!” But the majority of the people did not want to go, nor did they want to believe anything so terrible could ever happen to them; and for many, they simply did not have the means or could not understand, how they could possibly leave. So they did not leave, until the day of *Yom HaDeem*, the Day of Judgment.

THE HISTORY OF ZIONISM

The history of Zionism paints for us a very interesting picture because in many ways it parallels the church. Perhaps you will be able to perceive the similarities between the church in this hour and the various camps within the Zionist movement.

Beginning with the Renaissance in Europe, as the Dark Ages were ending, an era known as the Enlightenment was beginning to dawn. A new world would soon emerge, altogether different from the world of the Dark Ages, which had been ruled by kings or the church. This new world would witness the rise in power of a central government, and the creation of a corporate state, as an institution apart from the King. With its rise it began to co-opt all of the social structures which existed up until that time. Before the reign of the corporate state, cities had their own laws, which they imposed on their citizens. The cities also collected their own taxes which they paid, in part to the King.

Many of the Jews in Europe lived in their own cities for they were prohibited in most places from venturing into the Gentile cities. If they wished to travel to the cities of the Gentiles, they had to pay a tax to enter. In Germany, outside the cities of the *goy*, a sign would read “One Deutschmark for a horse, two if with cart. One mark for a cow, and two for a Jew.” The Jews were taxed like animals in this era. During the age of Enlightenment, as the new political systems began to rise in power, the separate laws for each city were repealed as the old corporate structures were overturned. The authority of the cities was replaced with the authority of the central state and with it emerged a newfound faith called patriotism or nationalism.

Throughout Europe, the Jewish communities of the middle Ages had been treated as subcultures. They were viewed as oriental aliens and foreigners within Europe, but they were, to a certain extent, able to live in peace, isolated and alone. Now the separate Jewish cities were being dismantled, and they too came under central state control. As their cities were dismantled or taxed into extinction, many Jews began to move from their own enclaves into the large cities of the Gentiles. Because they were prohibited from many occupations, they were forced into poverty and then, they were crowded into the ghettos. This was the beginning of the Renaissance for the people of God. During that time, the majority of the Jews thought they would find salvation by assimilation into

the world, for they believed that the new ideals of reason and the principles of the Enlightenment and the Renaissance would usher in a new era of freedom and human rights.

At the beginning of the 19th century, Napoleon was leading a revolution in Europe against the monarch states. In all of the lands which Napoleon conquered, he enacted a Bill of Rights which was copied from the American Revolution. These rights included freeing the Jews from all of their discriminations, setting them free and giving them equal status for the first time. The people began to believe there was salvation in being assimilated and becoming part of the Gentile world. Napoleon even convened a counsel of the Sanhedrin, and they issued an official verdict from the Elders of Zion, that the Jews were no longer a people of a unique nation.

The church has been taught the same thing today that you are no longer part of the unique nation; rather you are simply an American Christian. This thinking was embraced by all of the intellectuals, and the early thoughts of an actual return to the land of Israel were derided by all. They mocked the messengers who believed in a literal return to the land, saying, "People who prefer to believe in a nonexistent state of Israel, and who prefer this to citizenship in Germany, should be under police detention because they were deemed insane."

Yet in the 1800's, violent persecution began to arise once again against the Jews who sought to assimilate within the Gentile nations. In Paris, in 1860, rumors arose that that the Jews were responsible for a secret satanic conspiracy to conquer the world and impose a new world order of the antichrist on all of the Christian nations. So the Jews began to be persecuted, for this was thought to be a Jewish plan, or so the people were told.

Pogroms, violent persecutions, began to arise all over Europe. Even in the nations that were deemed most enlightened, the tide began to turn, and the Jews were once again singled out, isolated and hated. Yet the Orthodox and liberals alike believed anti-Semitism could still be defeated by the power of reason and the inevitable evolution of man within the new age of enlightenment. Amidst the persecution, the early seeds of Jewish nationalism began to arise, which called itself Zionism. There were many different forms and numerous sects.

In the East, Zionism was focused on a mystic renewal of the individual on a spiritual level, while in the West there were two primary camps. One focused on the diplomatic and pragmatic solutions with the goal of an actual re-creation of the state of Israel, while the other focused on re-creating the culture, but all of these movements shared the same goal of restoring the Zionist history of the people.

Yet the religious leaders protested, and they actually opposed the movement because they thought it threatened their position in society. They wanted to be perceived as “good patriotic Germans” and they did not want to support any idea of returning to the land of Israel, lest they be seen as traitors among their countrymen. They did not want to lose the status they had earned in the world, much like the seeker friendly churches today, who have been accepted in the world and who refuse to embrace the true gospel of coming out and being separate, which inevitably requires rejection by the world.

The religious leaders at the time simply wanted to be part of the world, so they persecuted Ben Yehuda, as he began to restore the language of Hebrew to the Jewish people. The common man no longer spoke Hebrew, for it was lost as a language. The religious protested that restoring Hebrew would be blasphemy because they believed that if the common man learned to speak the sacred tongue, it would blaspheme the word of the Lord. So the religious had their part, they opposed the work of God at every turn. The religious also thought, any action to try to deliver Israel apart from waiting for divine intervention was actually rebellion and they called it “false messianism.” They would argue, “You are trying to bring about the coming of Messiah, and only God can do this.” So the most religious people were all just sitting back doing nothing, waiting for God, because their salvation was going to come from the hills. They derided anybody who took concrete, practical steps to actually deliver the people. Yet it was the people who were taking the concrete steps that God used in the deliverance of the nation, though the religious were utterly opposed to them at every turn.

Some of the earliest writings of Zionism were written by rabbis, who though very religious, still had eyes filled with faith. When I read some of the early works, I could hear the sound of the Holy Spirit speaking through their words. I will share a few of them with you. One of my favorites is a rabbi by the name of

Yehuda Alkalai. He published several books in the early 1800's; his first was called *Shema Israel*, which means Hear, Oh Israel!

In his book, Alkalai first called the people back to the Lord in true repentance, and only then, back to the land. He first proposed the creation of Jewish colonies in the land of Israel. His teachings were based upon the prophecies in the Bible, that the days of the Messiah were to be ushered in, first by the forerunner of the true miraculous redeemer. The Jews believed that before the true Messiah, who they call "*the son of David*" would appear; first must come his forerunner, "*the son of Joseph*." They believed he would lead the Jews to victory in the Gog and Magog wars of Ezekiel 38. He would also bring restoration to not only the land of Israel, but to the people as well. Once restored, only then would the true Messiah appear. This teaching is understood in our day as the prophesied coming of Elijah, as revealed by the prophet Malachi. It is this coming one, whom the Jews call, "*the son of Joseph*."

Alkalai writes in his book, *The Third Redemption*, "In the first conquest under Joshua the Almighty brought the children of Israel into a land that was prepared. Its houses were full of useful things, its wells giving water, and its fields and vineyards yielding fruit in abundance. This new redemption will, alas, be altogether different because of our sins. Our land is wasted and desolate now and we shall have to build houses and dig wells and plant our own vineyards and fields. We are therefore commanded not to go all at once and altogether. The Lord desires that we be redeemed in dignity. We cannot therefore go in a mass migration, for if we do, we should live as Bedouins, scattered in tents. Redemption must begin slowly and the land restored by degrees and prepared. There are two kinds of return, individual and collective. Individual return means that each man, each one of us, should turn from our own evil ways and repent according to the teachings of our holy faith, and return to obedience to the Lord. Collective return means all of Israel should one day return to the land to receive the divine commandments and accept the yoke of heaven. This collective return was foretold by our prophets, and even though we are unworthy, heaven will help us for the sake of our holy ancestors." [\[33\]](#) You could add to Alkali's writings the comment, and for the sake of the Word of the Lord, wherein he promised our ancestors, he would do this thing.

Alkalai continues, "I wish to attest to the pain in my soul of the error of our

people who allowed the Hebrew language to be forgotten, and because of this, our people are divided into seventy people with seventy different languages in the land of their exile. If the Almighty should indeed show us his miraculous favor, and gather us again into our own land, we would not be able to speak to each other, though it is almost impossible to imagine a revival of the Hebrew language, we must have faith that this too will come.” To Alkalai, it seemed impossible to believe that Hebrew would one day be restored as the language of Israel but, if we have the faith, this too will come, for the prophet Joel prophesied of such. He said ‘Our sons and daughters will prophesy in the era of redemption’ and that must be in only one language, therefore they must be speaking Hebrew. The redemption will begin with the efforts of the Jews themselves.”

The condition of the modern church is similar in this hour. We too speak many different languages, and because almost no one can speak or read the sacred language, Hebrew, thus the true meaning of the words of the prophets has been lost to us. The Bible tells us that the prophecies were sealed up, until the end of time. One of the ways they were sealed is that they were translated, and are now only widely read, in the language of confusion, which is the language of modern day Babylon, English.

The teachings of Alkalai ran contrary to the religious model of his time, where the Orthodox would do nothing but sit back and wait for God. The ultra-religious were waiting for God to do everything, and the thought that the Jews had to do anything was considered unbelief.

Within much of the church today, we find the same twisted satanic thinking and I hear it all the time. I try to warn people to prepare for what is coming and they say to me, “I am just trusting in the Lord, brother.” This is the Gentile version of this same religious deception, where the people are actually saying, “I don’t need to do anything.” That was out right foolishness in the camp of Israel and it is still foolishness in our camp today. “The blessings of the Lord make us rich” but not if you do not work diligently. The Jews could not speak to each other because of their various languages, and because Hebrew had been lost to the nation. So today, the various sects of Christianity cannot speak the truth to each other either, because almost no one knows Hebrew, thus almost no one has understood the proper meaning of the prophecies, as written in the original manuscripts.

We too are also confronted with false faith, which is nothing more than the worst form of fatalism, in which people purport to trust God and then do nothing. We have to lay our hands on the sick in order for them to recover. We have to cast out the devils with the word of faith in order for deliverance to come. We must stand in the gap and pray in order for the kingdom of God to advance, and we must learn to overcome, or we will be overcome by what is coming.

In our day, the hyper charismatic churches have all been sold a false version of the faith, and these lies have contaminated much of the church. I hear this everywhere I go. These errors are systemic among us, for they are embedded in the paradigms through which we learned to view the world, and who we are as a people. They have contaminated how we perceive the faith and our responsibility before the Lord, and our ability in the Lord. Everybody is waiting for God, just like the religious Jews 200 years ago; they were deriding anyone who was actually taking the land. Yet we know in the Scripture, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent shall take it by force. It does not say the violent shall take it by claiming it. No, it must be taken by force. It does not say the kingdom will be taken by those who just simply sit back and wait on the Lord. No, the kingdom shall be taken by those who have the wherewithal to take it. Yes, we come in the power of God, and it does not come through our strength in the flesh, but it does require our energy and action or it will never happen. If we do not labor, we will never reap the harvest. If we labor a little, we will reap a little. We have been sold a bill of goods, where we sit back and we just claim it; people will say, “I just believe God” but then they do nothing else.

THE SON OF JOSEPH

If all we have is our faith, but we do nothing with it, we are but fools, for faith without works is dead. This is what was going on in the religious circles in the time of the return to Zion. Alkalai wrote, “We must organize ourselves and appoint elders, men of piety and wisdom, for from among the elders, one shall come, and he shall be revealed as the forerunner of the Messiah, the son of Joseph. He will appear in the last days, so that the people will no longer be sheep without a shepherd. Though our efforts may appear small at first, their future will be very great.” [\[34\]](#)

Alkalai referred to the coming forerunner of the Lord as the “*son of Joseph*”

based upon the prophecy in Jeremiah 30:21: *“Their nobles shall be of themselves, and their Governor shall proceed from the midst of them.”*

Even as Joseph was promoted as governor over all of Egypt, there is another governor coming, in our generation, and he will fulfill the prophecy of the coming of Elijah, written in the book of Malachi. He is one of the two witnesses who are prophesied to come. God is restoring his kingdom, delivering his people, and he is bringing new shepherds, along with his army. God is bringing a new government to power. He is not leaving us orphaned; rather he is restoring his entire kingdom in the very midst of the judgment of the entire earth. God is going to restore all things for his remnant. One of the things the Lord is going to do; he is going to appoint us a new governor.

For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. Jeremiah 30:3-7

This prophecy in Jeremiah 30 deals with the time of Jacob's trouble, which are the last days, and the time of the Great Tribulation. I have spoken to believers, and I have heard a voice of trembling, filled with fear; if you listen, you can hear the fear in the voice of the people today. If we are not walking in the spirit, and if we are not in right standing with the Lord, there is very good reason to be afraid now, but fear is not the solution. You only need to repent and return to the Lord, so that you can come under the covenant of his protection and then he commands you *“Do not fear.”* The word for *trembling* [\[35\]](#) in this verse is *chařađah*, and it means exceedingly great fear. The word for *fear* [\[36\]](#) is *pachad* and it means a sudden alarm of great fear or terror.

This is not a small amount of fear that is coming; a tremendous fear is coming. The Scripture asks the question, *“Have you ever seen a man travail with child?”*

There has never been a time such as this time, not since the beginning of time. The coming hour will be a time filled with such terror and fear, such that has never even come upon the earth, until this time. Nothing even close to this has ever happened before.

Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. Jeremiah 30:10

The time of Jacob's trouble is the Great Tribulation and Jeremiah 30 is a prophetic picture of a people who will become terrified from what is coming upon the earth. Nothing in history compares to what is about to happen in the earth, but this is also true of our deliverance. If we would just return to the Lord, we are going to be fine, but if we keep walking in our own ways, then we have every reason to be terrified. But the Lord says, "*Fear not, my servant Jacob, for Jacob shall return. My people are coming home and they shall be at rest. They shall be quiet and none shall make them afraid.*"

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD. Jeremiah 30:21

Jeremiah reveals the Lord is sending a governor in the time of Jacob's trouble; one who has engaged his heart to approach the Lord. The word *engaged* literally means to braid together, to trade and to mingle together. Who is this one, who traded their heart with the Lord? God causes this man to approach unto him and appoints him as a governor over the remnant. This chosen one was prepared by God himself, and until now he has been hidden away like King David, hiding in the caves of Abdullah. The messengers whom the Lord has prepared for this hour have been purged like Joseph, waiting in prison until the day of their showing unto Israel. Joseph was lifted up by God as governor over all the land of Egypt in the days of the patriarchs.

The men whom God has prepared for this hour are very much like Joseph; whose life was filled with suffering and sorrow until the appointed time of his rising before the people. Joseph first had to be purged with fire, before the Lord would use him. This is true of the remnant, and if you are counted among the

remnant, then you have already been in the fire. If you have not seen the fire, you are probably reading Joel O's latest book or following one of the many doctrines of devils in this hour. If you understand the difference between the truth and the lie, then the Lord has already cleansed your heart through seasons of fire, even as Joseph was purged before the Lord would use him. Rejection and repudiation, hatred and jealousy, false accusation and abandonment were all used by the Lord to purify Joseph for the hour of his ministry to the people.

The remnant, which the Lord is now calling out from among the mixed multitude, have all walked this same path. This must be so, for whenever God chooses to use a man, he must first empty him out. The fires endured by the remnant have been intense. The Lord has prepared us for this time, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, and out of these flames, the Lord has forged a people for himself who have a faith made of steel. In their mouth, the Lord has placed his truth, so they will no longer bow the knee, at the altars of Ba'al.

Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me? Jeremiah 50:44

"*The habitation of the strong*" referenced in this Scripture is the United States of America. The antichrist will come up as a lion against *the habitation of the strong*, the land of the free, and the home of the brave. But God will make the enemy suddenly run away from America, and who is the chosen one that God may appoint over America?

"*Who is like me? And who is the shepherd that will stand before me?*" This text speaks of the governor who is prophesied to come; there is going to be a new sheriff in town soon, and he comes to represent the Lord. The word for *shepherd* [37] means one who tends the flock as a companion, with the heart of the Lord. I am looking forward to meeting the new leadership that the Lord will lift up in this hour, and they are being sent to minister to you and to me. We have been without a shepherd for far too long. One of the reasons the church is in the terrible state that it is in today, is because many of the shepherds have forsaken the flock while serving only themselves.

There is always a faithful remnant, but in many places the shepherds feed only themselves, while devouring the sheep, sacrificing them on the altar of their ego, and so they muddy all of the water. Therefore, the Lord will be sending new shepherds who have his heart and they are going to go gather the sheep. We need some good shepherds. There are only a handful of them out there today, as a handful of corn on top of the mountains, and many people are without a shepherd this hour.

The governor that is coming is no less than the one who comes in the office of Elijah, with the full authority of the Lord. The word *shepherd* also means as an associate, or one who works with the Lord, in the offices of the government of God. He is an employee, who works under the authority of Jesus Christ; he is also endorsed by the Lord, for God calls him, “*my associate.*” He keeps company with the Lord, and he comes as the personal representative of the King of Kings, in the full power of the anointing from on high, and under total submission to the perfect will of God, with his heart braided together with the Lord. He will first teach the Scriptures of Truth to the remnant, and then he will lead the remnant forth through the wilderness by the power which God has placed in his hands. God is sending this shepherd, and he will come as a governor in the house of the Lord, and as a guide for his remnant on the long road home to Zion.

In the minds of the people who were living in the exile, any thought of a literal return to Zion, was viewed as only a dream. They could not even imagine that such a thing could happen. Nor did they think it was possible that Hebrew would one day be restored as the language of Israel either. They were taught by their leaders that there was no such thing as the nation of Israel nor would there ever be again. The thought of actually returning to the land was so utterly foreign to them; they could not even imagine such a thing could be true. No one among them believed that all of the people would one day be re-gathered back to the land, but that is exactly what the prophets declare.

So too today, among the Gentiles who have been grafted in, almost no one believes the remnant will be returning to Zion during the Great Tribulation. They do not even think it is possible. Even as the Jews were filled with unbelief a hundred years ago, they did not even consider the return to Zion could be real, but this is exactly what the Scriptures reveal.

Theodore Herzl founded the World Zionist Congress and is recognized as the father of the modern state of Israel. He labored alone for years, and he endured much persecution. As he began his work towards the return of the Jews to the land of Israel, all of the religious leaders opposed him, they derided him, and they tore him to pieces. The various religious sects of the Jews could not agree on anything other than their hatred of Herzl, and thus, they utterly opposed him at every turn. Of the religious leaders, Herzl commented, "I have no problem with the rabbis as long as they stay in the synagogue." I think you could say the same thing today about a lot of the religious among us. I would have no problem with them, if they would just stay in their churches.

At the same time that the Zionists began to call for an actual return of the Jews to the land, something else was happening in Christendom. In Europe, a new awakening of eschatology and Bible prophecy was beginning to occur. Men began writing books on Bible prophecy and the people began to realize that they were living in the last days, and the return of the Lord was at hand. As the people began to study the prophecies carefully, the Christians realized the Jews must return to Zion. So suddenly the Christian church came alongside the Zionist movement; numerous Christian organizations and churches suddenly wanted to help, because they saw this as a necessary step, a precursor to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jews must go back to Zion, before the Lord can return.

This was the world of 1880. The religious opposing the return to the land, while the average man on the street never dreamed they would actually return to Zion, and the Christian church coming alongside the world Zionist organizations, realizing this is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and so they wanted to help. Then suddenly, everything changed for the Jews and for the world Zionist movement. The fires began in the south of Russia, and great persecution swept across the land; entire neighborhoods of Jews were slaughtered, and the government did nothing. The local municipalities offered no relief and no help at all to the survivors. People were savagely beaten, and not all of them died. Many of the seriously wounded survived, while the Czarist state stood silent. These pogroms became known as "the fires in the South" and they set the Jewish world ablaze.

At the same time, the very first organized movement back to the land occurred and it was called the first Aliyah. *Aliyah* is the term used to describe the return of

the Jews to the land, but it actually means to return to the Lord. *Ali* means return and *Yah* means Yahweh. In returning to the Lord, we are returning to the Holy Land, but first and foremost, we are returning to the one God who owns the land. In 1880, the first Aliyah began and it lasted 25 years, but it was only a modest success, for only 30,000 people returned. The early years of the new Zionist Congress generated great enthusiasm among the people, but that enthusiasm began to be lost as the new immigrants settled in to the harsh conditions and difficult challenges of actually returning to the land.

Over the years of the first Aliyah, the experiences of the people could best be described as brutal. The optimistic hopes of a promised return to Zion quickly faded as the harsh reality of life in the new land set in. Israeli historians records the early members of the first Aliyah as the pioneers who opened the land, but the true record in the diaries of these people reveals a different story of incredible adversity. “They were challenged on every front, facing adjustment to a different climate, widespread illnesses and disease. They were totally unfamiliar with everything about this new region of the world. They faced an alien environment, with a lack of knowledge of any appropriate agricultural methods, opposition from local governmental authorities, untrustworthiness of various government agencies, for corruption within the region was rampant, only surpassed by the opposition from the Arabs themselves.”^[38]

This was the lot of the early settlers when they arrived. Thus many failed and returned to Europe. Internal challenges were no less difficult. Existing settlers viewed each year’s newcomers with suspicion, and the new arrivals created economic hardship and housing shortages. The final years of the first Aliyah were not expressions of strength but weakness, and a complete rejection of the promising idealism of the early Zionist movement. What they thought would be a great victory, appeared to be a defeat, yet they had opened the door.

The Great Tribulation will look very similar to all of us. We are ultimately going to prevail, but it is going to be difficult. The truth is, we are going to have to fight this fight. The charismatic churches have been taught “to fake it until you make it, name it and claim it, and just believe it”, but nowhere in the Scripture does it say the kingdom of heaven is taken by those who merely claim it or simply name it.

This pretentious system of false faith, which is really a fantasy belief system, is

going to be eradicated in what is coming. It will be exterminated, and I mean literally. It sickens me that you cannot wake the people out of it. The kingdom of heaven is suffering violence; there is a violent war going on and the violent shall take the kingdom by force. You should pray that the Lord would increase your knowledge in these matters and train your fingers to fight, so that you may pray with the power of the Almighty to pull down the strong holds of the enemy. Pray that God would grant you wisdom into the power of your words, so that your prayers might stand and that we could stand as one people, as we fight and win this war. Each of us must fulfill our part in the coming hour, for this is the hour of the Lion of Judah and the Day of Deliverance for the people of God, but it is not going to be won without a fight. The Jews faced the same challenges when entering the land of Israel; any vision of a quick victory was soon lost, for it was a long battle to take back the land. What launched the movement of the people was the despair over the continuing persecution, for once the persecution was unleashed, the people began to realize they were never going to assimilate into the world, they will never accept us here, so the only assimilation that can really occur is in our own land.

The first Aliyah was described in the writings of the Jewish historian, Shmuel Amog, “In the 20th century, a new Hebrew identity arose in the land of Palestine. The transformation began on a personal level, in each soul gathered back to the land; each faced difficult adaptation to an unfamiliar environment, and very real hardships with an altogether new lifestyle. Nothing the new immigrant encountered bore any resemblance to what they had left behind. They changed languages, occupations, cultures, and climates and for many of them, even their names. So radical was the change that it gave birth to an entirely new identity, for in Palestine, a person was reborn, a feeling expressed by many of the early immigrants. Reality’s strangeness was countered by a spiritual awakening that seemed to occur in the land, and it tempered and softened the torturous difficulty of settling in to the foreign land. The ancient land of Eretz Israel was being born again in the hearts of these new immigrants, it shined brighter than the daily shadows which were being cast over their lives by the harsh realities of struggling to build a new life in the land, and it began the process of transforming the people once again into ancient Hebrews.”^[39]

The tribulation which lies directly ahead is going to transform us as well, and we too shall be born again totally. Those of us who are among the remnant, have been chosen to walk out this prophetic revelation, and in our lives, the prophetic

word of God will come to pass. We shall stand among the remnant that will be gathered together into the mountains of Edom and Moab which is the munition of rocks where the woman shall flee, to be protected from the face of the dragon and out of the reach of the beast. We too shall also be transformed in our wilderness journey on the long road home.

This place where the remnant shall wait is the same place where the Israelites waited to enter the land when they first came out of Egypt over 3500 years ago. Before they entered the land, they camped in the valley below these mountains. This is the same place where the Lord has appointed the remnant to camp and there we shall also wait to enter the Promised Land in the Kingdom to come. We too shall be transformed through this process into the people that God has destined us to be, the same people that the nation of Israel was, in their earliest years, Holy unto the Lord. Most believers will be very surprised when they learn that we shall all become Hebrews in the kingdom that is coming. The Gentiles were grafted in, and the life of the root into which you have been grafted, it is going to utterly transform you. You are going to take on the nature of the tree in which you were grafted, and nothing about you is going to stay the same. The root of this tree is Jesus, Yeshua, who is the King of Israel and all of us have a part in his kingdom. Hallelujah!

The journey of the Jews following the end of World War II, as they made their long way home, back to the land of Israel, is a picture of the journey that awaits the Gentiles during the Great Tribulation. The following summary was based on a video produced by the Simon Weisenthal Institute in Los Angeles California, entitled *The Long Way Home*. [\[40\]](#)

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. Exodus 13: 17-18

God does not lead everybody directly back to the land, because some of the people, when they see the war, they run back to the world. Some of us have already seen this war and we have been on the frontlines for years, while others have not even seen the real war yet. Some people, when they see the war,

become afraid, repent and want nothing to do with it. Others find the courage to trust the Lord, and they are willing to stand and fight on the frontlines, where you do feel the bullets.

Out of the ashes of the Holocaust, the modern nation of Israel was born. One of the survivors of the Shoah exclaimed, “If we were not an eternal people before, we are now.” The survivors are called *Sh'erit ha-Pletah*, the surviving remnant.

After World War II, millions of refugees wandered around postwar Europe; the nations of Europe were devastated by the war and the conditions in Europe at that time, paint a picture of what the United States will look like after the conclusion of World War III. If you have ever wondered, what will it be like here in America after the end of all these things, postwar Europe in 1945 is a picture of what lays ahead.

We are facing a serious and somber time, but there is a reason for faith and a reason to hope. Europe was devastated. Germany had been bombed into oblivion and most of the continent was destroyed. Millions of refugees were trying to find their way home, only the Jews had nowhere to return to, no waiting families, and no homes to go back to. Rabbi Israel Lau was one of the survivors. He was eight years old when the war ended. Shortly before the allies liberated his camp, his older brother, who was held in another part of the camp, came to the fence to speak to him. “We don’t have the parents anymore”, he said, “and the only one you have left is me and now they come to take me away. We will never meet again. I don’t believe this hell will ever end and I cannot see any light at the end of this tunnel. You are old enough to understand me Lau. You are eight years old. What I am telling you, I need you to know and to understand. If by some miracle you survive this hell, there is a place in the world called Eretz Israel, repeat this name and don’t forget it. It is the land of Israel, this is our old homeland. This is where they don’t kill the Jews. If you survive, tell anyone you meet that they must take you to this particular place called Eretz Israel.”^[41] Lau became chief Rabbi of the state of Israel. His only surviving family member told him remember this name, Eretz Israel, because this is the only place where you can go.

