

Forward

As I prepare this work, I do it in fear and trembling. The matters which I am burdened to share are largely unfamiliar in the majority of believers understanding.

My interest is not to have a doctrinal debate, rather I am putting these matters before the saints as they are so crucial in addressing the actual plan which scripture reveals for the believer, as well as the church.

Having now been a born again believer, since age seven, and am now seventy six years old; my entire young life was exposed to the Baptist sphere of teaching, including a Baptist Bible College; from 1967-71.

All this while, under the influence, and teaching of a dispensational pre-tribulation rapture, dying, to go to Heaven; to get my mansion; body of teaching.

Including traveling, and speaking, and singing in churches for some time; all the while singing of heaven, mansions, and of course; escaping the tribulation! what more could one desire!

Then, in my mid twenties; I began to encounter a life changing, and transformational understanding of the overall message of scripture.

Which, now for the first time in my life, the profound scriptural themes, were logically assembled, cohesive, and marvellously glorious, with a depth, and grandeur, which one would expect, from the Mystery of the Ages; from the Eternal God.

This, also with a minimum of spare parts left over; or massive twisting and unreasonable assumptions regarding the biblical narrative, which are so prevalent in Christian

dogma, in seeking to connect a hypothesized point. Thus; began answers to the complex, and previously unanswered questions, I had; which were caused, by the disconnected assumptive, and simplistic view which I was exposed to, throughout my previous years in church, as well as the years in the Baptist Bible College.

Going forward; these helps have served to reset my spiritual understanding, and clarify the vision regarding God's Eternal Purpose, far beyond the myth of dying, to go to heaven and get a mansion. Progressively, over these past fifty years, this profound understanding has continued to unfold in my understanding of His Grand, and very impressive plan, as His Eternal Purpose.

In this work, I am burdened to simply address a number of areas which became clear to me, and thus exposed some profoundly inaccurate or incomplete teachings which are presented in evangelical circles, (*as the truth*) however were discovered to be completely irreconcilable, with the whole council of scripture, regarding numerous and key scriptural themes, which have major impact on the believer, and the church.

One very specific theme, which I wrestled with for about forty five years; seeking to find a suitable and understandable explanation with no holes; is also introduced in this work.

The explanation, of this troubling question, will no doubt be found by some, as disturbing, shocking, heart wrenching, and that which we simply do not believe, nor want to believe; given the predominant diet of a sugar coated view of scripture, and of God Himself; in most evangelical circles.

I confess before you all; I have struggled greatly; to present this profoundly sobering outline; including a brief introduction to the answer; regarding this major question.

I pray for all, that the Holy Spirit would humble us; and give an honest and fair consideration, to the contrast revealed in this work, between what scripture actually says, and that which the purported popular message is, regarding a number of vital matters.

I have been deeply, and inwardly pressed to prepare this work; and I now trust the Lord to grace us all, with a clear and sober realization of the solid truth, as revealed in scripture. *This is a rough copy, the final to come soon!*

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The Writer

A brief word regarding the writer: He has been involved in Christian ministry for over fifty years. Including more than thirty years of direct pastoral ministry. Additionally; in church planting, in-depth discipleship, and evangelism.

He has authored several books on many major, and key topics, in scripture, which have been ignored or significantly misunderstood, by most in evangelical teaching. He has observed for many decades The result of this shallow and inaccurate teaching being; a great loss to His church, regarding what actually is God's Eternal Purpose! Thus to a great extent the saints are simply not being captured inwardly, for His Kingdom. Due to the main thing being told, that they are a sinner, need a Savior, so when they die; they can go to heaven, and get a mansion; and not go to hell. *How incredibly sad! To be so short changed!*

Consequently, with the absence of a Biblical vision, for saints to pursue Him, as a result; many fail to partake of the promises He gives as a reward, to those who overcome; not simply by faith; but rather; for those who mature in His divine life, and as a result, produce by His Seed life, the needed wedding garment, for entry into the wedding Feast, and to reign in the Millennial Kingdom.

These are sobering subjects which have been covered, revealing detail, as planned for the producing of God's eternal purpose. May The Spirit grant us sight that we may see past the shallow, unbiblical understanding which is promoted, and enter into the deep riches of the fullness of God. Amen

The Husbandman's Field

Final Details

Often when seeking to express genuine heart felt comfort, or encouragement; in situations of great Loss, or deep suffering; we sense, so often, that our well intended refrains, have fallen short.

Consider, for example: “our *in the moment*,” struggle, to honestly answer the ultimate question; regarding **where is a loved one, who has just died.?** *would our response be based on Biblical truth, fiction, or a mixture of unfounded hope, and wishful thinking ?*

The Apostle Paul was confronted with a similar occasion which came to him, from the church in Thessalonica. They had received *fake news*, which said that the Lord had already come. Simply try to imagine if that were to happen to us.

Thus, in Paul's attempt to comfort them, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; he sent this note. 2Thess 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

He then proceeded, to give several indicators to watch for and concluded with a challenge to the church; in this fashion. 2 Thes 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and

good hope by grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every **good word and work.**

Paul, then calls the believers to remember what he had shared when he was with them; 2Thess 2:5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things?

What did Paul previously tell them, by word and by letter? 1 Thes 4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

In Paul's attempt to satisfy their concerns, he gave them some basic information; as others may do in similar circumstances; however we must ask a question here. Did Paul unfold a thorough explanation of all details concerning the Lord's coming? The answer would be, clearly **No!**

And yet it appears for most Christians, Paul's brief explanation might be the only, and extremely limited summary, which most people have ever heard. In addition, much of what they have been told, is inaccurate, and not solidly supported in scripture.

Although, what Paul shared was completely true, it was still far short of a thorough explanation.

This can be further substantiated, when attending a funeral. Due to various influences, one can hear a travelogue of mixed truth and fiction, like no where else; this due to various understandings issuing from inaccurate teaching from scripture.

These various additional explanations presented may include; adjusting our words; due to the specific person who's funeral it is, or the ramifications of saying the wrong thing, or the right thing taken wrongly; in others opinion. The truth remains, that in these difficult situations the overall complete answer to where the person who dies, currently resides; is not made clear in any scriptural detail.

The thief and Paradise

Therefore, at this juncture; let us begin our deeper truth discovery; by listening in; on a brief conversation in which the thief on the cross is making a request of Jesus. The request is that Jesus would remember him when He would come into His kingdom. Jesus, then responds by saying; today you shall be with me in paradise.

Paradise?

In Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus; he writes the following. Eph 4:9 Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? Jesus did not go to *Hell*, but to Paradise! Which is the pleasant section of Hades. This solid, identified location mentioned, indicates paradise, is in the lower parts of the earth.

Why does Jesus say Paradise, and Christians say Heaven?

This contradiction is not a product of scriptural inconsistency, rather it is the result of what Peter referred to as, twisting of the scriptures.

A final destination called heaven, is a popular theme among many religions of the world, This as a presumed destination upon death. And thus, our natural thinking, would easily drive us to a similar conclusion. However, do we even dare to consider; amidst all the rhetoric in Christendom; that going to heaven upon our death, *is not the eternal plan*; of the God of the Bible?

Let us now consider several clear statements, from scripture, regarding the matter of going to heaven, and if in fact, anyone has ever gone there!

Jesus clear Testimony

Jn 3:13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who

is in heaven. *Here Jesus Himself clearly states that (no one) has ascended to heaven.*

This creates a firm timeline, for us, thus we can see as of this point, no one has gone to heaven; according to Jesus.

Acts 2:34 "For **David did not ascend into the heavens**, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

This pronouncement was spoken by Peter; on the day of Pentecost, (*please observe the timing*); was ten full days after the ascension of Christ, at which time paradise was to have allegedly been emptied, according to evangelical teaching.

Here we see Peter, clearly stating that David did not ascend into heaven, which presents a great dilemma; in that either David was not saved, or paradise was in fact not emptied, at the ascension of Christ.

From these two clear statements; of Jesus, and Peter; we should be able to solidly conclude, that factually, believers are not currently in heaven when they die, and paradise was not emptied at Christ's ascension.

Pr:30:4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?

Where did this Idea of going to Heaven come from in Christendom, in General?

How then did we come to such a different answer than Jesus' affirmation? This contrary thinking is due to a number of reasons. Some of these are that of, twisted scriptural assumptions, and an extremely incomplete exegesis of scripture. This began, by some early church fathers.

Their influence was strengthened in later times through the then current teachers. Specifically by the literal interpretation of Jn 14; regarding mansions. This, in part due to a rising particular hermeneutical emphases, promoted by JN Darby, to be the predominant hermeneutic used, that of the literal hermeneutic, in Biblical interpretation.

With this influence impacting the already inaccurate translation, by the use of the word; 'mansions' for example; then further; including the influence of pagan religious views of after-life, and so on.

In more recent times, since 1909, this assumption was further shaped and reinforced by key footnotes, located in the Scofield reference Bible. One specific point regarding his footnotes is found in Luke 16, pages 1098,1099. Where Scofield places a key phrase, which says "it is believed."

This completely unsupported assumption; should hardly be sufficient to establish as truth; such a profound, and unsupported conclusion, that paradise was transferred to Heaven, at a specific point in time. That time being, identified, at the ascension of Christ.

However, this phrase (*it is believed*) became another major driving force, in intrenching this teaching. People no longer seem to check with scripture, but simply

assume believers go to heaven when they die; and this is fully endorsed by nearly all preachers, with various ideas of being granted entrance.

There are two other scripture references which are used, as alleged supporting texts, however; if we read the passages for what they say, rather than twisting them, to supposedly '*clarify*' for example; what Paul "*really*" meant; this practice of twisting scripture in evangelicalism; is that which Peter referred to in His epistle.

These additional passages utilized are Eph 4, and 2Cor 12, regarding leading captivity captive, and secondly, Paul's reference to visions, and revelations, both identified as plural, in the Biblical text.

Now, back to where paradise is located. If we appeal to Luke chapter 16, on this matter, we discover the overall location referred to is Hades, which was given an extremely poor translation in the King James version, where it uses the word, Hell.

Hades is introduced as being composed of two sections. One is a place of comfort, while awaiting the resurrection unto life, and the other is a place of present torment, while awaiting the resurrection of the unjust, and their appearing at the great white throne Judgment. To then be cast into the Lake of Fire forever, as their name was not found written in the book of life.

Ac 24:15 "I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust."

Therefore, contrary to the vast amount of fiction presented; scripture indicates that no one has gone to heaven, nor has received their reward, nor are they walking the streets of Gold, or living in their Mansion, or looking down on us currently.