The war had left Europe in ruins. In Germany, eleven million refugees wandered through a nightmarish land of famine, disease and desperation; among them were 100,000 Jews who had survived the death camps. As soon as they were

strong enough to travel, the refugees began to make their way back home to search for family, with their worldly possessions in a bag on their back. They walked, and they pushed carts, only the Jews had nowhere to go. "All of those days we had struggled to survive, hour after hour, day after day. There had been no time to grasp the enormity of our tragedy. Now everything became clear, no longer was there any family waiting for most of us. There were no homes to go back to. For us, victory had come too late, much too late."

Homeless and unwanted, most of the Jews wandered to the American held parts of Germany and Austria. Refugee centers were set up wherever, and many were housed in the same concentration camps used by the Nazis for there simply was no room for all the people. "So many people needed a helping hand, only no one cared. No one helped. Many committed suicide. Others asked, 'Why am I alive. I don't know. Maybe it is a punishment. We were weak and we were starving and we were in a state of depression, and apathy. We simply sat or lay down and stared at the empty space. I am so angry at the world. The world stood still while we burned. And I've so much pain, so much pain, how do I get rid of it?'"

Lists of survivors were published in six volumes and sent to Jewish organizations all over the world so people could identify family and friends who had survived. The first Jews to reach Palestine were the children, whom the allies had ordered to be removed from Europe and to be sent to Palestine without delay. Within 30 days of the war ending, they began to arrive in the land of Israel and Lau was among them. They boarded the trains again, only this time they were headed to the sea. US officials began to investigate the conditions within the refugee centers, and they commented, "as matters now stand, we appear to be treating the Jews the same as the Nazis only we don't murder them. They are still in concentration camps, only now under our military and not the SS. One has to wonder if the German people seeing this thing we are following the Nazi policies with regard to the Jews or at least condoning it." When Gen. Eisenhower learned of this, he was furious and he ordered an immediate and radical improvement in the treatment of the Jews and a permanent suspension of all military discipline for Jewish survivors.

Following the end of the war in October of 1945, on the Day of Atonement, five thousand Jews from various camps gathered for their first Yom Kippur in freedom. They gathered for a solemn assembly, as commanded by the Lord. They came to pray and they came to repent. One observer said, "The intensity of

the prayers in that service was something I shall never forget; mothers wailing and crying for their children that were gone, and who had been murdered by the Nazis. Young and old alike, each were mourning the loss of a child or parent, a brother or sister, everyone wailing and weeping, for everyone had lost someone. It was as if only mourners had been invited to attend that Yom Kippur service.”

The Day of Atonement is the day of solemn assembly and when the Lord calls for a solemn assembly, if the people refuse to respond, the Lord will bring the solemn assembly to the people. And when the Lord calls for fasting and prayer, if the people refuse to respond with fasting and prayer, the Lord will bring a time of fasting upon the people which the world calls famine.

Israel was brought to a solemn assembly and the church in the West must also go through a solemn assembly. I counsel every one of you, I even beg and plead with you; begin fasting and praying and asking God to open the door for you to attend a solemn assembly. We must cooperate and do the things the Lord commands us to do, or we will force the Lord to do those things in us through his power. But they are going to get done, and we will *all* attend a solemn assembly. We will all learn to fast and pray, it is our choice as to when, and under what circumstances.

As the year 1945 ended, the largest illegal mass migration of displaced people in the history of the modern world began. The remnant traveled by night, they were silent as they took to the rafts to board the ships. Passing through checkpoints, they bribed guards, a carton of cigarettes to save a Jew; three hundred cartons for a truck to pass through. The remnant had decided to become part of the battle because no one was going to do anything to help them. They had to battle their own way out.

That is exactly where we are all headed, brothers and sisters. This fantasy type of faith, where there is no deliverance and no healing, this is not going to cut it. We have to go back and re-sharpen our swords. We have to go back and re-study the word and we have to take seriously the things of the kingdom of God because this is real. This is not something you are going to watch on your high definition TV. What is coming is not going to be in some other city or some distant country. This is not coming to somebody else's house either. This is coming for all of us and we have got to get ready. In the solemn assemblies, and in times of fasting and prayer, we shall all be made ready, for these are the prerequisites for

being made ready.

You can take your gold and silver and throw it in the street if you are not ready spiritually. You might as well, or better yet, give it to the poor. Give it to the orphans of Answer the Call International^[42] where we need \$250,000 to build a decent orphanage for the children coming off of the streets the Third World, who were all living in a garbage dump. They prayed and Jesus intervened and he pulled them out of the garbage. Now they are telling everyone, “Our God saved us.” The Hindus, who surround them, marvel at their testimony, for their gods never do anything for them.

We all must become part of this battle. If you do not join this battle in the spirit, then I do not know what to say to you. This battle is coming to you, and in that day, if you do not prepare now, you will not be capable of handling it. We must settle this in our hearts, and we have to settle this in our minds.

In the camps, the allies interviewed the remnant of the Jews who survived and asked them, “Where would they like to be resettled? Do you want to go back to your cities and towns in Germany and in Europe?” 97% answered, “Israel.” Fifty years earlier, 97% of them believed any such idea was only a dream. But the Lord said, “I am going to take them back to their own land.”

They thought it was merely a dream, but the Lord arranged the circumstances where now, that is all they wanted to do. The Scripture is very clear; the remnant of America will all go there too. Now most of you probably think that is just a dream, but the circumstances that are coming are going to change everything, and they will be so radical, that all of you will be one day crying out, “Show me the way to Zion.”

In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion. Jeremiah 50:4

I am merely informing you, so you will not be surprised in that day, because the day is coming soon when we will all be leaving. See to it, you do not get upset, just get busy with the things of God and do not be filled with fear; be filled with faith and obedience. Do the fasting and prayer and ask God to open the door for solemn assemblies. Do the things the Lord has asked of us, and maybe you will

not be found in the solemn assembly where five thousand were weeping for all that they had lost. Obey the Lord, and when he says, "Do not fear", and then don't fear, and when he says, "Fast and pray", then you answer, "How long?" You don't choose how long you fast, you pray for the leading of God, asking the Lord, "When do I start and when do I stop?"

This is the most serious time in the history of our nation and I believe we have only a few months left, before the persecution begins. We shall soon find out, but I do not believe we have even a few years left. So what are we going to do? We all need to be praying more than we have been. To those of you who have been praying for me, God bless you and thank you. We all need to be standing in faith now and we need to be standing in the gap for each other and praying for each other. We have to change the atmosphere and we have to change what is happening in the land. I do not know if you have noticed this or not, but at this point, we are losing this war. For the most part, we have been losing more than we have been winning in this battle. If we have been running and hiding in the day of the footman, how are we going to stand in the day of the Horsemen which is coming?

They asked the remnant who survived the camps where do you want to resettle and 97% said, the land of Israel. When asked for their second choice, the majority answered, "The crematorium." Before the war, most of Europe's Jews could not imagine moving to Israel. After the war, they could not imagine doing anything else. All thoughts of assimilation were gone, they had to make it to Israel or die trying, for there was no other hope. For some of them, the long road home led them over 12,000 foot mountain passes, in the dead of winter and in the middle of the night. Men, women and children, marching through the darkness, through the snow and throughout the whole night. Hungry, exhausted, their feet and toes frozen, they moved on, one step after another. These people had become a new type of person, tempered by the incredible suffering, which they had endured.

If there is one thing that distinguishes the remnant, from the other sleeping virgins, they all have a story of suffering. We have all seen years of tears and we have all been in the fire. I thank God for it. The Lord brought us through this fire for a reason, because the blindness of the human heart is so deceitfully wicked and our blindness to our own sin is so deep and powerful, that only the fire could open our eyes. Only the fire can bring us to the point where out of desperation,

we choose total honesty.

As long as that game of hiding your sin still works, most of us were content to keep playing. But when we were left with no other option, other than repent or die, God literally cornered us in the wilderness, and there, he brought us under the rod of the covenant, to the place of repentance, where we become a new type of person, part of the surviving remnant.

“From that point forward, no matter how closely the borders were watched, the remnant began to move from one country to another, and on towards the sea and then to the land of Israel. They had resolved that nothing would stop them. They left the shores in small rafts in total silence under the cover of darkness. They boarded old leaking vessels to take them to the land. If discovered, many of them vowed to resist to the death. These were tattooed people; they all had numbers tattooed on their arms and these were people with refugee eyes. ‘My life is ruined’ exclaimed one of them, ‘but I’m going to go on living for my children. I finally realized this whole journey is about saving the children and not about us.’”

That is true for us as well. What God wants to do in this hour, and through our lives, is save the children, the small children, the tiny little boys and girls, who are the innocent ones among us. The Lord is looking at what is coming and he knows what is going to happen, and he sees these little innocent children, and Jesus wants to intervene. He wants to save the children.

I don’t think it matters so much what happens to us, the adults. We are all going to heaven, so it is okay if we die; a lot of people are going to die. I am going to die, and I am okay with that, but that is not the issue. This may not sit well with some of the theology of this American era, but I think some of us deserve what is coming. There are places in Scripture where God says, “I am not going to forgive you this sin until the day you die.”

*And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die. And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
Isaiah 22:12-14*

In some ways, we deserve what is coming, before we are forgiven and then taken into eternity; but not the little children. They do not deserve this. What I am trying to say is this, it does not really matter what happens to us, and if we are trying to save our life, we have already lost it. If you try to save your life, Jesus said you will lose it. So you can forget about that. We are all dead men walking now.

If any of us make it through this time, and we actually get to see the sign of the Son of Man appear in the heavens, and we get raptured at the sound of the last trumpet, praise God for his mercy. Look me up in the kingdom; I want to hear all about it. Between now and then, I will tell you what is most important to me, saving the little children. Think about it for a minute. We are the elders, the mature ones, and we were mostly the knuckle heads too. I know in truth, you were not that different than me. Seriously, I am amazed we are even going to heaven. If we have been called to be martyrs, we are not worthy to die for his name. Then think about the little two and three-year-old girls and boys. Should they be martyrs too? I think not, and I say, “No way”, and if I can do anything about it, then I will.

“One survivor remembered, ‘I witnessed a group of young girls in the camp, their feet were frozen with frostbite, and they were struggling to walk. They stumbled onto the trucks, which were there to take them to the gas chambers. As they drove off, they all began to sing Hatikva, the song of hope in Hebrew which is the national anthem of the state of Israel.

Theodore Herzl wrote the following: “No nation on earth has survived such struggles and hardships as we have gone through. Night after night, I write prophecies that never materialize; confessions of faith that are never acted upon, and declarations that lead to nowhere.” He struggled for years making almost no headway until towards the end of his life. He went on to say, “All of Europe is on a rampage against us and we are facing an apocalypse. We need to leave but where? Our first task is to improve the people right here and right now. The people must be made stronger, eager to work for the cause, and they must become more virtuous and more holy.” Isn’t that true of us as well; we have to improve here and now. We must become stronger in the spirit. We must work harder. We must be eager to work for the cause of our King and we must become more righteous. We have to clean up now, big time.

At one point, Herzl became depressed, and his mother wrote a poem for him: “Weaknesses are easily forgiven the crowd, but to you, their leader, they are simply not allowed.” Herzl wrote, “No one can deny the gravity of our situation. Everywhere the graffiti on the walls declares ‘Juden oust! Jews get out or die!’”

People laughed at Herzl in 1885, when he published his famous work, *Judenstat*, the Jewish state. He wrote, “In order to be proved right in 30 years, you must be willing to be laughed at in the day of your vision.” The Orthodox called him a heretic saying, “He is trying to hasten the coming of Messiah.” The reform rabbis were equally offended, “He is challenging our patriotism and we are loyal Germans. Why would we ever want to leave Germany?” No, they did not want to leave Germany any more than we want to leave America Babylon.

At the first Zionist Congress in Basil, Switzerland, he stood on stage to open the Congress, but he could not speak, for the people stood and shouted and applauded and they would not stop. Finally, after a seemingly endless amount of time, he exclaimed, “We have come home as it were; Zionism at its very first, is a return to the Lord, even before our return to the land. In the Scriptures we read, ‘by the rivers of Babylon we wept as we remembered the songs of Zion’ and by the rivers of Basil, we resolved to weep no more. We are bound to the sacred soil, we remember Zion in our hearts, for this is the land of our fathers, and it cries out for its people.” Later he would write, “The wind blows through the stubble, and I must now my pace double.”

The wealthy Jews all turned away from him, and only the poor supported the cause. Herzl was driven by the conviction that the Jews had no time left. If they did not move now, soon the very ground would burn beneath their feet. He became the father of the modern State of Israel. We are in precisely the same place.

No one who is awake can deny the gravity of our situation. Only the sleeping virgins cannot see the apocalypse that is awaiting the church in America. Our first task is to improve as people, here and now. We must become stronger in the spirit and in terms of our health, for this is our time. Generations past would have traded places with us, but this time was given to us. This is our time, and the Day of the Lord is our day, and it is about to begin.

This year marks the 70th year anniversary of the end of the Holocaust when the ovens grew cold in Auschwitz, Treblinka, and hundreds of other death camps,

mechanized institutions of mass extermination and genocidal slaughter. The ovens will no doubt heat again and this time we are the Jews. The Lord is once again warning his people and we have to answer the call of heaven. It does not matter if we save ourselves. I do not want to be a martyr any more than you do. We would all love to make it to the mountains of Edom, to see the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens, but what is most important, is that we save the children.

What are we going to do if we find ourselves gathered together on top of the mountains and we have left all of these little children behind for the beast? They do not even know what is happening. No, that cannot be. We cannot allow that to happen; we must stop that from occurring. If this comes at the cost of our lives, so be it, for we do not stay dead long. There is no greater love than to die for your friends. The Lord died for us, and it was good enough for him, so it should be good enough for us. He died saving his people. Some of us are going to die saving his children and we have to step up to this challenge. As Herzl said, "We must double our efforts now!"

How do we become part of the Remnant?

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:17

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Romans 11:5

If God were to number all of our sins, who would stand? If the Lord were to count all of the sins of his people, there would be no remnant. Who would then glorify his name? Who would testify of his glory and bare witness of the mighty deliverance which God is about to bring? God has said, “*Vengeance is mine, I will repay!*” That time has now come, when God will repay, but there must be some who enter into the inner sanctuary and into his secret hiding place, who will be hidden and protected when God comes forth, from out of his place, to punish the earth.

God is about to visit this earth, and almost no one is ready. The ones who think they are ready are probably the least ready. So God desires to bring forth instruction on what we must now do in this little time which remains; therefore, may the Lord give unto us ears which can hear and hearts which may understand. May the Lord bring his conviction upon all who read the words of this book, so that if there is anything unclean within our lives, God would search our hearts and bring his conviction upon us, that we would turn to the truth, that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things which are about to come and that we may be saved from the wrath which is about to be revealed.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy

to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36

It is my prayer that the Lord would quicken intercessors all over the world, and pour out his Holy Spirit and send forth his angelic armies to bring forth a word of truth, living manna and living water, which comes from heaven, unto his people. We must decrease in order to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil. In order to be born again, we must put off the old nature and we must lay down our old lives. The Lord uses the foolish things of this world to bring down those that are wise in their own eyes. We are the foolish ones, the little ones, and the broken ones, despised in the eyes of the world, and rejected by the church and the Lord has chosen us to receive this word of truth. To those who have ears to hear, they all rejoice at the hearing of the word of truth.

The Lord sent his word of truth, to bring salvation, deliverance and victory in the lives of his remnant, so that his name would be exalted, for he alone is high and lifted up. The Lord alone is the Holy One, and it is he who is mighty to save, and this is his great day which is about to begin.

The Lord is faithful; he is so faithful to his people. The Lord loves his people so much, and he is so faithful, that he never fails us, he never leaves us and he never forsakes us. But he definitely purges every son and daughter he receives. He chose us in a furnace of affliction, for he judges his own first, before he ever judges the world. Judgment begins in the household of God, and it is about to come in its fullness, for it has already begun, in part, and in measure.

We live in a most interesting time, for there has never been a time like this time before. Thank God there will never be again either. If we study the Scripture carefully, the word of God tells us everything we need to know about our time, because much of the Scriptures are devoted to the revelation of our time. Who are the remnant in this hour? Is it the Tea Party movement? Are the patriots or the violent ones among us, who were prophesied to come, the remnant?

For the most part, people presume themselves part of the remnant, after they experience the “*aha moment*”, when they realize, the book of Revelation is about to occur. We are the people who are living through the book of Revelation. We are no longer the church of the book of Acts; we are the church of the book of Revelation.

A growing number of people know Jesus is coming soon and they also know things are about to change dramatically between now and then. Many of them are thinking or talking about doing something in light of what is coming and most of them also presume that they are part of the remnant, which the Lord protects, and who survive and endure to the end.

A large number of these people are also debaters, for they love to argue. If you look at the Scripture, debating is really not a good thing, nor is it a work of the Holy Spirit.

Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Isaiah 58:4

The word for *debate* in this text is *matstsaḥ*^[43], which means to quarrel or strive, contend or debate. In the Book of Romans, Paul writes that the people did not retain the Lord in their understanding, and forgot the Lord as they walked through their day-to-day lives. So, God turned them over, and their minds became filled with unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness and covetousness; that is a good word to describe the prosperity gospel, *covetousness*.

Prosperity and gospel don't really go together because what the prosperity teachers are teaching is not good news; it is covetousness, which is a snare. The desire to be rich and the love of money is a great snare for many. But I am not talking about that, I am talking about the debate. The list includes maliciousness which means being vicious, when you have power to hurt somebody, you do it. These are mean-spirited people who are full of envy, ill will and jealous of their neighbors. Then to this list, Paul adds the word, debate, which is contentious wrangling; just wanting to argue, and in the end, we end up arguing with the King of the universe. God is not calling us to debate each other, and he is not called any of us to the ministry of slander. Yet, that is the ministry of many in this hour.

Take heed every one of his neighbor, and trust not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanders. Jeremiah 9:4

All of these attributes come from the nature of man and they come from a heart that is deceitfully wicked. None of these attributes however, describe the

remnant. The Lord is going to separate the true remnant, which he has chosen, from all the others who are still walking in the mind of the flesh, and not the spirit of God, although they may have awakened to the lateness of the hour. What does it take to be in the remnant? What are the qualifications? This is an important question, but is there a list?

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers Romans 1:28-29

The word for debate in the Greek is [eris](#)^[44] which means a quarrel or contention, to strive and debate. Do you need to be a good debater? Is that even necessary? Has the Lord even called us to debate? Then what exactly are the requirements of the remnant? What are the evidences or the distinguishing characteristics of these people? Most importantly, how do we get these things into our lives? It is going to be really obvious, very soon, who was actually part of the remnant, because everybody else is leaving shortly. They have a train to catch, and not surprisingly, most of them don't even know they are going on a train ride.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE REMNANT

The character of the remnant, and the preparation which the Lord requires, are all described in the Scriptures. The remnant have all gone through a very unique time of preparation. I am not talking about people that prepared by stockpiling food and water. Some of the people in the remnant, whom the Lord is going to deliver, have nothing in terms of provisions in this hour. All they have is a Savior who is "mighty to save." How much stuff did Lot have when he left Sodom? He was delivered without any provisions.

The Scripture tells us, your silver and your gold cannot deliver you in the hour of God's judgment. Salvation is not through the things of this world, for salvation is of the Lord only. If God calls you to prepare, then do it, but God can deliver you with or without the things of this world. With God, we do not need the things of this world. The only thing that matters in this hour is the spiritual condition of our hearts. So let's look at some of the character traits of the remnant.

Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift

up myself. Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you. And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire. Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off. Isaiah 33:10-15

The Lord has been sitting on his throne for the last 2000 years, which for him was two days, but now he stands up to judge the earth. The prophet asks, “Who can walk through this fire?” Who are the remnant? They will walk through the fire which is coming, for they walk righteously, not religiously.

This is not about religion, it is about righteousness. The Scripture says, “And speaks uprightly.” Not debating, not slandering, not mocking, not words of unbelief or death and doubt, not words of fear or words of anger, but words full of life which are righteous. And they despise the gain from oppression or deceit and they shake their hand from the holding of bribes. The remnant are people who will not take a bribe and they stop their ears from hearing of violence, and shut their eyes from seeing evil. One could argue, quite convincingly, that rules out people who watch television.

People that are watching today’s entertainment are not stopping their ears from hearing of unclean things nor are they shutting their eyes from seeing evil. That leaves us with a lot fewer channels to watch on television; perhaps we should only be watching Derek Prince DVDs. The remnant also stop their ears from hearing of blood. That word means violence or anger and that which causes death. They stop their ears from the argumentative mindset, and shut and close their eyes from seeing evil. The remnant do not have the eye gate or the ear gate open to all of the evil of this world. They walk righteously, and they speak uprightly. Their words are altogether righteous and true. They do not speak

words of unbelief, but rather words of faith. They despise deceit, lying and stealing. They will not engage in any corrupt business practices. These are the righteous remnant, and they shall dwell on high; their place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks.

Bread shall be given unto the remnant and their waters shall be sure. Their eyes shall see the King when he comes in all of his beauty and they shall behold a land that is very far off. We all want to be part of this remnant, but how do we get there? How do we get there from here? From a world where our eyes are still seeing all that is going on around us, and where we have not yet trained our tongues to only speak righteously. What can we do? What are the practical steps? It is high time that we begin, but what do the Scriptures tell us to do in this hour? The instructions for this hour are in the word of God and they are available for everybody. All we have to do is search them out.

If we want to respond correctly to the Lord and find his will for our lives, we need to look at the instructions found in Holy Scripture for this hour. A lot of people do not know what to do now, for the Scripture says, “Now is the time of their perplexity.”

For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. Isaiah 22:5

Micah 7 speaks of the Day of the Lord, the time of perplexity.

Woe is me! For I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first ripe fruit. The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asks, and the judge asks for a reward; and the great man, he utters his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. Micah 7:1-3

In verse one we read, “woe is me”, for a time of great woe is coming upon us all. “*For I am as when they have gathered the summer fruit*” and yet there is nothing to eat. Summer is important in the Scriptures. “*The end of summer*” is so important. Jeremiah said, “*The summer is ended, and we are not saved.*” Let us

hope that is not our personal memory verse for this coming summer. Let us hope we are not quoting this verse in Jeremiah to each other come fall. How will the people know they are not saved? All they will have to do is look around, for it will be easy for them to figure it out. In verse two we read, “the good man has perished out of the earth and there is none upright among men.” And the word *none* means they don’t exist any longer.

The word for *upright* [\[45\]](#) means walking in integrity as Noah, Daniel and Abraham walked. Men of this caliber are no longer on the planet. There is none upright among men. None who walk justly and walk in righteousness. No, rather they all lie in wait, with cunning and deception, to gain an advantage, looking for an angle. They hunt every man his brother with their words. They all are hunting each other, that they may do evil earnestly. They do not do evil in a slight way, no, they are earnest in their pursuit thereof and the princes and the judges all demand a reward. There is no justice in the courts, for you have to bribe people if you want justice today. And the great men are all driven by their mischievous desires. The leaders of this nation, they are nothing more than a group of criminals. You do not need a prophet to tell you that, but just in case you were wondering, it is in the prophetic word of the Lord, that the leaders among this people are all criminals now. “*So they wrap it up*”, and then so they will. They are about to wrap it up and that’s what we are going to talk about in this chapter. We are about to see it wrapped up, and you are either going to take a train ride to one of the camps or you going to see a land that is far off. The choice ultimately is yours. You can choose door number one, and wait for the trains that are coming, or choose door number two, and prepare to become part of the real remnant.

Let us look at verse four, “The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge.” The Scripture refers to the best, those who are the best among us, our A Team, the best of them is a briar. A stinging, prickly plant described as a thorn. If you get together today with Christians who think they are really something, you will find out what this verse is talking about, for it won’t be long before you feel the cut of the thorns. The most upright are sharper than a thorn hedge now.

They will cut you to pieces if you don’t match up exactly with their doctrine, and with their interpretation of Bible prophecy. You either believe in their pre-trib rapture, or they count you an enemy. That is our day, in which the best of them is

a briar. The people who think they really have it all together are but thorns now. The pride of life, and the knowledge of good and evil has choked out all fruitfulness. So all they have left is debate, argument, and anger, and then they rationalize it all, as righteous indignation.

The day of the watchmen has come, and your visitation by the Lord, and now shall be the time of perplexity.

The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. Micah 7:4

This is what is happening now and almost nobody knows what to do. How could you know what to do? There has never been a time such as this time, so no one has any idea what to do. The Lord knows what we should do, but he is not talking to people who are sharper than a thorn hedge, and whose hearts are pictured as a briar. The Lord is waiting for his remnant to return to him with all their hearts, before he will speak with them.

Trust ye not in a friend, put no confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lies in thy bosom. For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Micah 7:5-7

“Trust not in a friend.” Do not trust your friends; they may mean well today, and they may be offended and betray you tomorrow. The Scripture is not telling you to throw them away or be mean to them, or condemn them, it is merely warning us that many shall become offended in this hour and betray one another. The Scripture is admonishing us; do not trust them, for many shall become offended in this hour. Place no confidence in a guide; zero.

So what should we do with all of these prophets that are out there, who are trying to tell you what to do? Put no confidence in them. Do not listen to them, unless the Lord confirms the word that comes through these people, and you know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that you really heard from God. Jesus warned us, there would be many false prophets in this hour and the word for many in the Greek is *polis* and it means the vast majority or virtually all of them. As a

general rule, if somebody comes to you as a prophet with a prophecy, you should just throw them out the door if you don't know how to test things by the Spirit.

Dismiss it entirely, and if it is really from the Lord, he will repeat the message several times. If he wants you to receive it, and he intends you to know that it is from him, he can and will confirm his word, otherwise place no-confidence in them.

I have not come forward as a guide to the people; rather I am marking the Scripture that you need to understand. I am giving insight into that revelation which was written in the word of God for this hour. My authority is Holy Scripture, but this is a time of perplexity. These people that want to come and be a guide for you, they don't even know what they are doing, how would they know what you should do? You must learn to hear from the Lord for yourself. The scripture continues, telling us to be careful what you tell your wife. Now, some women may get offended at this, but this is what the Scripture is declaring for this hour. Important information is shared on a need to know basis only. We have to learn to use the normal rules of security regarding confidential information. You only tell people what they need to know, and they must have the required security clearance.

Look at verse six, *“For the son dishonors the father and the daughter rises up against her mother and a man's enemy of the people of his own house.”* That is what is happening all over America today. This is the Scripture Jesus was referring to, when he warned us that many would be offended and betray one another in this last hour.

Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. Mark 13:12

This is why we are warned to trust not in a brother and place no confidence in a friend. Because the people that are closest to you, who you should be able to trust, many of them are about to become offended, one with another and betray each other in the time that is ahead. Many of those, who are families and friends, are about to become your enemy, if they haven't already. Look at verse seven, *“Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.”*

The Lord is waiting for the remnant to return to him and in so doing, we must

learn to look to, and wait upon, the Lord.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retains not his anger forever, because he delights in mercy. Micah 7:18

The word for *remnant* [\[46\]](#) means the remainder or the surviving remnant; those who escaped or are left behind. The ones who remain are called the remnant and it is a very small remnant. The Lord will pass over the transgression of his remnant; he will subdue our iniquities and have compassion upon us. We need the Lord to subdue our iniquities, because whosoever sins becomes a slave of sin. It starts out with you choosing the sin, and so you experiment with a little sin, and before long, the sin is doing you. Suddenly it has a stronghold in you and you can't put it down.

Once a devil gains access to your life, it begins to pull on you, with its claws. We become chained to the darkness we allow in our lives, and that is what Jesus meant when he said, "*whoever sins becomes a slave to sin.*" If we choose the flesh, we become slaves to it, and that is the condition of much of the church today, which has gone into captivity in the spirit. Ancient Israel was carried into captivity in the natural, and the Gentile church of the New Covenant has been taken into captivity spiritually. Most of the people need deliverance, and yet in this hour, there is none to deliver.

I have long time held my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods. Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant? Seeing many things, but thou observes not; opening the ears, but he hears not. The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the

law, and make it honorable. But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart. Isa 42:14-22

The Lord has held his peace for 2,000 years and he has been very patient during this time. Those who trust in other gods, which they fashioned out of their silver and their gold, shall all become ashamed in the day of the Lord's wrath. The Scripture says, it is a curse to trust in the arm of the flesh. Yet that is how we were raised. We were taught to trust in the world, and in the institutions of men, but they never have been, and they never will be, trustworthy. Why does God refer to his servants as deaf and blind? Because they have stopped their ears from hearing and stopped their eyes from seeing. It is as if they are deaf and blind. They see many things, but they observe them not.

The people of this generation have all been robbed and spoiled, and the word for "robbed" means overthrown. All of them are snared in holes and hidden in prison houses. They are in slavery to their iniquities. The people have become a prey for the beast which has come right out of hell and there is no one to deliver in this hour. The number of true deliverance ministries, which are operating in the real power of the Holy Spirit, you could probably count on one hand. Who among you will give ear to this? And who among us can hear and understand the meaning of this Scripture, which was prophesied "for the time to come", which is our time, the end times.

Who gave up the people of God to the spoil? Was it not the Lord, against whom we have all sinned? Therefore the Lord poured out his fury, and it burnt the people, yet they laid it not to heart. The people cannot even comprehend or understand that the condition of the church today, which is of slavery to iniquity, and overrun with deception, is by the very judgment of God Almighty.

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that

formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. Isaiah 43:1

The Lord has promised to redeem his remnant from all of this sin and deception, but in so doing, he must first subdue their iniquities. The people need the Lord's help, for they have become snared in their sins. The majority of the people are in holes and in prison houses, representing the bondage to the sins of the flesh.

People are in bondage to the dark counsel of their mind, snared by roots of bitterness within their hearts, deceived by the idolatry and pride in their minds. And all of this has come about because we live in a world that is literally gone insane, while the church failed to stand in the gap, and thus, it too was overrun by this flood which came right out of hell.

The world is actually going insane. If you view the thoughts and the behavior of the world from the revelation of God's word, it becomes clear that the world is both possessed in the hand of the devil and spiritually insane. How else could they be doing what they are doing?

This is the world that we were all born into, and in which we learned the coping skills of how to survive in the land of Babylon. These coping skills however, become counter productive once we are born again. Now they are just in the way. So we are going to learn to move them out of the way. We must learn to use the power of the word of God to deliver ourselves from the snares of the enemy. We must cooperate with the Lord in this process, *"for he will subdue our iniquities and he will throw all of our sins into the depths of the sea."* [\[47\]](#)

We must be walking in righteousness when he comes in visitation upon this earth. We cannot be dragging a bag of sin along with us, and we cannot remain snared in these holes of darkness; we have to begin walking in the straight and narrow way, if we want to keep walking, when he comes to walk among us.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old. Micah 7:19-20

The Lord himself is going to perform the truth to Jacob. The word for *perform*

[48] means to give the order and to bring it forth, and to reform and restore without fail. The Lord is going to restore the truth back to his people, and he is going to bring restoration to his remnant, and his promises will not fail.

When the Lord speaks of his people as Jacob, he is referring to them in their flesh nature. Jacob means one who supplants, and it speaks of the people of God walking in the flesh. God uses the word Jacob to refer to his people before they were sanctified and before their nature was changed. Jacob represents the old nature, while his new name, Israel, represents the born-again nature, of the ones who are led by the Spirit of God.

Whenever the Scripture talks about Jacob, the Lord is referring to his people who are still walking in the flesh. The Scripture promises that God is going to give his truth to the people that are still walking in and snared by the flesh. Jesus told us, *“You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

In order to be set free, we need the truth, but we don’t need a debate. That is not going to help anyone now. What is the truth? Pilate asked that question of Jesus; the Lord would not answer him, but he is going to answer us. What is the truth that we need? What truth do we need to be given by God, so we could be set free, and so that God could us give his mercy which he has promised to Abraham and to the remnant of his sons and daughters?

What level of truth is necessary to set us free? Well it cannot have mixture in it. Does that bear witness with you dear reader? We cannot mix things in with the truth. We cannot have a little truth along with something else. We need to receive the truth and only the truth. God is giving only the truth to his people in order to set them free. The enemy comes with his lies, which are always a clever mixture of the truth laced with his deceptions.

So how do we get into the remnant? We need to receive the truth, because the remnant has the truth. But the truth can be hard to hear, and even harder to bear, for the truth will cost you everything. The Scripture in Proverbs says, *“Buy the truth and sell it not.”* Jesus himself said, *“I am the truth.”*

Within each of us is a denial system, in which we refuse to look at our own sin, but this is not the truth. Our blame shifting, and our rationalizations, they are not the truth either. The stories we tell ourselves, and the way we reorder our memory of events, the things that we think in our minds through our knowledge

of good and evil, as we judge our neighbor, those also are not the truth. The things that Satan tells us, that sound so good, they are not the truth. What you see on television is not the truth. What you hear in the news, much of that is not the truth. What is coming out of the world and out of the governments of the world and out of the leaders of the world is not the truth. What is also coming out of the mega-churches is not the truth. So where is the truth? How do we find the truth? Jesus is the truth. Amen, so how do we find Jesus?

We can search the Scriptures, and that a good place to start, but that is what the Pharisees did their entire lives, yet they never found the truth, and they ended up in hell. There are a lot of cults out there that are reading the Bible and all of the false prophets too; they all have a Bible in their hand as well. So how do we remove the veil from our own eyes?

The very first thing Jesus told us in Matthew 24 regarding the times at the end of the age was, *“take heed that no man deceive you.”* The very first thing in finding the truth is to take heed that no man deceives us, and we need to look to ourselves as well, and take heed that we do not deceive ourselves in this time.

The reason the first thing Jesus said to us about the end times was, *“take heed that no man deceive you”*, is because the last days would be a time of unprecedented deception. This generation is drowning in deception. All of our fingerprints can touch the Internet, with its billions of pages of disinformation and deception, and where the truth is a needle in a haystack. Thus the Lord’s first response was a warning, that our time would be a time of unprecedented deception, with false Christ, false teachers and false prophets abounding. Jesus said, *“Many will come in my name and deceive the many.”* The word used in this text for *deceive* [\[49\]](#) means to stray from the truth or to be seduced, and to wander out of the way.

One of the things that happen in the lives of people who lose the truth, is they get seduced, and this seduction occurs in their hearts and not in their minds. Many of the false doctrines of this hour are deceiving the hearts and not the minds, causing the many to wander out of the way. Jesus went on and warned us, *“evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”*

The word for *seducers* means wizards and imposters. These false teachers, in some instances, are actual witches, and the words and teachings they bring actually contain spells of witchcraft, or evil enchantments. All of this is going on

in Jesus name, and much of it is based upon errant versions of Scripture, New Age Bible versions. In these New Age Bibles, key parts of Scripture have been perverted and twisted. This is the terrible time at the end of the age which Jesus warned us would come. These new Bible versions contain thousands of errors in their distortions of the original manuscripts; one of the most frequently found errors in the New Age Bible versions is that all references to prayer and fasting have been omitted.

In the book of Joel, the Scripture gives us instructions for this hour, and one of the most important instructions is to gather together in times of prayer and fasting. If we ignore the Lord's commandments in the prophetic writings of the book of Joel, then we are probably not in the remnant. Conversely, if we do what God commands, we will likely be counted worthy to be among the remnant. Each of us should study the book of Joel very carefully, looking for the instructional prophecies for this hour. There are only three chapters, so it is not that hard to do.

The Lord has appointed a test in the lives of all of his people. This book presents a review course for you, and it is designed to prepare you to pass the final exam which is required if you want to be found among the remnant. The final exam that we are all facing will be the hardest final ever taken by any generation. Up to this point, we have all been in an open book class, but as we approach the end of the class, and begin the final exam, it will likely become a closed book final for most of us. They might take the book away from us before we finish the test. So you might want to start memorizing the important parts of Scripture, because we might need them at the very end of the test. The information that is contained in the three chapters of the book of Joel is sure to be on the test. If you mess this section up, you are probably going to flunk. So if you really care about the grade you earn on this test, it would be very wise of you to pay attention to the balance of the information we are going to cover in this chapter.

Joel chapter 1 begins with "*The word of the Lord.*" The words in this book are not the opinion of a man named Joel; this is the word of God. "*Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.*"^[50] Nothing like this has ever happened before, nor will it ever happen again.

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine,

because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. Joel 1:5-6

A nation is coming against us, and the word used for *nation* is *goy*, and it means the enemies of God, and the Gentiles, but it also means a cloud of locusts or a herd of wild beasts. The beast is now rising up upon our land and it is strong and without number. It has the teeth of a lion, the body of a leopard, and the feet of a bear. It came up out of the seas of humanity, but it has the cheek teeth of a great lion.

He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. Joel 1:7

They laid the vine to waste and so they ruined the economy. The thick trees have all been barked and when you tear the bark off, the tree dies. So, the branches now are all white with death.

The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Joel 1:10

The field is *wasted* and the word means destroyed, so the land mourns, and the corn is ruined. The corn in America has been genetically modified or *satanically* modified, and thus, they have destroyed our food.

The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. Joel 1:12

The days of ease are ending soon and so all joy is about to wither away. Let us now look at the instructions contained in the book of Joel.

Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God,

and cry unto the LORD, Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Joel 1:13

We are to put on robes of sackcloth, strengthen ourselves in the Lord and lament or repent. Beat your breast, repent and howl you ministers of the altar. We have been called as priests of God, if you are part of the New Covenant you have been made a priest in the house of God. Gird yourself and stand up like a man, repent and lament before the Lord. The Scripture says, “Come” and we need to come together. We need to make up our mind and we need to come. Stop what you are doing and come and lie all night in sackcloth.

Sanctify a fast, set aside a period of time that is going to be holy unto the Lord, and fast and pray. Call a solemn assembly, gather the elders, and if they will come, great. Gather all of the inhabitants into the house of the Lord and cry unto the Lord for the Day of the Lord is at hand, and as destruction from the Almighty, it is surely now coming.

Here is our first instruction; the people of God are to wake up and stop drinking in the things of Babylon. We are to gird ourselves or strengthen ourselves in the Lord, and then howl and lament before our God. We are commanded to sanctify a fast and call a solemn assembly. The Scripture tells us to gather together with other people who are like-minded. We need to pray about this, and bring this before the Lord, because you cannot do a solemn assembly in the flesh. What would be the point?

This must be led by the Spirit of God or we would be wasting our time. What God is talking about, is not a time of playing church. Remember, it is the truth that is going to set us free. God is talking about a time of truth. He is not talking about pretending and he is not talking about getting together with the lady’s church group, having tea and cookies together and everybody telling everybody else how fine they are. We are not fine in this hour; there is nothing fine about this time. This is a time of perplexity in which almost no one has a clue of what to do, and the best of us, the people that you would normally look up to, forget about it, for they are sharper than a thorn hedge now.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; Joel 2:1

The Lord commands his watchmen to blow the trumpet in Zion and the people of God should be listening to the alarm that is sounding from his holy mountain.

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. Joel 2:2

The day of darkness is coming and an army is about to come forth in the land of America, and there is never been anything like what is about to happen to us.

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knows if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Joel 2:12-15

Because of all this, the Lord says, “*therefore now*”, not next month and not next year, but now. We must return to the Lord with all our hearts now. God commands us to return to him with fasting, weeping and with mourning, and that we would rend our hearts and not our garments. God is not looking for outward acts of religion, but rather that we would turn to him in our hearts.

The pretense which is found in much of the American church where everybody is playing their part, playing a role, while our country is being destroyed will not work much longer. God is not talking about gathering together like we do at church. Why do we need fasting? Why is God so concerned about fasting? It is a form of judgment. It is a form of us judging ourselves and it kills the flesh. It is also a form of sacrifice. People love to eat, because eating is pleasurable. Our flesh runs on food, and many of us eat way too much. We eat beyond what we need for food and we eat for pleasure. When we take the pleasure of food all the way to idolatry, it becomes gluttony. We also eat food that is not even good for us. What many of us eat is not actually food; it is just a corporate product now. For many of us, food has also become a form of idolatry, but we do not want to admit this, so we refuse to look at it.