But rather, the dead; are in a waiting place of comfort, or in a place of torment. Both are awaiting the resurrection; one is unto life, and the other is awaiting resurrection, to then be cast into the lake of fire for eternity.

Those who are awaiting resurrection to the great White Throne Judgment will be there, due to their names not being in the Lambs book of life. The reason is; for not believing in Jesus and turning from their sin; and repenting before a Holy God during their lifetime.

The Unique,
and only Place, to Worship the Creator,
and God, of the Bible.

Man often purports, the Idea that God is everywhere, and can be found anywhere. It is true that God can be seen, in the creation, and theologically, it is said that God is omnipresent. People have said they felt God in the gentle evening breeze; and yet vast numbers of people are completely disconnected from actually being in touch with God, or hearing Him speak, or communing with Him personally.

If we desire to connect with the one and only creator; we need to understand where He is, and thus where we must go, to be with Him. Where does He reside or make Himself available to man. Most people would

declare that He is in Heaven. However, if He is truly omnipresent; that does not identify a specific place, where we can meet Him.

When looking for anyone, we must begin by identifying their correct address, and then understand how to get there, and then proceed to go to the correct destination.

Where to meet with God in the Old Testament.

Deut 12:13 "Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; 14 "but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

In the Old Testament time, when they went into the good land, the unique place; was established, both as to location geographically, as well as specifically. in the tabernacle, at the place of the Mercy Seat, between the Cherubim. There God dwelt and met with them.

The tabernacle, as well as in the fixed temple, was of three sections. The outer court, the holy place, and the Holy of Holies. The Mercy seat was located in the Holy of Holies section of the Tabernacle. *Place this location in your thinking as it will become incredibly significant, as we consider where God meets man, in the New Testament times.*

Ex 25:9 "According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Ex 25:22 "And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

Deut 12:1 "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.

2 "You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

3 "And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place.

4 "You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things.

5 "But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.

6 "There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

7 "And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today — every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes —

9 "for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

10 "But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety,

11 "then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD.

12 "And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

13 "Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see;

14 "but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

With this word, the Lord revealed to Israel the unique and only place, where He was to be found, and where Israel was to worship Him, and at no other place. This was to include the tearing down of all the high places.

Now, We must see The New Testament's Unique, and 'only 'Place in which to locate, and Worship the God of the Bible !

Eze 36:27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Jn 4:19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Joh 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2. With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3

endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ro 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

*A crucial understanding is needed, by us regarding The **(Spirit was not Yet)**; which is nearly completely missing; in evangelicalism, to the unspeakable loss, in the church.*

Jn 7:39 But this He spoke concerning **the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet, ~~given~~ because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Note: *The translators of the King James version, supplied the word ~~(given)~~ as they missed the understanding, and consequent revelation being presented in the passage.*

Addressing our God!

Joh 14:8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us. "Joh 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Joh 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever —

Joh 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Joh 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Joh 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Note verse 7, it does not say that He must go to heaven, nor that He would stay there. Which is proven in Jn 20:22

Our confusion in addressing our God is currently, and clearly, manifest in our speech, and particularly, in our open verbal prayer. This then to include statements like this; which express our lack of clarity. ***Jesus had to go to Heaven, so the Spirit can come,*** This ***articulation*** clearly ***reveals a lack*** of true exegesis, or understanding, of the God of the Bible. *Do we have three God's?*

HOWEVER, Please NOTE something! On the **same day**, in the evening of Christ's Resurrection, and subsequent Glorification; when He returned from the Father; He joined the brothers in a locked room. The Holy Spirit now came to the disciples in the closed room, **via Christ's breath**. Christ is there in the room, with the disciples; not in Heaven; and He breathes on them, and says receive the Holy Spirit, thus issuing from the Resurrected, and Glorified, and present

Christ, from His Resurrected and Glorified body, breathed then into the Disciples. Jn 20:22

Jn 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

We see, that on the same day Jn 20:19 in which the resurrected, and Glorified Son, ascended to the Father, The above verse was carried out. The Father sent the Spirit, in the Son's name, which is equal to the Spirit coming with and in the Son. This expresses the eternal unity, of the triune God. However, in our attempts to understand an unfathomable reality; we have created three God's, in our thinking, and speaking!

'He has not stayed gone; He is right there! and yet the Spirit has come! Being breathed out of Christ, in Resurrection, as the Glorified Son.

Why was the Spirit, Not Yet?

In brief; (**The Spirit**) is another, of several titles, of the third, in the Triune Godhead. which simply implied that there was a further step yet to be accomplished, in the complete preparation of the God man, to be our all, as The Divine Seed. In the Book of Revelation, for example we see this title (**The Spirit**) used, addressing the churches, he that has an ear, let him hear what (**The Spirit**) says to the churches.

Now then, the Spirit was **not yet: simply** indicates a further step was still required, in the completing process of Christ's full preparation as the unique Seed. This to include the steps of; incarnation, perfect sinless

human living, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and finally, Glorification. ***(by His glorification, the full preparation was completed, to produce (The Spirit),*** Jesus, then in resurrection and glorification, **became** the All-inclusive Seed, as the Life-Giving Spirit. Or **(The Spirit)**.

We discover an early picture, of this preparation of Jesus, to become the Life Giving Spirit, which is portrayed in Ex 30, where we are given the instructions for preparing the Holy anointing oil. The preparation of the Holy Anointing Oil begins with a Hin of olive oil, and then there are added in three groups of various elements, with the middle of the three groups divided in two; which pictures the God man, Jesus; having His side riven, out of which flowed blood and water, for the accomplishing of our redemption, and bringing the divine life into His redeemed. Finally, with all of these elements added into the Hin of olive oil, the result was, the completed preparation of the Holy Anointing Oil.

The title, **(Christ)**; means **(anointed)**. This anointed one was therefore prepared, through all of the different phases which He passed through, as were previously listed, these now *including* Resurrection, and Glorification, to then become the life giving Spirit, as the believers everything. **(Not singularly as their redeemer)**, but providing everything in Him as the Seed, to reproduce Himself in His redeemed believers, by means of the now completed, Seed Kind. This seed will now produce after and according to the Seed kind; in all who repent and are born again.

The divine nature and life in this **Seed** will develop and grow and mature, and bear fruit, according to His image and likeness, which is exactly according to this Seed kind. Heb 5:8 though He was a Son, yet He

learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Thus Jesus is the first fruit of many brothers. Ro 11:16 For if the first fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. Ro 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your **Seed, who is Christ.**"

Consider This!

Now, as the Resurrected Christ, with a Glorified body, and yet fully complete; in His eternal attributes, as the Eternal God; however, in resurrection and Glorification; no longer limited by a physical, mortal body; but rather a Glorified body, thus now, as the eternal God; Father, Son, and Spirit; He can now actually; make His home in us, by reason of the fact, that He is, in one of His divine attributes, omnipresent. Jn 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him.**"

Jn 17:23 **"I in them, and You in Me;** that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Joh 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Here we gaze on the profound result of Jesus Christ, as the God/man; who in Resurrection, and Glorification brought redeemed, regenerated, Resurrected, and Glorified humanity into union with the triune God. Eph 2:6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Today, in Heaven, there is the Resurrected, and Glorified God/man; fully God and fully man; seated in Heaven, and we are seated with Christ, in the heavenly places in Christ.

The completed Preparation

Joh 7:39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (1392 Strongs)

Now Glorified

Ac 3:13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, **glorified** (1392 Strongs) His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.

Jn 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

Joh 20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." Joh 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The Old Testament Tabernacle, was in part, presenting a pattern of the coming reality of the spiritual tabernacle; with the indwelling of the Spirit, joined to the human spirit of redeemed man as the mutual abode.

As was mentioned earlier, the Tabernacle in the Old Testament, was of three sections. The outer court, the Holy place, and the Holy of Holies.

This corresponds directly, to the three parts of man, made in God's Image of three; Father, Son, Spirit.

Also, the Ark which Noah was instructed by the Lord to build, was of three levels. Gen 6:16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks."

1Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Also the indwelling life giving Spirit, is the fulfillment of what was spoken in Eze 36:2. "I will put My Spirit

within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Redeemed man, now by His spirit, being joined to the Spirit of the Lord, is instructed to worship only at the place directed by God, **which is no longer in Jerusalem**, but in Spirit, and truth, from our spirit which is born of the Spirit. Joh 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

The unique, and only place to find, and meet with God; now in the New Testament, for the Father seeks such!

Joh 4:23 "But **the hour is coming, and now is**, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

For redeemed man to truly worship or serve God; it must be from the place which He has chosen; *not from any place which we choose*. That unique place being, the Spirit, which is Joined to our spirit; as a born again believer, when we repent and believe in Christ.

Our work; if not issuing from this source, will not then pass the test at the Judgment seat, and will consequently also, not produce the wedding garment, produced from the righteous acts of the saints.

Removing High Places

This means that we must identify and tare down, all the 'High Places' which we elevate in practice, above the Lord. Things exalted above, and added into

Christianity, like the woman *hiding the leaven* in the fine flower; ambitions issuing from the actions, and desires of the flesh, man's traditions, and self; including matters from Idolatry, and Pagan influence, must be removed, **until we only Exult**, and drawing life, and direction from **Christ**, who is now **the Life giving Spirit**, joined to our spirit. Many high places must fall!

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is **the Spirit**; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

2Co 10:5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Ga 5:17 For the flesh lusts against **the Spirit**, and **the Spirit** against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Eph 2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

Php 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

1Pe 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

Ro 2:29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

2 Cor 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good

works. These things are good and profitable to men. 9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11. knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Ro 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

God's unique place, where He has chosen to meet with us in the church age, by the giving of the Holy Spirit; is now in our spirit, Joined to His Spirit. This is the unique, and only place where we will find Him. And it is through the Spirit, we are to live and move, and have our being; including the carrying out of the good works, which He has ordained for us to walk in.

Is the Throne of God always in Heaven?

At this juncture, we will examine the matter of the various Throne locations. Since the throne, is a crucial focal point, in the carrying out of God's administration; identifying the specific location of His throne; in various events, in administering His economy, or household

administration; is crucial. This may grant additional clarity for us, as to the actual location of specific events.

Now, let us identify the various locations where we see God's throne, in the activities relating to this age, in His Parousia, and in the consummation of the age, as He brings in the eternal state?

1. We see the throne of God in the third Heavens.
2. We see the overcoming saints caught up to the throne of God in Heaven.
3. We see the throne of God, as the Bema relating to the Judgment seat of Christ taking place in the air.
4. We see the throne of God next set up on the earth, this location being set up for the Judgment of the living Nations at the end of the tribulation.
5. The Throne during the Millennium should be in Jerusalem, Where Christ begins with the Judgment on the remaining living nations.
6. We next see the throne of God, in relation to the Great White Throne Judgment, at the end of the Millennium. It is difficult to establish its location for the following reason.
Re 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.
7. The Throne of God in eternity will be in the New Jerusalem Rev 22:1 on the new earth.

This may assist us in placing the Throne of God accurately, at different locations, rather than simply assuming it is always in heaven.

We do not find anywhere in scripture, which says the throne of God, is ever relocated back in the heavens, after coming to earth. Neither are God's people seen located in Heaven, in eternity, but clearly; as the New Jerusalem, located on the new earth.

In the Future

The born again believers, will be assembled at the Judgment seat of Christ, at the time of the rapture, of the majority of the saints to the air, after the tribulation. while the Christ rejecting people will be resurrected one thousand years later, to appear at the Great white throne Judgment; where all who rejected the gospel of grace, who's names will be absent from the book of life, will then be cast into the lake of fire, for ever.

Regarding Martyred saints

- *The many Martyrs, throughout the church age.*

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, *This refers to those martyred during the church age.*

- *Those Martyred, during the tribulation,* vs 4, *continued.* Who had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. *These are the saints who were martyred during the tribulation,* seen standing on the sea of glass.

The Christ rejecting People.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

These are basic details presented in the Bible, from which we can draw true comfort, or bitter clarity; as to where people who die, presently are. Their spirit and soul, which is their person; is currently apart from their body. Their dead body, being in a grave or other.

**Now we come to a most crucial Juncture.
We must identify what gospel, is actually
being proclaimed, during the tribulation!**

The gospel of grace is the presumed gospel to be preached in the tribulation, however this is a major and profound error. This completely unsubstantiated teaching has brought immeasurable confusion, and misrepresentation; in Christian teaching.

In searching the scripture, we can identify only one unique gospel, being proclaimed during the tribulation. That gospel is revealed as the Everlasting Gospel, and not the gospel of grace, or the gospel of the kingdom.

This matter of the everlasting gospel is essentially untouched in the majority of teaching in Christendom. However, to rightly divide the word of truth; we must clarify exactly what gospel is being proclaimed, during the tribulation, and what is its exact content, and exactly who is proclaiming it.

In order to untangle ***the left behind*** presentation's tragic error; we must see that this *Everlasting gospel* is *completely* difference from the Gospel of grace, which is being announced, during the age of mystery, or the church age, and is proclaimed, by the church.

There will be at a certain time, in the future; a particular message proclaimed. Which is referred to as the Everlasting gospel. Rev 14:6 Which *we must* identify, as to its content, and from that solidly conclude in our understanding; that there is a distinct difference in content, as well as by whom it is proclaimed.

At a certain point in the future; on this earth, timed with the beginning of the command to worship the beast, and to take his mark in their right hand, or forehead; people will begin to hear the proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel. That by means of an Angel.

This gospel, and warning of man, will not be proclaimed by man, but by Angels. Rev14:6 Please observe; The basic contents of this gospel are of four. **1.Fear God** and **2. give Him glory** and **3. worship Him**, and **4. Do not take the mark or worship the beast.**

Please Notice: **The complete absence:** There are absolutely no items listed in this everlasting gospel, which are the essentials of the gospel of grace; such as the Blood of Christ, being born again, or repenting, nor; was an Angel ever permitted to proclaim the gospel of grace in the church age. *Consider the account of the Angel who was only permitted to simply give instruction, to send to Joppa for Simon Peter, who would tell them all.*

Are We Confused regarding the Nations?

At the end of the tribulation of three and one half years, the living Nations; composed now of only those who survived the tribulation, are then gathered to their Judgment on earth. Among them will be some who responded to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, of *fearing God*, and *give Him glory*, and *worshiping Him*, and *not taking the mark*, in contrast to the enemy's command, to worshiping the anti-Christ, during the tribulation.

These eventually will be seen as those who are selected *from the nations*, as sheep; who during the time of the tribulation, may even have risked their lives, including being ones who escaped receiving the mark, but rather, took care of the Lord's brothers, during the tribulation.

These brothers of the Lord, are not specifically or uniquely *the Jews*, as is frequently purported, but are the Lord's born again believers, His brothers; *who were not saved during the tribulation but* were sent here by the Lord as they were not overcomers in spiritual maturity, during their life, who also failed to produce the wedding garment by their approved good works.

These believers, or the Lord's brothers; seen in the tribulation, which consist of two categories. They consists of either those who were currently living, at the time of the Lord's Parousia, or of those who were resurrected from the dead, near the time of the midnight cry, Matt 25.

The living overcoming saints at that time, are represented in scripture by the two in the field, and the two grinding at the mill. Christianity teaches, that the one taken was saved and the one left behind, was lost.

This serious error is the result of a biblical model of the simply saved, and lost. Actually the one at the mill, and the one in the field, which are taken, are of the living overcomers, as the first fruits of His harvest, and the one left at the mill and in the field; were believers who neither had maturity, nor the wedding garment at the time of the secret rapture, which will be just prior to the beginning of the tribulation. This would be seen then as exclusively the rapture only of the living first fruits; of the Lord's complete harvest.

Those who remain or are left behind; are the currently living believers, and those resurrected at the time of the initial Parousia, who were not ready.

Do to these believers' shortage, they are assigned to the tribulation by the will of our loving Heavenly Father; for the expressed purpose of becoming matured, according to His goal for every believer. This, through His great love for them; as revealed in, Heb 12:6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens And scourges every son whom He receives." 1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

A Sober Question!

Do we actually believe our Spiritual Maturity to be subjectively, and individually optional, Or individually variable or relative? Or further; some miraculous instant activity? Please do not confuse the glorification of the body,

in an instant at the appearing of Jesus, with the progressive transformation of the soul, from glory to glory, by the growth of the divine Seed; unto *full maturity, which is God's plan for every believer who is part of His field.*

This great lack of a proper understanding, is largely due to the propagation of the narrow window of, simply saved and lost, going to heaven or hell; understanding.

We must learn to distinguish between repentance and faith, granting us eternal life and freeing the believer from the wrath of God; as contrasted with what is seen in scripture, as the full heart of the divine revelation, as God's eternal purpose; regarding which; the majority of the church has not addressed in general. *This is our great failure, as teachers!*

Php. 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has **begun** a good work in you will **complete** it until the day of Jesus Christ. This is *according to His eternal plan, of conforming us all to His image and likeness.*

Php 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

If we are willing to look; Scripture is replete, with expressions, of His redeemed becoming fully mature, as a believer, and not just doctrinally, or positionally, but truly. Therefore, *a question must be asked, and answered!*

The Profound question: If a believer dies, without being spiritually mature; how and when, will this growth unto actual, not simply positional maturity, take place, for the completion of God's plan, of bringing every believer to full maturity?

This, exact question was posed by the writer, to a number of major evangelical Christian teachers, mainly in the USA. None of which had an answer, which would satisfy scriptures, call. *The general answer was; when we see Jesus, everything will be fixed!*

Perhaps one has never considered this question. Somehow in our thinking; all will be solved when we die and see Jesus. Saints, if that were the case, then God could have sent His message on something the size of a note in a Chinese cookie.

Seriously, the majority of the Bible would be pointless, and nearly the entire appeal of the writings of Paul, purportedly inspired by the Holy Spirit were completely a waist.

This to include the whole matter of dying to self, progressive growth, sacrificing etc. were of no import, as it will all be done, in a twinkling of an eye!

Paul's travailing in birth, until Christ would be formed in them, was a waist of time and pointless. One famous, and highly recognised pastor declared that many believers would look something like Swiss cheese, for all eternity; full of holes for eternity.

A Major Question: Does the resurrected, Glorified, ascended Christ look like Swiss cheese? Saints; being conformed to the image of Christ, is not a suggestion in scripture, it is a major part of God's eternal purpose, which He will complete through His unfolded process which is presented in scripture.

Job 23:13 "But He is unique, and who can make Him change? And whatever His soul desires, that He does.

Scripture contains a complete, and stunning answer to this matter; however evangelical Christian teaching, in mainstream Christianity, has ignored, or nullified it's answer for many reasons. Again; the simply saved and lost model of interpretation, has left no room for opening the grand plan of the Lord, regarding this profound matter, as well.

Therefore, We must now discover; the mandatory process, planned by God for every believer, including various difficult circumstances individually experienced, in bringing us to spiritual maturity!

As we begin, please consider; those who are being addressed by **THE SPIRIT**, in the book of Revelation, Ch 2,3 regarding His call to **overcome**. Observe the requirements revealed here, which are in stark contrast to those referenced as simply being overcomers based on faith, in 1Jo 5:5 and Rev 21:7.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he who **overcomes** the world, but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?

And in Revelation 21:7 "He who overcomes **shall inherit all things**, and I will be his God and he shall be **My son**.

Are there Specific Overcomer Distinctives required, to reign in the Kingdom?

Yes! However, not by trying to keep a law of man, or the letter, based in self effort. Rather, these distinctives are available, and fully able to be produced in the life of any born again believer.

These distinctives are properly produced out of the Divine Seed, (which is Christ) through the spiritual growth and maturing, of the eternal life in this divine Seed. The result being, the full development to maturity, including the fruit, issuing from the growth and maturity of the Seed, will by this life, issue in the proper producing of the seed kind fruit, which will be in part, the righteous acts of the saints.

Mark 4:26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

27 "and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

28 "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

29 "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Then, like any seed; the life in the seed according to its kind will reproduce exactly according to the seed kind.

His Seed in the believer will reproduce everything He is by His life. This to include spiritual maturity, and the fine

linen garment developed through the manifested righteous acts of the saints.

Seeds, have a capacity to be dormant; until they are placed in an environment conducive to growth. With the proper environment they will sprout and will then require a similar environment to continue to develop and bear their fruit; according to their seed kind. **The Seed**; in the believer being Christ; who will only produce properly, as we regularly feed on His living word, drink of Him as the living water, walk in the light, as He is in the light, and respond to His life in our spirit as He directs us in our spirit, which is joined to His Spirit 1Cor 6:17.

This living out, by His direction, and The Spirit's anointing; and empowering; will produce the good works which He has planned, thus carrying out His kingdom work, will then result in producing the righteous acts of the saints, which become the wedding garment, by the normal life, unto fruit bearing, out of His life, as the Seed, just as every living thing reproduces according to its kind.