The Lord is calling for fasting. Why did Jesus tell us some kind of strongholds

can only come down with fasting and prayer? In our life, we all face opposition from the enemy from time to time that can only be defeated by prayer and fasting. Today, what has been constructed in the spirit world against us, and this great beast which is coming forth, this is the most fearsome thing which is ever arisen on this planet. There has never been anything like this, and we can only be delivered through prayer and fasting. That is why the Lord is commanding fasting and prayer in this hour. The Scriptures, in the book of Joel, are not God's suggestion, they are his commandments. The context of these prophecies is Day of the Lord, which is the hour we are living in.

So the Lord is telling us, if you wake up from your sleep, and you recognize the hour that you are in, there remains one last chance to turn back to the Lord with all your heart. And that chance requires fasting and prayer in solemn assemblies. We are also told that we need to be weeping and mourning. Why would God mention weeping and mourning? The answer is really simple, when we finally see our sin for what it really is, you are going to weep. It is like the old phrase, "pay me now or pay me later." When we finally see clearly what each of us did, and what we did not do, we will all be weeping. Right now, however, most of us do not see it, because we don't want to.

"Who is as blind as my servant", declares the book of Isaiah. You do not see, and you don't understand because you are blind in this hour. Yet our eyes will be opened at some point and when we finally see the whole picture, we will all weep. It is the fasting and prayer that opens your eyes. It is a form of crucifying your flesh. It allows you to break through the veil that is over the mind of the flesh. There is a veil over our eyes, and a veil over our minds, and fasting and prayer breaks it off of us. This veil allows us to hide from our own sin, and to rationalize all the things of compromise that are within. It is also through this veil that we created the pretense personality that we project to the outside world. That veil is going to be removed one day. The fasting and prayer removes that veil now, and it allows you to see clearly. This is also a simple formula for measuring the effectiveness of your solemn assembly. If you gather together in a time of solemn assembly and there is no weeping or mourning, then you simply needed more time of prayer and fasting in preparation. It is really that simple.

Your prayer and fasting should produce the breakthrough to the point of weeping and mourning, and mourning is repentance from the depths of your heart. You should be weeping for your children that are about to be slaughtered, and for

your country, that is about to be destroyed. If you are not weeping for your own sin and for being part of “*the generation of his wrath*” which has had more of his word of truth, and more of his blessings and prosperity, than any generation in history. Yet, we harden our hearts, because of the violence on television or the lust on the Internet. If you see or hear the iniquity of this hour, your heart must harden as a defense mechanism. Every time we turn on the news, how much evil do we see? The prayer and fasting breaks all of that hardness loose.

Fasting is certainly not comfortable, if it was, everybody would be doing it. This is not a religious exercise, and there are a lot of different ways to fast and pray. Do whatever you are directed to do, based upon the leading of the Lord. There is a Daniel fast where he fasted for three weeks eating nothing but fruit and vegetables, no bread or meat or pleasant food. If you’ve never fastened before, your body is probably highly toxic from all the chemicals and pesticides you have been ingesting throughout your life, and the Daniel fast is a good place to start.

We need to use wisdom about how to fast, so spend some time looking into it. The Daniel fast is basically a vegan diet. No matter how you choose to fast and pray, this is the formula for returning to the Lord with all of our hearts. If your repentance is not producing weeping and mourning, we simply have not repented sufficiently.

Repentance is not an intellectual exercise; it is an emotional experience from the depths of your heart. It requires that you face and acknowledge the true gravity of what you have done and what you have not done, to finally look at it, and see it and own it for what it is, then repent of it and then leave it at the cross. This is one of the principle things the remnant does, and they do this well, from the bottom of their hearts.

I know there are people out there who say, “I cannot fast.” This is God’s commandment, so you don’t need to argue with me, and I do not believe there are any of us who cannot fast and pray in some way. For many of us, this may be the last call from heaven, for these days are coming upon us soon.

The Search of the Fathers

Enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers. For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow. Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

Job 8:8-10

As I begin to write this chapter on the Search of the Fathers, I realized today is Father's Day, June 21, 2015. This is the day we honor our fathers. In Scripture, we are commanded to honor our father and mother, and beyond that, to search out the fathers of our faith, but who were the fathers of our faith? Who were the men who raised up the prophets of God? And who are the fathers of the faith today, who faithfully guide the next generation into the truth of the kingdom of God. This teaching came forth from the Lord, first in a series of dreams.

In the first dream, I am sitting in a chair and talking with a younger man who is my son, and I am the Father. In the dream, I am asking him, "How do you like your job? Are you enjoying your new job, and are you doing a good job?" I am talking to him about his work and what he has been doing, and then the Lord spoke in a loud, audible voice saying, "You have all fallen from the truth."

That really is an accurate statement regarding this last generation, in which all of us have fallen from the truth. The Scripture warned us there shall first come a great falling away, and the entire Laodicean church has fallen from the truth.

This nation, which we call the United States, has become an abomination; it has utterly fallen from the truth. The lie is now commonplace today and compromising the truth is the rule today.

The next night I had yet another dream, in which I am sitting in a travel office for Israel. The man behind the desk is the son of Ariel Sharon, and I am talking to him about traveling to Israel. Behind him is a huge display of glossy, colored

travel brochures and all the brochures have the same words on the cover, “The Fathers of the Prophets of Israel.” I am sitting and talking with the son of Ariel Sharon, a great warrior of Israel. Then the dream ends. As I reflected on the dream, I began to consider I have never really heard much about the fathers of the prophets of Israel.

We know a little bit about the fathers of the prophets, and we know some of their names, and so I began to think about this. Who are the fathers of the prophets? What message could there be in studying the fathers of the prophets of Israel? So I went to my prayer loft and I began to pray and to seek the Lord about the meaning of these things. I don’t normally pray like this, but I prayed and I asked the Father to speak to me through the Scriptures about these dreams. God does speak to people through the word, but he doesn’t always give a specific answer through the word of God, certainly not every time you open the Bible, but there are occasions when you open the word of God and you receive a direct word for that hour.

The Lord commanded us to search out the Scriptures, yet the Bible is not a fortune cookie, but there are occasions where the Lord will confirm things or speak to us as we open his word. So I prayed and I said, “Father, I ask you to give me insight into this dream that I had regarding the fathers of the prophets of Israel, and the night before in which Jesus said to me, ‘You have all fallen from the truth.’”

I then opened the Scriptures and began to read Job 8:8; *“Inquire I pray of the former age, and prepare yourself for the search of their fathers.”* Is this not a verse that speaks perfectly to this question, the search of the fathers of the prophets of Israel? In fact, it is the only verse in the Bible which directs us to inquire and search for the fathers of the prophets. God is telling us to inquire and search out the former age. So let us prepare ourselves to do a study on the fathers of the prophets of Israel so that we might discover the knowledge and wisdom which they had, in the Holy things of God.

The word used in this text for *former age* [\[51\]](#) means the first time, or the early time, the beginning, or the ancient time, which is now past. It means the age of the patriarchs, the first generations of men, and the first fathers who dwelt upon the earth. Prepare yourself for the study of the fathers. Job 8:9 continues, *“for we are but of yesterday and know nothing.”*

Our generation knows nothing, and thus, we have all fallen from the truth. This generation thinks they know so much, because of our gadgets, our iPhones, our computers, and because we have the knowledge of the world at our fingertips, and most of us own more Bibles than we will ever read. Yet the Scripture declares “*we are but of yesterday, and we know nothing*”, because our days are but a shadow. One of the reasons we know so little is we don’t live very long. The early fathers lived hundreds of years, and they had the wealth of wisdom. The early generations, and the men of God from this time, Abraham, Noah, Enoch, they live many years and so they knew much more than we know. Compared with them, we know practically nothing.

In this generation, we have all fallen from the truth, and that is a powerful word. “*Ye have all fallen from the truth*”, and the word “*Ye*” is plural. We have all fallen. Many people are in deception today, and they are also ignorant of the word of God. People are walking in sin and they do not even know it, and because we have all fallen from the truth, we are all living within the lie, to varying degrees. If you don’t have the truth, what do you have? Deception. We have also fallen from our first love and many have become lukewarm. We have also fallen from Jesus for he alone is the truth. We have fallen from the revelation and the reality of the life of Jesus Christ to something less. Our fathers did not teach us in the way that the ancient fathers taught their sons and daughters. Because of this, we know nothing of the truth. Not as we should have known. The New Testament Scriptures declare, “*If any man thinks he knows, he doesn’t know as he should’ve known.*”

People had already fallen from the truth by the time the New Testament was written and one of the reasons was the Hellenization of the world. That is one of the major differences between the teaching of the fathers, who were Hebrew, for they spoke thought and lived within the understanding of a Hebrew world view. Israel in the time of the coming of Messiah, Jesus Christ, had already begun to fall under the secularization of the Greek mindset of Hellenism. This is the opposite way of perceiving and defining the world; the entire system of thought through which we comprehend the truth has changed. Satan’s deceptions are so sophisticated, that they are actually weaved within the very paradigms within our minds.

On the third night I had yet another dream, of a friend of mine, who thinks himself a devout Christian, yet is caught up in the false prophetic movement, and

he is caught up in the New Apostolic Reformation, NAR. He comes to me in the dream and he is spinning plates, like a circus act, where all of these plates are spinning in the air on top of sticks, but you have to keep spinning them, or they will all fall to the ground. So he is spinning plates, and then smoking a joint, and then again spinning the plates. Then taking another toke and this continues on and on, keeping his game in the air, keeping it going, and keeping his spin on things. It is not the truth, it is just a show, and there is no way those plates will keep spinning forever. Eventually, they are going to fall and crash to the ground. Smoking of marijuana represents the other spirit, *pharmacon*, which is sorcery.

The false prophetic movement is full of pharmacon and they might as well be smoking dope. The people caught up in that spirit of false prophecy, it simply is not from the Lord, and rather it is another spirit that is at work in the churches now. And as I watch him spin these plates and smoke that dope, I sat there astonished. This brother doesn't actually smoke marijuana, at least I don't think so, but he is smoking the false prophetic spirit's big time. And as I am watching this, I hear a loud voice speak to me, "Pray for the strength to leave Sodom."

We all know what Sodom was, but what were the sins of Sodom that brought the judgment of God? Most people think of the sexual immorality and homosexuality of Sodom, but those are not the sins which the scripture testifies as the sins of Sodom.

Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good. Ezekiel 16:49-50

These are the iniquities of Sodom; pride, the fullness of bread, and an abundance of idleness and no concern to help or strengthen the hand of the poor. "*The fullness of pride*" [\[52\]](#) means arrogance, pompous swelling, and outrageous pride. "*The fullness of bread*", an abundance of bread, not just in possession, but in consumption. The people were gluttons; they were stuffing themselves with food. They had their houses filled with food, and their faces stuffed with food. Their bellies were all stuffed with food and that is the fullness of bread. "*An abundance of idleness*", the people were laying at rest, like the dead, all of them taking their rest, lying in a state of rest. Slothfulness as a lifestyle and idleness,

as a national pastime, to be still and to be resting, all the time.

The people of Sodom were also proud, so much so, that they were arrogantly proud, and their bellies were always full. Their land was full of food, for there was no fasting in Sodom; rather, they were obese in their gluttony. Sodom was a city of obesity, much like our nation, which is the most obese on the planet. And they were full of leisure, theirs was a land of leisure time, and it was full of people who were doing nothing, for they were all at rest. They were just lying around, eating all the time, and watching their entertainment and pursuing their vices, and thus the people busied themselves with their sin. They were at rest, and they were lazy and so slothful, they would not even so much as lift a hand to help the poor. Pray for the strength to leave this mindset, because these sins are the definition of wickedness. Instead of repenting of these sins, the people were sitting in their idleness, and idolatry, worshiping the gods of pleasure, and the god of their belly, for their god was a big god, and for many of them, it grew larger every day.

I don't mean to offend people, but we need to pray for the strength to leave Sodom and to leave the mindset of Sodom behind. We must come out from among them and be separate, and we all need to repent. Pray for the strength to leave Sodom, and pray for the strength to leave the people who have all fallen from the truth. Instead of repenting, the people of Sodom were laying in their idolatry, even as a large number of believers do today. And do you know what they say? "I am just trusting the Lord."

But they are so lazy, they don't do anything else; they don't diligently pray, they won't fast and pray, and they don't intercede for the poor. They are not standing in the gap for anyone, they are just lying around in their idolatry, and they are lying to themselves as well, when they tell themselves, "I am just trusting the Lord."

The Israelites said the same thing in the days of Jeremiah, declaring, "the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, we have the temple of the Lord." Jeremiah said, "Trust not in lying words." The church is saying the same thing today, "We have the New Covenant of the Lord." The truth is, they are merely trusting in lying words, like my friend with his spinning plates. They put the spin on everything, and they smoke their dope, intoxicated by their lies.

The word for *lying* in Hebrew is *sheqer*,^[53] and it means an untruth and a sham.

Deceitful words without any truth at all, these are false words, lying words, which are nothing more than vanities. To merely have the word of God and an outward form of the worship under the Old Covenant was not enough. To walk in this vanity under the New Covenant is also not enough. The sin of idleness is idolatry, and to live in gluttony and drunkenness is sin, and the people snared in these sins almost never lift a finger to help the poor. None of them are ever found standing in the gap; rather they are just enjoying their lifestyle in the flesh, and then claiming they “trust the Lord for all the rest.” This is all just such a sham.