The operation, and activity which is empowered by the Spirit in our spirit; is completely different from our good ideas; propelled by our fleshly zeal, and natural ability, and thus the Spirit produces the fruit which will be approved.

This matter of life out of Him; was first pictured in Genesis, where He took the rib from Adam to build a woman. This picture reveals to us that the only thing which will be approved by Him, is that which His life produces.

Now, In seeking to rightly divide the word of truth; there is a very necessary distinction which needs to be identified between those who overcome, to reign with

Christ in the Millennial age, as a kingdom reward; and those who overcome in a general way simply by saving faith.

We are not minimizing saving faith, rather we are clarifying the distinction between saving faith, and the receiving of reward, being gained on a different basis. One is of purely grace, the other is based on approved good works.

Dear saints; every believer's works will be tried, and the good works which are produced by one who is living by the Spirit in their vessel, with the oil not simply in their lamp, or spirit, but also that their being as their soul life is filled, and supplied by the Spirit and being transformed from glory to glory, thus the fruit of that life produces according to its kind, which will be approved by the Lord.

The criteria for this reigning overcoming, being spiritual maturity, not simply that they believe; and also, that they have in their lives produced the wedding garment, through the good works, which He has ordained, that we should walk in them.

The current popular understanding of overcomers, would be the general overcoming understanding. This is identified in 1 Jn, 5 and Rev 21:7 as being those who have genuine saving faith, through believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

This overcoming is simply a result of becoming His sons, through repentance of sin, being born of God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and sealed by the Holy Spirit, unto the day of redemption, and thus eternally

inheriting all elements of the free gift of eternal life, received by faith, completely apart from works.

Tit 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

2Co 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

So wonderfully, as part of the free gift of eternal life, all genuinely born again believers, will in eternity; inherit forever, all things; in God's Eternal Kingdom.

However; we must understand dear saints; just as, not all believers would receive equal reward, so also; not all believers will be among those; although eternally saved, however will not qualify for the Kingdom reward, of reigning with Christ in His Millennial Kingdom of one thousand years, on the restored earth, nor will they participate in the wedding feast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Upon believing, the Lord has good works for us to walk in, by an approved manner. If we do as He has asked in an approved way, His plan is to reward us. As our

salvation is a free gift, not expected to be paid back, in the installment plan, for the rest of our lives.

Peter asked the Lord, the following: please observe the Lord's response. Luke 18:28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."

29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 "who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

Luke 22:28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. 29 "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30 "that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Re 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Matt 25:23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping

where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 'And I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed.

27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 'Therefore take the talent from him and give it to him who has ten talents.

29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This matter of reigning overcomers is a crucial distinction, which is not made in Christendom in general, which needs to be understood by the dear saints, in order to open the true understanding of God's overall plan.

Which if understood; *may well* produce an expression similar to our Lord; who for the Joy set before them, chose to endure the cross in their lives, and despise the shame, and then to be qualified to sit at the table of the Marriage supper which is reserved for the Rev 2, and 3 overcomer group.

With the initiation of the Lord's Parousia, the currently living, first fruits overcomers, as seen in Rev 14, and those who have died, throughout the ages, now resurrected, as seen in Rev 12, developed as a

corporate male child, as the first fruits of those who had previously died, who is later in the section, referred to as **they**, overcame; and how they did it, as well as indicating that they were dead, as they loved not their lives unto the death.

These two groups constitute those of the rewarded overcomer believers, who are raptured at the time of the Lord's initial Parousia or coming. These will be raptured to the throne just prior to the beginning of the tribulation. We must see His coming as a progressive coming, based on the principle of a crop being harvested as it is ripening.

This Parousia is a progressive coming in phases, somewhat like getting a package delivered by a carrier. They will send you a graph indicating when it left, where it currently is, and when it will arrive. This is its coming, or Parousia.

The (Parousia) or the Lord's Coming,

The order of reaping a crop, as revealed in scripture is; the first fruits, the Harvest, and the gleanings.

Therefore the first fruits will be gathered in the initial phase. The first fruits are composed of two groups of believers.

1. From among the currently living saints, on the earth.
2. From those saints who have already died, over the ages; and are now in paradise, Abraham's bosom awaiting The resurrection.

Each Group's Selection

The currently living, overcoming saints, who are taken secretly, just prior to the beginning of the tribulation are represented in scripture by the one taken, of two men in the field, and the other left, as well as the two women at the mill, one is taken, the other is left.

The rewardable overcomers are from these two groups; first from the currently living believers, when the Lord comes as a thief, and secondly, from those who are dead. The dead will be resurrected, as seen in Matt 25, and those who are ready, at this juncture, will then be taken to the third heavens in a secret manor, in His Parousia. Those who are not ready, indicated by the lack of oil in their vessel; will be sent into the tribulation to complete their maturity.

Contrary to common teaching; the one who is taken, is the rewarded overcomer, *not the simply saved one*; and the one which is left has not met the spiritual requirements of maturity and a wedding garment.

The currently living overcomers, are then seen in Rev 14. on heavenly Mt Zion. As those redeemed from the earth. *Again:* the one taken is the rewarded overcomer, the one left behind is a believer who **is not ripe, thus also lacking the wedding garment.**

Regarding the other group, seen in Matt 25; these are **all believers**, who had previously slept or have died; throughout the Millennia. We now see these saints which are all resurrected, at the same time; in relation to the midnight cry, including some indication given, as to the coming of the bridegroom.

However, contrary to popular thought; these who are resurrected, will not *immediately* be caught up, upon their resurrection from the dead, *or raptured, being the popular term.*

JN Darby. *Who popularised the word 'Rapture' and is referred to by many, as the father of the **rapture!** referring strictly, to the term, (rapture), and not the doctrine of the rapture, or the biblical event described as being caught up.*

Those dead, or sleeping saints, from past ages, who are Resurrected, and are mature overcoming saints, will *very* shortly be caught up to the throne in the third heavens.

There is indication of some delay by two matters. One, is that they all rose and trimmed their lamps, and two, is that while the ones short of oil went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in.

Those dead saints which are resurrected, referred to as the foolish; who are resurrected at the very same time as the wise; they however; *not being mature overcomers*; will then be advised to go to those who sell, and buy the oil, which they are lacking in their vessel.

Those who were dead, and now resurrected, referred to as wise; are the ripe or matured overcoming saints, with the wedding garment. These are soon caught up to the third heavens and are represented in Rev 12 by the male child.

Saints, please consider! the male child in Rev 12 (*is not Jesus,*) please just reason for a moment. The book

of Revelation states, in the first chapter that it is a book of **signs** which must shortly come to pass. In other words, a prophecy of future events, not of past historical happenings.

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants — things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John. 4591 Strong's AV-signify 1) to give a **sign**, to signify, indicate.

When the book of Revelation was written, on the Isle of Patmos, at around 95 AD, Jesus had already been born, lived, crucified, Resurrected, and ascended to heaven, some sixty five years before this book was even written.

Now this male child who is brought forth from the woman, *(the woman is not Israel)* this male child then represents the stronger part, of the woman. The woman; in scripture being referred to as the weaker vessel 1Pt 3:7.

Woman

In a major book used in Bible Colleges and seminaries as a textbook entitled, **Things To Come** by J Dwight Pentecost; he purposes that the woman in Revelation twelve refers to Israel. In summary, there are two basic reasons. One is based on the pre-tribulation rapture theory, which calls for all believers to have already gone. The other is because there is an absence of the church referred to as a woman in scripture. This author taught at Dallas Theological Seminary for decades.

With no heart to desire debating, please simply consider several clues, as to the church being a woman.

In Genesis it is said, there are all the seeds of the divine truth found in scripture. Therefore in the second chapter of Genesis we discover a very profound seed.

Adam is put to sleep, and out of his side a rib is taken, and from that rib a woman is built and presented to Adam. Therefore, what is this picturing? Christ died, His side was opened and out flowed blood, and water. This to redeem man and give them the life of God; to by His life, become His bride.

Then at the end of the Bible we see the following scene. A bride prepared for her husband. This is Christ and the church as His bride. Saints; although the word woman is not strictly used, it is most obvious that the bride here, refers to is a woman.

Please consider several other passages regarding this theme.

Re 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Ge 2:22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Re 12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Re 12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Re 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Re 12:13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

Re 12:16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Re 12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Re 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Re 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Gen 24:5 And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

Gen 24:14 "Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink' —let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."

Re 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

The church is truly pictured, in scripture as a Woman.

Re 12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

With the further development In scripture, we discover two different women, immerging. Each of vastly different seed kinds. The one woman is the church, the bride of Christ; from the Seed which is Christ Gal 3:16. The other, is the harlot, Satan's counterfeit seed. Gen 3:15 manifesting through the ages in the form of lust of the flesh lust of the eyes the pride of life hidden in a cloak of religion.

Some like to proclaim, that all people are God's children. However in scripture we discover from Jesus that this is another, of fake news. Joh 8:44 "you are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in

him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Now back to the Male child. Later in chapter 12, we see this statement; 'And **they**,' **this male child is now referred to as 'they'**” overcame him, by the Blood of the lamb, by the word of their testimony, and **they** loved not their lives unto death. Question: Where did the, **they** come from?

The male child is representative of the stronger part, of the woman. This woman represents all of the dead believers, through the millennia, which were then all resurrected at the same time; however the foolish, among them, were found lacking oil in their vessel, thus were revealed as not being mature in life.

Consequently, neither had they as a result of their immaturity produced the wedding garment, by good works which were done in Him; prior to their physical death.

Notice: Now regarding the male child; **the** singular is now referred to as **they**. *Since no other identifiable group is seen, this should properly refer back to the male child. (Remember: this book is a book of signs).*

These overcoming saints, represented in the male child, are saints who had previously died, over the ages, and are now resurrected and very shortly will be caught up to the throne in the third heavens, just prior to the outset of the tribulation.

Now, While those recently resurrected, as well as those currently living saints, which were requiring more oil, have been sent to make the costly buy, of the

lacking oil, during the tribulation, acquiring the needed oil from those who sell; that to be most likely the two olive trees.

Please Notice this!

Please observe the obvious time gap revealed here, between their resurrection, and their rapture to the throne!

Mt 25:7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and **those who were ready** went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.: Mt 25:10

It's in the seed!

"your seed and her **Seed**;"

A key matter identified as seeds, in scripture is found, beginning in Genesis Ge 3:15, there is a battle indicated between two seeds. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your **seed** and her **Seed**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Ga 3:19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

The Devil's Seed

Joh 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

From these two different, and specific seed sources, one being Satanic in nature, and the other being The Divine Seed, from the Divine Nature of God Himself; we can then, further clarify the identity of these two key, and different women.

One, is the Bride of Christ; from the Divine Seed, and the other is Satan's counterfeit woman; formed by the fallen seed, of Satan in spiritual darkness, and wickedness, in the visible manifestation of Religion; tied to the world, as Satan's counterfeit woman.

This Satanic woman seen in scripture, is actually represented as the great Harlot, which is seen riding on a beast; Whose smoke will go up forever. However, she is also referred to as the mother of harlots. Who might her daughters be?

Re 17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. *This is probably the same woman in type, who hid the Leaven in the three measures of meal Luke13:21. Leaven is never a positive item in scripture!*

The woman seen in revelation 12, represents the collective saints throughout the ages, who have previously died, who were resurrected; however, not

all were mature in spiritual life, nor had they produced the wedding garment, prior to their death; thus, they were not ready. They were then sent to buy the lacking oil.

The woman portion who was not ready, will be taken to a place in a wilderness, prepared by the Lord, to be nourished for 3 ½ years, or the exact length of the tribulation.

This is in great contrast; to the dead, and now resurrected ripe overcomers, who were mature, and had made the wedding garment during their lives; who are then soon caught up to the throne, in keeping with the Lord's **conditional** promise; to those who overcome many specific things stated. Re 3:10 not simply a believing faith matter.

Please note, the crucial factor of the *conditional promise*. "**Because** you have **kept** My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

The remainder of currently living believers, including those resurrected but not yet mature, will be **left behind**, to pass through the 3 ½ years of the tribulation; and are thus instructed to go and buy the lacking oil from those who sell.

The location of the supply of the oil appears to be found with the two olive trees, during the tribulation of three and one half years. The believers who were not mature at their death, or those who are not mature who are currently living at the initial Parousia of the Lord, will then need to pay a price to buy the oil which they

previously were unwilling to pay, and will also be nourished by the Lord, being taken to a place in a wilderness; provided by Him.

Re 12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. *I repeat these matters in the hope, that we can see!*

However, we must see that in addition to nourishing, these believers who are lacking maturity; will also face the possibility of imprisonment, torture, deprivation, and martyrdom; during this time. These believers will be cared for by **those of the nations.)** who later are designated by the Lord, as *sheep*, for their care of His brothers, **(who are the immature believers.)**

These of the Nations, who care for the Lord's brothers, which have been sent by Him to the tribulation, are not; so called; people saved, during the tribulation; but are believers, who were sent there; as resurrected, or currently living; however were immature believers; either at death, or at the time of the initial parousia, who now were sent to the tribulation for the express purpose of bringing to completion their spiritual maturity.

Php. 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. This will transpire through the multiple means of spiritual nourishment, as well as His chastening and scourging; including martyrdom.

Those **of the Nations**; who cared for the Lord's brothers, during the tribulation, will then be blessed, and at the Judgment of the Nations; in Matt 25 will be designated as sheep; who will then by means of the provision of the restoration of all things Acts 3:21,; as the sheep, be restored humans, to a condition, something similar to a pre fall like condition. However, they are not regenerated, not born again; and as such, will be transferred into the millennial Kingdom, as restored humans, as blessed by the Lord's Father; (please note it does not say their Father), prepared for them (**from, not before**) the foundation of the world, as is distinct from the case with believers, who were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1:4

These of the Nations, now designated as sheep, who by virtue of their normal humanity, will **naturally**; be capable of procreating, sinning, growing old, dying, and rebelling. This restoration of these, is under the overall provision of the restoration of all things which will be occurring during the Millennium. Acts 3:21/ Isa 65:25 Is 11:6. Matt 28:19 also refers to this time, however, uses the word, in the (regeneration).

These designated as sheep, being restored to a pre-fall condition, is not out of order, for the generally restored condition during the Millennium, and is similar to that which the creation, with the earth and all life, will experience as restoration during the millennium; where the Wolf will feed with the lamb. Acts 3:21 Is 65:25

However, please be noticeably clear; these sheep, are not born again, and do not have the eternal life of God, and have not inherited eternal life, as have born again believers; who are thus indwelt by the Holy Spirit and in Eph 4 were thus designated as those who were chosen in Him **before** the foundation of the world.

Whereas the sheep are addressed as those who had a kingdom prepared for them **from** the foundation of the world. These of the Nations, designated as sheep, will never possess eternal life.

Their restoration is based on the general provision, of the restoration of all things Acts 3:21 and is due to their responding to the everlasting gospel, and thus were caring for the Lord's brothers, who are (*the immature believers*) during the tribulation, who have been brought there, to complete their maturity.

Further, there will be a good number of immature believers, during the tribulation, (*not saved during the tribulation, but placed them there by the Lord*) who will be martyred, for their refusal to receive the mark of the beast.

These particular saints are seen as standing on the sea of glass mixed with fire. Re 15:2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and **those** who **have the victory** over the beast, **over** his image and over his mark and **over** the number of his name, **standing on the sea of** glass, having harps of God.

These victorious believers, during the tribulation, now standing on the sea of glass, represent those rewarded to be reigning overcomers, among '***the gleanings***'

portion of God's crop, *due to their martyrdom, in God's complete harvest.*

They are seen standing, indicating their victory over Satan, and in resurrection will be among the **reigning overcoming believers** in the Millennium, as part of the over all gleanings portion of the Lord's harvest.

Saints; ***In God's great love, and mercy;*** He still gives His immature believers an opportunity to be an '**overcomer**' however; the price for this will for sure be; physical martyrdom, resulting from a refusal to receive the mark of the Beast.

Saints, we must see this: A (conditional) promise from the Lord; to those who would overcome, was to "**not be hurt of the second death.**" Re 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be **hurt** by the second death." Re 20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the **lake of fire.** This is the **second death.**

It appears that the lake of fire, which is the second death; will be used by the Lord in the maturing process, the key word here being "hurt," **not destroyed**, or condemned too forever. we are not told details, only to see saints standing on the sea of glass, implying victory, and overcoming; which is the purpose for this suffering arranged by our loving Heavenly Father.

Please do not confuse this with some sort of purgatory, but rather, is the continuing and completing work until the day of Christ, in the ripening of God's complete field; in bringing every believer, to full

maturity in Christ. Regeneration, transformation, and glorification. This, not simply positionally, but actually.

Oil

The two witnesses during the tribulation are referred to as, Re 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

Therefore we can safely conclude, the location of the required oil to be bought is in the tribulation time. **(the price of this oil will be high)**

While the believers who are short of oil, have gone to buy their needed oil, the bridegroom comes; and those who are **ready** go into the wedding feast.

Late, and unqualified

After the immature believers have purchased the needed oil during the tribulation, they return and request entrance, to which they are refused. The Lord says that He does not know, or *approve* them, thus; they are refused entrance.

This refusal is based on 1. being too late in maturity, and 2. on lacking the wedding garment.

Although these believers have now become mature in life, they unfortunately had insufficient *good works*; during their life; which were deemed worthy by the Lord; prior to their death.

The entrance to the Kingdom reign is not based singularly on spiritual maturity, but requires the fruit of this maturity, being seen in the making of herself ready.

We must also have the wedding garment. Re 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

We need to understand, in addition to the need for spiritual maturity, there is an additional item required. This additional item consists of (A personally produced wedding garment. Which is produced by His life source, in cooperation, by carrying out, as He ordered good works, by the believer; of which He must approve.) ***This garment is not a gift.*** We must not confuse this garment with the robe of righteousness. To qualify for entering the wedding feast, We must also have this wedding garment; which is produced by the righteous acts of the saints.

What is the wedding garment? Re 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the **righteous acts** of the saints.

These believers who have now been matured, but still lack a wedding garment, will be refused, and therefore will miss the reward of the Kingdom, including the Marriage supper of the Lamb, as well as all that which the Lord has planned as a reward, to His overcoming saints; during this one thousand year reign.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which **God prepared** beforehand that we **should walk in them**. In our lopsided thinking that grace is the only factor, we have minimized something which God has prepared before hand; that we are to walk in.

This, however, does not include our fleshly, carnal, natural religious zeal, or self motivated good ideas, or grand plans, for God, but is the doing of the **good works** which *He has planned*. These are the only works which will be eligible, to produce the wedding garment. Thus, the only works which He will recognise or approve or acknowledge! *Very sobering to consider,*

A Divine Preview

***baw-naw'* = Build** Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

1Co 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field; you are God's building.

Mt 16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field; you are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

He is only approving material for the building, from that which issues from Himself!

As with Adam, only what comes out of Christ, is the approved material, for building the church, and this also includes the only means for producing the wedding garment, which is a requirement. Not things from out of our good, religious mind, as the source.

He is coming, in His Parousia, openly at the End of the Tribulation.

At the end of the tribulation, the Lord will make the final move in His Parousia. He will openly, manifest with the shout and the trump of God.

Matt 24:29 "**Immediately after the tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,

and **they will see the Son of Man** coming **on the** clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The Millennium's Close

At the close of the Millennium, there will be the loosing of the Devil, from the bottomless pit, who then goes out to deceive **the nations** for a season. Re 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

These accumulated **Nations** are now, the offspring of those who were originally selected as **sheep**, from the **nations** whom the Lord had gathered for Judgment, seen in Matt 25.

The sheep, as we have seen were separated out of the heathen Nations, due to caring for the Lord's brothers during the tribulation. These are not Jews as purported; but these are constituted; of immature believers, as the Lord's brothers; who were not mature at their time of death, or are made up of the one left behind, from the currently living believers; at the beginning of the Parousia; who were not qualified as first fruits, selected from the field, or from the mill, as first fruits.

These of the Nations, now designated as sheep, have naturally, as normal people; procreated now for 1000 years, and have re-populated the earth. Now Satan is loosed from the bottomless pit, and will stir up the **Nations**, to go with him, against the **camp of the saints**.

Rev 20:7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison 8. and will go out to deceive **the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded **the camp of the saints** and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Those, of the **nations**, who do not join with Satan, and thus once again survive God's eternal Judgment, now being poured out on those of the rebelling Nations; who join with Satan, and thus pass their second test, *if you will*; then enter into eternity, as the simply restored, by God, but not born again **Nations**.

These **(saved)** of the Nations; who then will forever require the healing of the leaves of the tree of life, as they do not have eternal life, nor ever will; but simply are in a restored condition by God, which will require some type of maintenance from the leaves of the tree of life.