Deuteronomy 21 says to the father who has a stubborn son, who will not obey him, and will not hearken to his voice, “take him and bring him to the elders and they shall say to the elders of the city, our son is stubborn and rebellious, and will not obey our voice. He is a glutton and a drunkard, and then the men of the city shall stone him with stones that he may die, and so shall the evil be put out from among you and all of Israel shall hear and fear.”

Under the original covenant, being a glutton or a drunkard was enough to be stoned to death. The disobedient ones were described as stubborn and rebellious, and they exhibited the sins of gluttony and drunkenness. If you are a glutton or a drunkard, then you are stubborn and rebellious, and both are condemned in the word of God.

The word for *stubborn*^[54] means backslidden, having fallen from the truth. The word for *rebellion*^[55] means bitter, to rebel or to provoke, to disobey and commit grievous provocation before the Lord. The waters of Meribar are the place of bitterness, and the word for *glutton*^[56] means worthless, morally loose, or a prodigal or worthless son, a glutton, and a righteous eater. The Scripture talks about eating for pleasure, as a sign of the judgment.

Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! Ecclesiastes 10:16-17

This is what they accused Jesus of, claiming that he was a glutton and a drunkard. That would have been grounds to kill him under the law. That accusation carried with it the death penalty. To be gluttonous or a drunk meant to be worthy of the death penalty. How many gluttons are there in the church in

America today? How many pastors and leaders are there in the church who obviously never find time to fast and pray? How can you tell? Just look at them. And that is our generation. We need to learn something from the fathers of the prior age, the fathers of Israel who were the fathers of the prophets. Not the fathers of the fool, but the fathers of righteous men.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrays me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goes, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. Luke 22:20-24

During the final Passover before the cross, the Lord spoke to the disciples, telling them, one of them was going to betray him. Immediately they began to ask which of them should do this thing, but then quickly the conversation changed to which of them was the greatest. This was their final hour with the Lord, before he would be arrested and die on the cross, and he just revealed to them, that he was about to be betrayed by one of them, and after their immediate shock, the conversation turned into strife over which of them would be the greatest.

The Lord had earlier removed his robe and put on the garments of a servant, wearing only a washing towel, and then he proceeded to wash their feet. He dried their feet with his own garments in a position of total humility, as a slave to his disciples, and then he tells them he is about to be betrayed. The first thing they do is begin to debate with each of them would do this, but very quickly they began to debate who is the greatest. They completely lost sight of the fact the Lord had just told them he was about to be betrayed. It is stunning, that in a matter of a few moments, they could go from the question of which one would betray him, to the question of who among them was the greatest, and this after the Lord humbled himself as a servant to wash their feet.

Permit me to present a fictional account of the conversation that might have occurred. "I'm not going to betray him," said one disciple. "Well not me either," said another. "Come to think of it, I'm the greatest, how could I betray him?" "No you're not the greatest, I am the greatest."

In a matter of a few moments, the disciples become filled with a mindset of pride, and they quickly forgot the Lord, and what he was about to suffer, suddenly it was all about them. Forget that Jesus just humbled himself as a servant, washing their feet, and forget the fact the Lord is about to go to the cross, let's just focus on which one of us is the most important. Who among is the greatest?

The most amazing thing, the same thing is happening today. The Lord told us in Matthew 24 after the early birth pains of the kingdom, the next thing to happen is that the Saints are about to be afflicted, and all nations will hate you on account of his name and many will be killed. That is exactly where we are in the prophetic countdown. We are at the beginning of sorrows and we are about to be delivered up.

And Jesus told us, *“then shall many become offended and betray one another and hate one another. And then many false prophets will arise and deceive many.”* An entire false prophetic movement has arisen, and deceived many. The word for *many* in this text means the vast majority or virtually all of them. To be literal with this text you could read this word to mean that virtually everyone is going to become offended and betray one another. And many false prophets would come; virtually all of the so called *prophetic voices* in this hour are false. And they shall deceive many. Virtually all of the Christians are walking in deception. Jesus said of this hour, “You have all fallen from the truth. Pray for the strength to come out of this deception. Pray for the strength to come out of the lies of Sodom.”

Yet many are still following the mind of the flesh while pretending they trust the Lord. They are serving the flesh while giving lip service to our God. There are many false prophets, and many deceived, many about to be offended and then betray one another. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many has also waxed cold, but he who endures to the end, the same shall be saved.

What happens to those who do not endure to the end? They are not going to be saved. They are going the way of Judas. They are going to betray the Lord. *“What you do unto the least of these, my brethren”* the Lord said, *“you have done to me.”*

If you betray one of the brethren of the Lord, and if you betray one of Jesus's disciples, you have betrayed the Lord. What happened to Judas? He was a

disciple of the Lord for over three years, and he was present at the final Passover meal. Then he goes on to betray the Lord, and then in utter despair, he commits suicide and steps into an eternity of darkness. Judas thought his actions would force the Lord to take the kingdom, so he chose to make things happen, and in so doing, he betrayed the Lord. And what was the response of the disciples to this? They start arguing amongst themselves about who is the greatest.

What are all the believers doing today? We have been warned that is not going to be one person this time who betrays the Lord. Jesus told his disciples, *“One of you will betray me.”* Today he says, *“Many of you, most of you, the majority of you, are going to betray the Lord”*, and what are we doing in response?

The same things the disciples were doing, arguing with each other, and trying to prove who is the greatest, who has the greatest understanding of the Bible or prophecy. Now we argue that my doctrine is greater than yours. You don't believe like I believe, let's argue. If you have a different conviction than I do in the Scripture, I need to convince you or get mad at you. Or fight with you or strive with you, because I am only the greatest if everybody receives my teaching. And so the people battle.

I have literally heard believers tell me, that either their understanding of Scripture is correct or God lied. They have no room for the possibility that they misunderstood, no, we are so great that we are never wrong. It is either we are right, or God lied.

I have some news for you, we are not right and God did not lie. We have simply fallen from the truth. But the Lord is going to restore his saints, and they that endure to the end, the same shall we saved, unless of course you believe in a pre-tribulation rapture, then you have to merely endure until seven years before the end. Or so they think.

This time is not just one person that is going betray the Lord, either, but now it will be many. We, the people of this generation, are doing the same thing the disciples were doing. First, every one of us denies that we would ever betray the Lord. No, not me, and every one of us will argue surely not me Lord. But then the conversation will quickly turn to arguing about our doctrine, we need to turn the page. It is not about being doctrinally correct, it is about being filled with the Holy Spirit now. I am not dismissing true doctrine as unimportant, but I will show you as we develop this message, our mindset is wrong.

The Hellenistic or Gentile world view is fundamentally deceptive, and that is how all of the doctrinal errors have come in. Our generation does not even think like the men who wrote the Holy Scriptures. The Bible is a Hebrew book and every man who wrote a portion of that book, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was an Israelite. None of the authors of the Bible were Gentiles, and the teachings in the Hebrew Bible reveal unto us a Hebrew religion, which was written in, and meant to be understood through, a Hebrew world view.

The New Covenant of Jesus Christ is a Hebrew revelation that our Father, God Almighty, made with his people, Israel. The Gentiles were merely invited to join, but they joined a Hebrew religion.

“Then shall many become offended.” John Wesley commented, “Those who become offended shall utterly make shipwreck of their faith. But the true Saints will hold fast in spite the false prophets, and in spite of the iniquity that is abounding, and in spite of the love of many grown cold, the true Saints will hold fast on to the end. And as he does, so shall he be snatched out of the burning fires of hell.”

This is incredible when you see it for what it is. There are people today who are arguing, and do they ever love to argue; they get mad about their interpretation of Scripture, their personal version of the revelation; they have their dogma, they use their Hellenistic mindset, which is the Gentile world view, and they read an English version of the Scripture, for they do not even understand the Hebrew or the Greek, yet they have it all figured out, so much so, they are willing to argue and fight with you about every little thing. Meanwhile the Lord is saying, “You have all fallen from the truth.” But that has not stopped us from fighting with one another. No, it has not.

He who endures to the end, he shall we saved. The word used for *endures* is ὑπομένω, *hupomenō* and it means to remain, to bear the trial and persevere, and to patiently suffer and to wait. We are going to have to endure to the end. If we are part of the remnant, which is going to be preserved, and as we endure this time of tribulation, it is going to get really hot and the people will become really thirsty, because there won't be much water left at the end. And it is going to be a really long road. In the book of Revelation, we are told blessed are they that die the Lord after this point, for there is a time during the Great Tribulation when it is better to die in the Lord than to endure what is ahead.

Our generation is a bunch of softies; here in the West, and particularly in the United States, we have all lived a life of relative luxury and ease. We do not like to suffer, nobody does. But we have the Great Tribulation dead ahead, and all that really matters now is eternity. We must fight the good fight and hold true to our confession. Then we must walk in a way that honors the Lord, so that when it comes to the end of this time, and we all stand before the Lord, we will hear him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord.”

You do not want to hear him say to you, “I never knew you” which is what the many shall hear from the Lord on that day. There will be no remedy at that point. Personally, I could not handle going to hell. We have to get this right. We cannot be walking under the deceptions of this hour. We do not want to be deceived by the false prophets nor can we be walking under the deceptions of this wicked age in which we live. This is the most wicked generation that has ever existed. Oh, yes it is. This is the grand finale of the vanity of man, and in this unprecedented time of deception, the deceptions run deep.

Let us look at the difference between the Hellenist worldview and the Hebraic worldview which was held by the patriarchs. In the gospel of John, Jesus told to us, “If you continue in my word, then you are my disciples. Then you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”^[57] The whole issue of how we fell from the truth, and how we can recover the truth, and find the truth that sets us free, is dependent upon our continuing in his word, but what does it mean to *continue* in his word?

The word for *continue* means to dwell, to stay in a given place or state or a relationship, to abide and to continue, to remain and to stay in the word of Jesus. But it does not mean an intellectual knowledge of the word; it means you are living in his word. It is not enough to have simply learned the Bible and have memorized it in your head, unless his words have changed your life. That is one of the key differences between the Hebraic view, which was the mindset of the fathers; and in our search of the fathers, we need to start with how they thought and how they lived.

What was the main difference in the culture of these people, the nation of Israel, and their Hebraic mindset compared to the Gentile mindset, which is the Hellenist view of the modern world?

They are dramatically different. As a matter of fact, you could say they are

opposites, as opposite as night is to day or light to darkness. Even the modern language of English is backwards, for the English speakers all write from the left, whereas Hebrew is written in the correct direction, written right to left. Of course English speakers perceive Hebrew to be backwards whereas Hebrew speakers perceive English to be written backwards.

If the truth be told, the Lord used Hebrew, and when he wrote the 10 Commandments in the stone with his finger, Jesus wrote starting from the right, and he wrote in the Hebrew language. The antichrist will come to power speaking English, and he comes from the left. I would surmise that it is actually English that is backwards, for it is the language of Babylon, the land of confusion.

The Bible, in its original manuscript, is a product of the Hebraic mindset. "Hebraism and Hellenism, between these two points of view, moves our world."^[58] Between the Hebrew worldview and the Hellenist worldview, these two opposites stand and present diametrically opposed realities. These two viewpoints have been battling for the control of the mind of man from the beginning. When the first Church was born, it was also an expression of the Hebrew mind. The entire New Testament was written by men in the context of the Hebrew mindset. But it was not long before the Hellenistic world view began to dominate European and ultimately Western culture. It wasn't long before it began to dominate the church as well.

The Hellenist worldview is based on a world of knowledge, and not a world of being. It is a world where you believe in your mind based on your knowledge and understanding, versus being in Christ. Continuing in his word, from Hebrew mindset, means you walk in his word, in the power and presence of his Holy Spirit; from the Hellenist mindset, it means you merely continue to believe in your head. The Hellenist worldview is a world of knowledge with knowledge being above all things. Whereas the Hebrew mindset is a world of reality and of being in relationship. The Hebrew view is primarily concerned with the practice of doing the word of God, while the Greek or the Hellenist is primarily concerned with knowledge about the word. Right conduct, right relationships, and right behavior are the ultimate revelation of the Hebraic, whereas right-thinking or right doctrine and right dogma is the highest revelation of the Hellenist.

This is why most Hellenistic Christians argue with each other. Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment”, but did he say go and argue with each other? No, he didn’t, but that is what the Hellenist believes. Many of these people, the main focus of their ministries are nothing more than contention and strife over Bible doctrines, and so, they bring only an offering of contention and strife in the house of the Lord, because they are Hellenist.

What a perfect word for this for this mindset, *HELL in ism*, and there truly is, hell in it, for it was birthed in hell, and it is the worldview of the people who are all headed to hell. The Gentile mindset came right out of hell, for it is the mindset of the world, and the whole world lies in the hand of the evil one.

Along with this, today we have the English language, which is so confusing, we don’t even know what we are saying to each other half of the time, and this explains why so many Christians focus all of their energy on arguing about doctrine and prophecy. To the exclusion of actually abiding in the presence of the Lord, they abide in the Hellenist mindset. None of that matters to the Hellenist, because it is all about a man standing up under the lights on a big podium, lifted up because his knowledge is greater than everyone else, but this has little or nothing to do with his knowledge of the Lord or the fruit of the spirit in his life, or how much the Holy Spirit is flowing through him. It is all about his knowledge, his *gnosis*, because he is a Hellenist, and thus we exalt knowledge and not the life in Jesus.

“Ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth”,^[59] describes perfectly the deception of the Hellenistic world view. That is the Hellenist. They are ever learning, but they never actually know the truth in a relational sense, which is that you have to actually live in Jesus. You have to receive the character of Jesus, and learn to walk in the Spirit of Jesus.