This is completely different from the glorified saints in glorious resurrection bodies, like unto His Glorious body.

Rev 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The Mystery of God is Finished

Rev 10:5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, 7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Caught up

After the Tribulation of three and one half years, when the Son of man appears on the clouds, with the shout, and the trump of God, accompanied by his armies, including, the soon to be reigning Overcomers. The main harvest with the gleanings will then take place, along with the then current dead, and the alive and remaining; being caught up, not to the third heavens, but simply *to the air*.

This is analogous to the first fruit being brought into the house of the Lord, and the harvest to the barn; as seen in the Old Testament.

1 Thes 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Resurrection /Exanastasis.

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

Php 3:11 if, by any means, **I may attain** to the resurrection from the dead. 1815 ἐξανάστασις exanastasis ex-an-as'-tas-is (an overcomer)

Note: the soon to be reigning overcomers, both living and dead, who were resurrected; are soon caught up, either to the third heaven, or heavenly Mt. Zion. Where as, the catching up of the then dead, and those who are alive and remain; which were not overcomers; will be simply caught up to the air, to meet the Lord in the air.

This as mentioned, is analogous to the harvest in the Old Testament, where the first fruits, were taken to the

Father's house, but the harvest, was taken to the barn. God's harvest plan was revealed for us, in the old Testament order of collecting the crop!

The tabernacle of God Is with Men.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and (dwelt a **tabernacle**) among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1) a tabernacle, a tent 2) metaph. of the human body, in which the soul dwells as in a tent, and which is taken down at death.

2Co 6:16 And what agreement has the **temple of God** with idols? For you **are the temple of the living God**. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." *{Here it says He will be **in them**!}*

This tabernacle of God is now His enlarged tabernacle, and the mutual dwelling place, the mutual abode, in which He dwells corporately, with the saints from all the ages.

We can now follow the progressive development, starting from the Tent of Moses, outside the camp; then as a tabernacle, from there the physical temple, then Christ's personal body as the temple, followed by the enlarged temple of the living God, being the saints, as the church, consummating in the New Jerusalem, and seen as the Tabernacle of God, with men, and with His people.

Who then are the men, and His people?

There are two expressions which we need to pay close attention too. 1. Dwell in them, 2. Dwell with them. The in, are the believers of all ages, and the with are the Nations in eternity, which will require the healing of the leaves of the tree of life.

We see that with the tabernacle, He will **dwelt in them** and be their God and they shall be my people. Note the distinction of **in**, and **with**; in the following verse. Re 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and He will dwelt with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.' **NOTE:** Not in them.

We must see that the men, and the people; referred to here, are not the saints, as the **men** and the **people** will only dwell with Him, and not in Him, as is with the redeemed saints, but are those of the Nations, who are now in the eternal state; as restored, but not regenerated people.

The tabernacle, is a biblical term, picturing the dwelling place of God, which now has become the mutual abode of God and redeemed man, for all eternity, and the people are the Nations; who will receive the healing of the leaves of the tree of life.

Re 21:22 But I saw **no temple** in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that **you are the temple** of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1Co 3:17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, **which temple you are**.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your **body is the temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Eternity

We must understand that according to scripture, not until the New Jerusalem descends out of Heaven; at the end of the Millennium, will there be the complete elimination of many items of suffering, such as tears, crying, dying, sorrow, pain, and all negative matters.

If we fail to live out an overcoming life in Christ during our life, there is a very great possibility of weeping and gnashing of teeth. Mt 24:51 "and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the **hypocrites**. There shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**. *(this is not referring to the unsaved!)*

Re 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more **curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.⁴ They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.⁵ There shall be **no night** there:

They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they **shall reign forever and ever**. *This will be the state of all born again, fully matured believers, then for all eternity. Amen!*

Understanding the Nations

We must see that there is no Biblical reference ever, identifying born again believers, as Nations, or gentiles. The following material should clarify for us that the Nations are never referred to as born again believers.

This is so vital, in clarifying the original source of the sheep in Matt 25. We must see, and understand that the sheep, can in no possibility be born again, but mortal believers. This thinking issues from a spiritual and biblical blindness; at its worst! This is the forced result of not including the whole council of God; resulting in the terrible twisting of scripture.

Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Hated by all the Nations.

Mt 24:9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and **you will be hated by all nations** for My name's sake.

A witness to all Nations.

Mt 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The living Nations are gathered before Him on the earth for their Judgment at the end of the tribulation.

This gathering of the Nations is the collecting by Christ of those who have survived the tribulation of 3 ½ years. They are now gathered for their Judgment, here on the earth.

Those who have rejected Christ during their life, and have died will be raised from the dead, to appear at the Great White throne Judgment, at the end of the Millennium, for their eternal Judgment, which will *be*, to the lake of fire, forever.

And the Books were Opened.

There will be other considerations here; which are overlooked by the majority of Christendom. Examine this verse for example! Regarding the books; As the Resurrection unto life, for the believer has transpired one thousand years previously.

Some further questions to address. For example: what happens to people as sheep who die during the Millennium? Who were not rebellious, or such that they were dealt with by the rod of Iron.

Re 20:12 And I saw the dead, small, and great, standing before God, and **books** were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the **books**. v15 And anyone not found written in the **Book of Life** was cast into the lake of fire.

The Books, and Another Book!

It would appear that in the previous verse Rev. 21:12, there are two categories. One judging to take place based on the books, and another based on what is found in the book of life.

There is a definite realization that this is completely outside the box of major Christendom's thinking; however in this passage there are two distinct sources used, in the evaluation of those standing at the great white throne Judgment.

For example, consider those of the Nations who were restored, yet at some point during the millennium die; but not due to sin; these we see, will be found later in eternity, as the (*saved*) Nations, and His people; (*not saved*) in the born again understanding, but saved from the eternal Judgment, and will then be among those of the Nations, who will be healed by the leaves of the tree of life, in eternity.

This is an additional, and solid reason, why the simply (saved and lost model), does not grant the perspective required, to see the full view of God's Eternal plan, in scripture.

Now concerning the Sheep; who are the *restored*, of the Nations; during the Millennium; which die, but not due to sin, but rather simply die of Old age or other causes due to their only restored condition, but not possessing eternal life. They will be raised at the great white throne Judgement.

There is also the matter of the millions of babies who have been slaughtered in the womb, as well as through other means, including the babies who were slaughtered by Herod's decree, in his attempt to kill the baby Jesus.

The Dead, in the Sea

Another area which has been passed over, is the matter of: Re 20:13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Question: If the spirit and soul of all dead, went to hades upon their death; to one of two sections, then who are the dead in the sea? Some suggest that they are the spirits of a pre-adamic race, which was initially Judged, in causing the earth to become waist and void.

It is also suggested that these spirits are dis - embodied spirits of a pre adamic race, what is referred to in scripture then as devils, or the demons. These spirits appear to desire to inhabit a body which is

another mystery as to why. We have the account in scripture of the Gadarene demoniac.

The demons wished to go into the pigs, which then ran into the lake and were drowned. Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; it is true to say, that some of these things are intriguing, however there is not enough spoken in scripture to form any concrete determination; only that the probability of them whom ever they are, will appear, and be Judged by the Righteous Judge, at the great white throne Judgement; is a certainty.

As we know; those of the Nations designated as goats which are separated on the left, who had previously been gathered to this final Judgment, on the earth, at the end of the tribulation; are cast immediately, into the lake of fire.

Those of the Nations designated as sheep; placed on His right side; become the blessed of the Lord's Father; but *not their Father*; and are now a part of the restoration of all things, and as such are *restored* people, through the provision of; the Restoration of all things. Acts 3:21

I repeat this, as most people will have never heard this as the explanation for the identity of the sheep.

Strong's 605 ἀποκατάστασις apokatastasis AV-restitution 1;1) **restoration**

1b) of the perfect state before the fall

This restoration would be something resembling Adam before the fall. This restoration also would be in keeping with the created things, which were damaged by the fall. Remember that the restoration will be for the millennium period, then there will be a new Heavens and a new earth.

Through the provision of **(the restoration of all things)** as seen in Acts. 3:21. By taking care of the Lord's brothers. These brothers of the Lord who are the immature believers, who were sent to complete their maturing, by means of the tribulation; and having been instructed to go and buy the needed oil.

As a consequence; of their late maturity, subsequently also failing to produce the fine linen garment, which is the righteous acts of the saints; these believers will be refused the reward of reigning in the millennial Kingdom, as well as being excluded from participating in the wedding feast, and the bright glory of the Kingdom.

The Nations, who cared for the Lord's brothers, then designated as the sheep will enter the Kingdom, prepared for them, **from** the foundation of the world, through being restored, as part of the restoration of all things Acts 3:21 *but not born again people*.

I am repeating this over and over, throughout this outline, as it is a major pivotal understanding required to properly explain a very distorted confusion, in Christendom,

Which, as mentioned is forced, due to a rigid, only saved and lost model; forcing only saved, or born again people to be in the kingdom. And secondly; by the pre-tribulation's theory; stating all believers will be raptured; then added to this; presenting the tribulation gospel being preached by 144000 sealed Jews, thus seeing them as tribulation evangelists.

With them assuming people are being saved in the tribulation; then seeing some of these so called saved in the tribulation, then becoming the sheep, and then going into the millennium as born again, but mortal believers; is a disaster of exegesis, beyond comprehension.

Mt 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from the foundation of the world:**

Here Is an added insertion, to point out a great travesty. Many Bible teachers report that the sheep in Matt 25 are those who *are saved during the tribulation*, and then as mortals with natural bodies; but born again, enter the millennial Kingdom.

Imagine, that you are one of these alleged believers, supposedly saved during the tribulation. You then go into the Millennial Kingdom, still able to sin, rebel, grow old, die, procreate, and possibly join Satan, to go up against the camp of the saints.

The potential crowning glory to you, eventually is that you are ultimately potentially consumed, by fire; from the Lord. Re 20:9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the

beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

This theological dilemma is forced on those who hold this interpretation; due to their only saved and lost model, which also requires people to be saved during the tribulation, in order to be these mortal believers; as according to their rapture theory, all of the other believers have been raptured to heaven, prior to the beginning of the tribulation.

We must be concerned, to biblically reconcile this myth with the real, and factual questions regarding regeneration sanctification and glorification, as is the Biblical path for all born again believers.

So many problems arise, from this thinking; of mortal born again believers being the sheep. Such as, there is no provision for a glorified body, what about resurrection, as the resurrection of **the just**, as born again believers; has already transpired.

In a factual statement; *seeking to remain calm!* this interpretation regarding the sheep being mortal believers, simply is not plausible on any level!

This is a prime example, and a consistent weakness in first establishing a firm conclusion, and then trying to create support in scripture. Ultimately twisting, in so many ways; while solving the momentary issue, the overall problem simply keeps moving ahead, with no ultimate, and solid resolution being found in scripture.

Saints; The entire *left behind* series idea, with then hoards of people, allegedly being saved during the tribulation, is completely not true. It is simply religious

fiction, produced by well intentioned people who have bought in, regarding the theologically false teaching.

This Matt 25 passage, therefore, has several very crucial points which we dare not miss. He says, come you blessed of **My Father**; not your Father, and the kingdom for them was prepared **from the foundation of the world**, whereas with the believers He says my Father and your Father, Jn 20:17 and that the believers were chosen in Him **before the foundation of the world**.

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

The matter of properly identifying who the sheep are, is a very major factor, in unlocking the Mystery of God. So much of the present explanation is simply impossible to resolve Biblically and has taken this complete narrative regarding the identity of the sheep out of the sphere of understanding, to a drastic entanglement of consummate confusion.

A True Understanding Of the Nations.

Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have **no rain**; they shall receive the **plague** with which the LORD strikes **the nations** who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Deceive the Nations

Re 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

Healing of the Nations

Re 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Deceive the Nations

Re 20:3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Strike the Nations

Re 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

The Nations Deceived.

Re 18:23 "The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

The Nations bring their glory into it.

Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Those of the Nations

Re 21:24 And the nations of those who **are saved** (*not referring to redemption here!*) shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

This **saving**; is not implying being born again; but saved from the eternal judgment of the lake of fire, however they are not God's children, with His eternal divine life, rather simply as restored under the provision made by the restoration of all things Acts 3:21, and by the leaves of the tree of life in eternity are perpetually healed.

From these scriptures; we should be able to conclude that **the nations** are not, born again believers at any point in time, nor are they saved people during the tribulation, that entire narrative simply is not true, and cannot be supported by the pure revelation of scripture, at any level.

Please: again observe the contents, of the only gospel being proclaimed during the tribulation. This is another major fantasy concocted in Christianity, from seriously neglecting the admonition, to rightly divide the word of truth, by addressing the whole council of God.

Consider A Sincere, Math Question!

The following verse is used to purport, that these Jews are saved, and become the evangelists during the

tribulation, without a single scriptural statement to this effect whatsoever.

Re 7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

There is an extremely assumptive, and completely exaggerated and totally unfounded interpretation made, beginning with assuming the sealed Jews are born again, during the tribulation and then become the evangelists, leading an innumerable sum to Christ, during the three and one half years of tribulation.

Rev. 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Following Rev. verse 9, where it is pointed out, using this verse of scripture which allegedly, reveals that a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands are presumed to be those who were saved during the three and one half years of the tribulation.

Follow, now with some basic math logic. If this all took place today for example; we currently have a general idea of the earth's population; that being in the eight billion range.

Now we join the scene of blood running to the horses' bridles, death everywhere, to the extent it will take seven months to bury the dead, horror, upon horror! Ez 39:11 "It will come to pass in that day that I will give

Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.

12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land.

Let's say; that there will still be many babies born into this world during the tribulation. Starvation, disease, and violence will be rampant. Let us say there are 400,000 babies born each day, during the three and one half years of the tribulation.

At the end, of the tribulation; the oldest baby born by the end of the tribulation; would be say; three and one half years old. Now we move along! In three and one half years, with four hundred thousand babies born each day; over the whole earth; that would round it out to approx., five hundred million new babies in three and one half years.

Now! even if we do not count any of those who die in three and one half years, during the tribulation, there is only an increase from 8 billion to 8.5 billion, as well, I have not subtracted any from those through natural, ageing, and death. Which would add up to Approx, One hundred ninety one million, in 3 ½ years at the current daily rate of death, on the whole earth per day, of Approx. 150,000.

So with a very generous number, not subtracting one death during the three and one half years of the tribulation; there is still a number on the whole earth of which, there is no problem of counting up. Further, this numberless crowd is an assumed number of those

being saved, which can not be numbered; which makes this assumption completely ridiculous!

A second basis for referring to this as fantasy, is the complete and utter absence of any supporting scripture, which provides for the gospel of grace, to be preached, during the tribulation, by which these could be born again.

We only have the complete twisting and assumptive hypothesis, rather than Biblical support provided. *Hmm!* Is this wild assumption complete fantasy?

We must come to acknowledge the only gospel, being proclaimed during the tribulation; as clearly revealed in scripture is *the Everlasting Gospel*. This gospel is clearly stated to be preached by an Angel.

Further; the specific content of this everlasting gospel is being restricted to certain commands given, **1.** to fear God, **2.** worship Him, and **3.** give Him glory, and **4.** do not worship the beast, nor take his mark.

There is absolutely nothing here which is mentioned regarding repentance, the need of the blood of Christ, redemption, being born again, regeneration; or any other reference to the content of the church age Gospel elements being uttered, to which the church **only**, was granted to proclaim, not Angels.

*So then; who is this Multitude,
Which no man could number?*

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all

nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Mt 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Mt 24:30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Re 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work.

Please consider that this great multitude, which no one could number, represents all of the redeemed saints, through all ages, out of every tribe tongue, and nation. Who are caught up to meet the Lord in the air, at the last trumpet, which is at the at the end of the tribulation.

This great multitude would include; the soon to be reigning Overcoming saints, who had secretly, and

previously been caught up, just prior to the beginning of the tribulation. Who now would have returned from the third heavens, with the Lord, as Jude records.

Jude 1:14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, accompanying their Victorious Christ as His Army, descending to the air from the third heavens, to which same point the then caught up saints would be gathered.

1 Th 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Unlocking the Mystery of God

For one to successfully unlock the Mystery of God; they must be willing to abandon much of their personal, and current doctrinal thought structures, which are held by most in evangelical Christendom, and revisit the complete scripture accurately, through careful examination of the whole council of God, as did the Bereans.

For example, We see in Scripture three people groups listed. With the admonition, to not give offence to either. 1Co 10:32 Give no offense, either to the **Jews** or to the **Greeks**(nations) or to the **church** of God.

The Jews, the Greeks, or(*Nations*), and the church of God. This passage awakened the writer to another clue, as to what all would be required in gaining an over-all understanding, which would provide the keys to unlocking the most troubling Biblical question of his life.

That question being; what then is God's means; to mature the believer, who has died in immaturity?

Further; in that same consideration; there must be the complete abandonment of the current, and failed template, of seeing everything through the narrow lens of simply saved and lost. Scripture does not support this narrative, rather it is a shallow, and unbiblical model.

The redeemed Jews, in the coming Millennial Kingdom, have a very particular role. Their role however; is too great, and complex to cover in this brief outline, and has previously been addressed in other writings.

The restored, but not born again Nations, will have a very particular role, while the born again transformed and glorified overcoming saints will have an Indescribable role.

If we fail to include each group's role; the Jew, the Greek (nations) and the church, properly and accurately; in rightly dividing the word of truth; we will absolutely ***never*** be able to unlock the mystery, and thus; be found, continuing to teach things which are simply put! ***not true!***

A Crucial Time Gap!

Another clue; in unlocking the mystery, is that we must acknowledge that in certain instances, there is a variable time gap, between resurrection, and that of being caught up, or raptured.

For an example; the dead soon to be reigning overcomers, who are resurrected, will almost immediately be caught up to the third heavens, subsequent to their resurrection, but not immediately.

Whereas, those resurrected saints, who are found to lack the oil, are not caught up, but are resurrected and then sent to the tribulation, as is the indicated location for them to buy the lacking oil.

To most believers; the words resurrection, and rapture are synonymous. However, they are not always, and exclusively; the same.

As an example of this; consider the Lord Himself, in His resurrection.

On the day of His resurrection, being the first day of the week, following His ascension to the Father, and His return, the same day, and then appearing to the disciples, then out of His mouth breathing the Holy Spirit into them; He then subsequently was walking around on earth for **forty days** before His ascension to Heaven.

1Co 15:6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remains to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

Additional Examples

Mt 27:52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

Joh 12:17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

Note: These people were all raised from the dead but does not state that they were raptured; and as far as we know they all died again.

Therefore; If we do not see this distinction as a possibility between resurrection and rapture, with a possible time laps between each, we will simply be unable to unlock this crucial understanding; and thus unable to accurately grasp this extremely vital, and indispensable clue, in seeking to properly assemble (*the mystery of God*) puzzle.

The Truth

Our eternal salvation is completely secure, by reason of the transaction provided by Christ, who alone paid the ransom price for us, by shedding His own blood, for payment of our personal sin debt, which we were completely unable to pay.

He paid this monumental price, by His own blood, shedding it to purchase our freedom, from the slavery, and eternal penalty of sin, ultimately to be paid by us in the lake of fire forever.

By offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice, He thereby completely satisfied the righteous, and Just requirement of a Holy, and Righteous God. We have No other qualification! To claim. Ro 4:25 *who was delivered up **because** of our offenses and was raised **because** of our justification.* 2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Every born of God person, will be in the Eternal kingdom, reigning with Christ on the new earth.

We must, however, make a clear distinction between the gift according to grace, of eternal life; and the *reward* in the kingdom for approved works after regeneration, in addition to spiritual maturity, and by fulfilling the good works which He has before ordained thereby producing the wedding garment.

1 Cor. 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

This approved service, will be rewarded by the Lord Himself when He comes. If we lack the maturity in life, and the good works, which has produced the wedding garment Rev.19:8 which are the righteous acts of the saints, we will then, be excluded from the Millennial Kingdom reign, the Wedding Feast, and all that He has planned for the overcomers!

For those believers not yet matured, He will accomplish His purpose, to bring them to full maturity by using the tribulation, as their maturing grounds. thus finally bringing to maturity His entire crop, who are His field. 1Co 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's **field**; you are God's building.

He will accomplish this, by utilizing the heat of the late summer, **which is greatly needed to ripen crops**, He will also provide the nourishing, protecting, and loving, during the tribulation; also accompanied by His chastening and scourging, which will include the martyrdom of some; however be encouraged; by this martyrdom, they will be granted to participate in the reigning overcomers reward, in the Millennium; along with the other reigning overcoming saints.

This overall process will complete the ripening of the remainder of His field, which are at this time in the summer heat of the tribulation, to be ripened for the final harvest, and the finishing, of the mystery of God.