In many fundamentalist Christian circles today, it is more important to believe the right thing, than to do the right thing, and that is why Christians get so mad at each other if they don’t have all the same dogmas. If you don’t believe the way I do, they go to war on these issues, because that is their religion; a knowledge-based religious system. For many, there is no relationship at all, therefore, there is also no righteousness, no fruit of the spirit, nor is there any power of God either, it is all just dogma. That is why they are so obsessed with doctrinal arguments, and systematic theology, they want to categorize everybody

and everything. You are either evangelical or fundamentalist or messianic. Even the people who are so dogmatic about the Hebrew roots, this too is just another part of the Hellenist worldview.

The only relevant question to ask is who is walking with Jesus? I am less concerned about your doctrine, than I am about the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. If you are walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, then your doctrine must be acceptable to the Lord and therefore it is fine with me as well. I have friends that are Seventh-day Adventist, and they are full of the Holy Spirit. Some people, if you just mention Seventh-day Adventist, they would get really angry. I do not know how dogmatic every seventh day Adventist church may be, but I know people from the seventh day congregations that are full of the Holy Spirit. And they are never dogmatic, and they never argue, they just love people and worship God. But in a Hellenist worldview, if there are doctrinal errors in that denomination, then we have to throw those people out. But in the Hebraic view, if they're full of the Holy Spirit, we want to invite them in.

It is not the doctrinal differences that are preeminent; it is the person of Jesus. That is the one issue that matters most, and it is exactly the opposite of the Hellenist school. To understand the Hebrew culture, would create culture shock for most Gentiles, because it is an entirely different way of perceiving the world. It is not rigid; it is not a systematic, anti-thesis type of reality. One of the reasons so much dispute occurs is, from the Hellenistic point of view, some scriptures appear to contradict each other, but they only do so within the Hellenistic mindset, for they are perfectly complementary from the Hebraic point of view. For example, in one section of Scripture the word of God talks about the eternal security of the saints, and in another section the Scripture talks about people being cut off and their name being blotted out of the book of life. How can they both be true?

In the Hellenistic world view you have to dismiss or marginalize one, in order to embrace the other. From the Hebraic view, they both explain attributes of the truth of our relationship to the Lord. They are not contradictions at all; they are simply different perspectives of truth. From the Hellenist point of view, they are relentlessly trying to organize everything into perfect little intellectual structures. If God chose us before the foundation of the world, then why do anything? That is Hellenistic thinking. The Hellenist wants all questions answered, all problems resolved, and all apparent contradictions eliminated. Everything must be

systematized, everything must add up. “Either my belief system is correct or God lied”, cries the Hellenist.

But that is not the Hebraic view. We do not even have to have everything understood; we just have to have a vital relationship with Jesus. I do not need to know all doctrine; I just need to know the Lord. The Spirit of truth will lead me as I go. I do not need to convince you of doctrine either, if you belong to the Lord, you are my brother and the Lord will speak to you. I do not argue with people, for it is God’s business to correct them. If the Lord tells me speak, I will speak, but I prefer to skip the debate, because it does nothing but make enemies. It is for the most part, all contention and strife.

Honestly, a lot of what comes out of the Hellenistic mind is actually error, because everything is ordered and understood by people using their knowledge of good and evil. And that is how all the errors came in, for when they say, “therefore, if this is true then we can logically conclude the following must be true as well.”

But the following is not true and God did not lie, it is our Hellenistic worldview that is simply confused. Today the Christian Hellenist wants techniques, they want to know the methodology, but that way of thinking is totally foreign to the Hebrew mind. The Hellenist culture has gone even further, and commercialized Christianity. “We no longer preach the Gospel, heal the sick, cast out demons and make disciples – we market tapes, booklets and trinkets. We make music, not to worship God, but to sell CD’s.” [\[60\]](#)

The modern church growth model is all about marketing ideas. It is all about disseminating knowledge, and not disciplining people in their relationship with the Lord. As a matter fact, in the Hellenist churches, there is hardly no discipleship at all. And there are not many pastors either, because there are no fathers in many of the churches anymore. The Hellenist has abandoned their relationships, because, to them, it is all about knowledge. The pastor stands up and teaches on Sunday and that’s it. That is the role of a pastor in the Hellenist church. That is not a pastor at all in the Hebraic world. A pastor is a father spiritually; he does not just give some lesson to the children and then simply abandon them for the rest of the week. Oh well, if the enemy snatches them away, so be it, and if they stop coming to church, nobody even goes looking for them. Just let them go. That is the Hellenist worldview and it is absolutely

terrible.

Under the Hellenist theology, the entire revelation of Scripture is reduced to information and religious doctrine merely to be understood, and that is their version of the whole truth. But the knowledge of Scripture does not set you free; you have to know Jesus to be set free. How many people are walking around convinced that their dogma is correct? Pretty much everybody.

How many people have you met who think they have the truth? Virtually everybody. How many people have you met who think they are wrong? Not very many. But I know that I'm wrong, because the Lord told me, "*you have all fallen from the truth.*" He was talking to me, so I receive his word as personal rebuke, but I have a relationship with my God, so my Lord is going to see to it that I get made right.

The Protestant Hellenist identity is all about memorizing and articulating Bible verses and Bible doctrine, and then arguing about them. How many close Christian relationships have been destroyed by the Hellenist worldview? Either you agree with my doctrine and my understanding of prophecy or you are my enemy. And yet practically none of us agree. So shall we all become enemies?

The whole reason Satan came up with this Hellenist worldview is so we would become divided, offended with one another and end up hating one another. Jesus said by our unity, the world would know that we were his, by our love and our unity. And it is by the agreement in prayer that we have power, but are any the Hellenist churches calling for solemn assemblies? Have any of my readers been invited?

In the Hellenist worldview, there is no need for a solemn assembly, for it is all about having a solemn intellectual knowledge. Is all about knowledge, without actually knowing the Lord, and that is how the great deception has come in. The fathers of the prophets of Israel had a relational view of the world, not an intellectual view. When the Lord said, "If you continue in my word", he meant walk in, dwell in and abide in in him.

What does it mean to abide in Jesus? It does not mean you have the right doctrines, rather it means that your very life is in the Lord, and so you abide in the spirit. The Scripture says, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God." Those who are only led by their intellectual knowledge, do not

abide in him, because if the truth be known, when we walk in our carnal mind, a mind which has been corrupted by the knowledge of good and evil, we are not walking with the Lord.

As I finish this chapter, I would share a final dream. I was in a presidential palace, and there was a revolution occurring. The government was being overthrown, and a new Kingdom was coming to power. I was standing in the office of the current president, and the revolutionaries began banging on the door. As they bust in the door, and I grab one of them, and begin wrestling with him, and arguing, “Why are you doing this, why are you trying to overthrow this government? Why are you trying to kill this president?”

The man stopped struggling with me, “Are you serious? You are asking me why? Are you kidding me? Just look at him.” Then I realize this is Castro, a communist dictator, and the word *Castro* means castle or fortress. He is a tyrant, representing the mind of the flesh, which rules over the lives of many. A new kingdom is coming and the tyranny of the flesh is ending. But we can all be fooled into defending the flesh. We can try to protect our carnal mind, dress it up in religious garments, which some think represents the New Covenant, but in our Hellenistic mindset, all we really have done is dress up the religious intellectualization of the carnal mind.

The Lord said, “My people are ignorant in word, immature in faith and yet arrogant in pride.” The vast majority of people that are fighting over their personal dogmas, and defending their personal interpretations, most of them are not even qualified to teach the word of God.

For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Isaiah 9:16

So how did the church end up with the Hellenist worldview now dominating virtually all of the paradigms of western Christianity? How will we ever understand the Hebraic mind of the fathers of our faith, if all we see through, is a Gentile worldview? The revelation of God, recorded in the Bible, was written from a mindset that is very much the opposite of our current worldview. But why is the church, for the most part, ignorant of this grand deception? It turns out, the answer is quite simple.

“They don’t call it Hellenism anymore, now it’s just called Christianity.” [\[61\]](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read the third volume of the *Search the Scripture* series. The 4th volume, ***I am the Door***, shall come forth shortly, for this matter of the King is urgent and of great importance, so that His servants could be warned and instructed, for the time of testing shall soon begin.

God bless you all.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Benjamin Baruch

FOOTNOTES

[1] 2 Timothy 4:1-8

[2] Psalm 11:3

[3] Romans 2:9

[4] Marvin Byers, *Yasser Arafat - An Apocalyptic Character*, Hebron Press, 1997, p. 21-22

[5] Marvin Byers, *The Final Victory: The Year 2000*, Treasure House, 1994, p. 25.

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[7] Israel H3478, yiśrā'el, *yis-raw-ale'*; *he will rule as God*; *Jisrael*, a name of Jacob; also of his posterity: Israel.

[8] John 10:14-15

[9] Strong's Number 3478

[10] Matthew 15:24

[11] Matthew 27:42

[12] Matthew 27:42

[13] John 1:49

[14] Romans 9:6-7

[15] Romans 9:27-28

[16] Luke 12:32

[17] Romans 11:1-5

[18] John 6:37

[19] Matthew 15:24

[20] Isaiah 10:22

[21] Zechariah 5:1-8

[22] Mathew 7:13

[23] Zechariah 5:6-11

[24] Fearful H4116 mahar, *maw-har'*; to *hurry* (in a good or bad sense); *be* carried headlong, fearful, cause to make haste, rash.

[25] Return H7725 shûb, *shoob*; to *turn* back, generally to *retreat*; often *again*: bring again, back home again, deliver again, draw back, fetch home again, go again back, home, recover, rescue, restore, retrieve, cause to, make to return, send back, cause to, make to turn again.

[26] Isaiah 28:19

[27] Munitions H4679 m^etsad metsâd metsâdâh, *mets-ad'*, *mets-awd'*, *mets-aw-daw*; a *covert* of ambush: castle, fort, strong hold, munition.

[28] Rocks H5553 selah, *seh'-lah*; to be *lofty*; *rock*, a *fortress*: ragged rock, strong hold.

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Nations H1471 gôy, *go'ee*; a foreign *nation*, *Gentile*; also figuratively a *troop* of animals, or a *flight* of locusts: Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

[30] 1st Peter 4:11

[31] Hindermost H319 achariyth, *akh-ar-eeth*; the *last* or *end*, hence the *future*; last, latter or end (time), hinder-most.

[32] Malachi 3:4

[33] Rabbi Yehudah Alkalai, The Third Redemption, 1843.

[34] Rabbi Yehudah Alkalai, The Third Redemption, 1843.

[35] Trembling H2731 chārādāh, *khar-aw-daw*; *fear, anxiety*, exceedingly, fear, quaking, trembling.

[36] Fear H6343 pachad, *pakh'-ad*; a sudden *alarm*: dreadful, fear, great fear, terror.

[37] Shepard H7462 rā'āh, *raw-aw*; to *tend* a flock, *pasture* it; to *rule*; to *associate* with as a friend: companion, keep company with, feed, make friendship with, herdsman, keep sheep, pastor, shepherd.

[38] The First Aliyah: Ideological Roots and Practical Accomplishments Shmuel Ettinger and Israel Bartal, *Essential Papers on Zionism*, NY, 1996.

[39] *ibid.*

[40] The Long Way Home, Moriah Films Collection, The Simon Weisenthal Center, 1997.

[41] The Long Way Home, Moriah Films Collection, The Simon Weisenthal Center, 1997.

[42] Answerthecallinternational.org

[43] Debate H4683 matstsāh, *mats-tsaw'*, a *quarrel*: - contention, debate, strife.

[44] Debate G2054 ἐρίς, *eris, er'-is*; a *quarrel, wrangling*: contention, debate, strife, variance.

[45] Upright H3477 yāshār, *yaw-shawr'*; *straight*, just, righteous, straight, most upright.

[46] Remnant H7611 sh^eērîyth, *sheh-ay-reeth'*; a *remainder* or residual, the surviving and final portion: those who had escaped, to be left, posterity, the remainder, remnant, residue, rest.

[47] Micah 7:19

[48] Perform H5414 nāthan, *naw-than'*; to *give*, bring forth, without fail, lift up, ordain, perform, restore, shew, willingly.

[49] Deceive G4105 πλανᾶω, planaō, *plan-ah'-o*; to *cause* to roam from safety, truth, or virtue: go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way

[50] Joel 1:3

[51] Former H7223 ri'shoñ *ree-shone'-* *first*, in place, time or rank: ancestor, before, beginning, eldest, forefather, former time, past.

[52] Pride H1347 gā'ōh, *gaw-ohn'*: arrogancy, pomp, pride, proud, swelling.

[53] Lying H8267 sheqer, *sheh'-ker*; an *untruth*; a *sham*: deceitful, falsehood, liar, lying, vain, wrongfully.

[54] Stubborn H5637 sārār, *saw-rar'*; to *turn* away: backsliding, rebellious, stubborn.

[55] Rebellious H4784 mārāh, *maw-raw*; to *be bitter*; to *rebel* or resist; to *provoke*: bitter, be disobedient, disobey, grievously, provocation, provoke, rebel against.

[56] Glutton H2151 zālal, *zaw-lal*; to *shake* as in the wind; to *be loose* morally, *worthless* or *prodigal*: blow down, glutton, a riotous eater, vile.
Endures G5278 ὑπομένω, hupomenō, *hoop-om-en'-o*; to *stay* that is, *remain*; to *undergo*, that is, *bear* (trials), *persevere*: abide, endure, patiently, suffer, tarry behind.

[57] John 8:31

[58] William Barrett, Irrational Man.

[59] 2nd Timothy 3:7

[60] *The Hebrew Mind versus the Western Mind* by Brian Knowles

[61] James Womer, June 24, 2015