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would *be finished*, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Col 1:28 Him we preach, **warning** every man and **teaching** every man in all wisdom, that we may **present** every man **perfect** in Christ Jesus. This is not simply a positional, or doctrinal matter, but actual maturity in Christ, which is His predetermined goal.

This is not a **positional** perfection, but a genuine actual transformation, and conformation; to the same image as He!

When will Christ Return?

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

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Ac 1:11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Who are the saints, coming with His Armies?

A very great point of misunderstanding in scripture, is the matter of saints coming with Christ when He returns from heaven.

An especially important question therefore must be addressed, which is; how do these saints get to the heavens, for them to be able to return with Christ to the earth at His second, and open coming?

A most popular answer among Christian teachers, is that since the ascension of Christ, paradise, or Abraham's bosom, where the saint's soul and spirit were; upon death, in the lower parts of the earth, was allegedly emptied, and hypothetically moved to the third heavens, however still referred to as Paradise.

Assume for the moment, that this purposed emptying of paradise, did not actually happen! This would complicate the situation greatly, and thus the current teaching in evangelical circles, would be found without an answer, as to what was the basis, and means of these saints being in heaven.

First, we would like to help the reader see that it can be firmly established in scripture, that paradise was not emptied, at the ascension of Christ. This teaching was in the past perpetuated and popularized; pivoting on a footnote in the Scofield Reference Bible, dealing with a passage in Luke 16.

Scofield's footnote states that (It is believed) that at **the ascension of Christ** the believers were transferred from the original paradise in the pleasant part of Hades, to the heavenly paradise, using 2 Cor 12 as a twisted proof text, along with a phrase from Eph 4.

Again the writer has covered this in detail elsewhere, however, consider the following, as we need to see this!

Jesus words

Jn 3:13 "**No one** has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

Peter's words

Acts 2:34 "For **David did not ascend into the heavens**, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

A Critical Timeline!

A timeline, therefore, has been established in Jn 3:13, which states that up to the time Jesus said this, no one, other than Himself, had ascended to heaven.

Then, on the day of Pentecost; Peter stands, to prove that Jesus, and not David; is referred to in Ps 16, and then he goes a huge step further, to declare, **that David has not ascended into heaven!**

A key point to observe in Peter's statement, is related to a crucial timeline purported by many; including Scofield's note in Luke 16.

Notice please; that the day of Pentecost, was a full ten days after the ascension of Christ, at which time, Scofield's note states: that **at** the ascension of Christ, the original paradise was emptied, and transferred to the third heavens.

This transfer is simply presumed, by using the manipulated, and out of context inference, from Eph4, regarding leading the captivity captive; this; they say; took place when Christ ascended, and emptied paradise, taking those believers, to the heavenly paradise.

Hear Act 2:34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens,

but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand.

We find Peter testifying **ten days** after the ascension of Christ, which is the alleged time of emptying of paradise by Christ. However in fact, Peter states on the day of Pentecost, which was ten full days after the ascension of Christ; Stating, that David **has not ascended into heaven**. This creates a serious problem! for either Scofield's note is incorrect, or David was not a believer, and thus, *not caught up!*

One additional note here; which relates to the use of Paul's testimony in 2 Cor 12, by means of a serious twisting; to attempt to support the paradise transfer.

Many major Bible Commentators, and teachers of scripture in evangelicalism, have manipulated the passage in such a way as to over-ride, what Paul specifically said, which by the way; is scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit! This manipulation is specifically related to the number of visions and revelations Paul experienced. Secondly, the strong emphases on the word **up**, to imply that both places are actually the same one place. This, to attempt to strengthen their point; that Christians are now taken to the heavenly paradise, when they die, since the ascension of Christ.

This attempt is made, even though we have the written testimony of God Himself, stating that no one other than Him has gone to heaven, and secondly Peter testifies on the day of Pentecost, that David did not ascend into heaven. This was stated ten days after the ascension of Christ at which time this emptying of the lower Paradise was to take place, then borrowing a line from Eph 4 when He ascended, he led captivity captive; completely assuming that this was proof for their theory.

In Christ's ascension, on the day of His resurrection; He was now the Resurrected, glorified, redeemer, and Saviour, and coming King. As such, He was now able to rescue the sinners bound and captive by Satan, and sin.

Through His victory, He freed the repentant sinner; who is fully captivated by sin, Satan, and the wrath of God. And following His resurrection, Glorification, and ascension, He then returned the same day back to earth, and breathed the Holy Spirit into the disciples, who were hiding in the closed room. Thus, imparting the indwelling Holy Spirit to them.

By reading the entire context of chapter four of Eph, it cannot be seen as indicating a transfer.

Let us introduce the second scripture, used to support this inferred transfer in question.

2Co 12:1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to **visions** and **revelations** of the Lord:

2Co 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows — such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

2Co 12:4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

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from a derivative of 138; v; TDNT-1:472,80; {See TDNT 98}AV-catch up 4, take by force 3, **catch away** 2, pluck 2, catch 1, pull 1; 133) to snatch out or away.

Now consider another familiar use of the word **UP** in scripture.

Ac 8:39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip **away**, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. *The word away is exactly the same Greek word as up and is Strong's number 726.*

The clear reality is, that the translation in 2 Cor 12 could have been translated by using the word **away** and would have been true to the proper usage. Remember Philip was **caught away** and was found at Azotas. Transferred to a completely different location, caught (not up), but away.

Paul's, inspired account regarding plural visions, and revelations; may have easily happened in this manner. He was caught up to the third Heavens, and then he was caught away, to Paradise in the lower parts of the earth. Given the solid, and compelling testimony of both Jesus who is God, who cannot lie; who stated, that no one has ascended into heaven but the Son; and Peter, on the day of Pentecost who filled with the Holy Spirit stated, that David has **not ascended into heaven**, This was said ten days after the ascension of Christ. SOOOO! where should that place over-all Christian teaching on this subject? **Guilty of gross error!**

Acts 8:39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

Here we present an additional example, of this kind of graphic scriptural manipulation; which is displayed in Matt 25, regarding the sheep.

Where the writer of the footnote, literally re-writes what the scripture plainly says, in order to fit his interpretation, as to who the sheep are, as well as rewrites the timeline as to when they were selected for a kingdom. For corroboration of what is being said, consult the footnote in Matt 25: 32-35 in the MacArthur study Bible pg.1442.

Coming With Ten Thousand's

Jude 1:14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints.

Rev 19:14 And the armies in heaven, **clothed in fine linen**, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. How then do the saints which return with Christ, come to be in the third Heavens?

Who exactly are these Saints?

Let us now see the true identity of these saints, and firmly establish the scriptural means, by which they are taken to the third heavens; escaping the trial of the tribulation on earth. Following this, then we see these same ones return to earth with the Armies of the Victorious Christ, in His open and visible, Second Coming. In the order of Biblical harvest, these will be the first fruits; let us see who they are!

The Living First fruits

Rev 14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

Dead, but Resurrected, Mature Overcomers.

Rev 12:5 She bore **a** male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Rev 12:11 "And **they** overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Follow The Fine Linen.

Ge 41:42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

1Ch 15:27 David was clothed with a robe of **fine linen**, as were all the Levites who bore the ark, the singers, and Hananiah the music master with the singers.

2Ch 3:14 And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and **fine linen**, and wove cherubim into it.

Mr. 15:46 Then he bought **fine linen**, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

The Armies Coming with Christ.

Re 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in **fine linen**, clean and bright, for the **fine linen** is the righteous acts of the saints.

Rev 19:14 And the armies in heaven, **clothed in fine linen**, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Two Affirming Characteristics.

1. These Believers, who form part of the armies; now seen coming with the Lord, in His open coming, were **NOT** previously caught up, to heaven at the point of their physical death; nor do they represent all believers raptured to the throne just prior to the tribulation; but rather were selected out from the saints now resurrected from the dead; at the timeline of the mid-night cry Matt 25, or secondly; were selected from among those believers currently alive; on the earth at the beginning of the Lord's parousia, which was of a secret nature. Those who are currently alive, are represented by the one taken, and the other left. Luke 17:36 The distinction however, from common Christian assumption is, that both of these are **believers**, however; one is selected as a reigning overcomer, the

other is not mature, nor do they have the wedding garment. Matt 24:40,41.

These were now caught up as reigning overcomers; both from recently resurrected, as well as those currently living. This secret rapture is to take place just prior to the beginning of the three and one half year tribulation.

However, contrary to the general teaching from the pretribulation rapture theory; this does not include all believers, but only the mature believers, with the wedding garment; as the first fruits of the overall harvest. This is also in fulfillment of the promise to those who overcome; He would keep them from the hour of trial.

We must be clear that the tribulation is not seven years, rather; a seven year agreement is made, which is broken halfway through, then is the three and one half years of the tribulation. Da 9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Matt 24:15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), Matt 24:21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

This previous event, just prior to the beginning of the tribulation; is the secret catching up, or pretribulation rapture, *referred to, by Christians.*

However, we all must see this crucial clarification.

This first fruits only, rapture is the result of the Lord's fulfilment of a ***conditional*** promise, made by Him, specifically; and only, to those who would overcome, stated in Rev 3:10. Consider; if simply being born again made us an overcomer, the entire theme and call in Rev. ch. 2, and 3, are pointless!

All who applied the blood on the door post in Egypt were passed over by the death angel, however, most did not enter the good land; due to their unbelief.

Heb 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" 12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil **heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God;

This *conditional* promise was kept by the Lord because some of these believers had previously **(Kept)** or had done things which the Lord asked for, He therefore now kept His promise to them, which was; to keep them from the hour of trial, which is to come on the whole earth.

2. These of the Armies coming with Christ, also, had fine linen garments, which were produced by the

righteous acts of these saints. Re 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

We have now identified the saints, which account for those currently seen in the heavens, who were caught up into the third heavens, and to the heavenly Mt Zion; *just prior* to the beginning of the tribulation, of 3 ½ years, and **NOT** upon their physical death.

These then return with Christ as part of His Armies, at the end of the tribulation, in His second coming, which is open, and announced; as the Victorious Christ. Matt 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Jude 1:14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousand of His saints.

Rev 19:14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

He is coming to establish His kingdom on the restored earth, and then for all eternity on a new earth with a new Heavens,

Re 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone, **according to his work**. *Not by simply, grace!*

! Cor 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

1Co 9:25 And everyone who **competes** for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an **imperishable** crown.

Php 3:14 I **press** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pup 3:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Caution

Jude 1:5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out

of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Lu 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

2Ti 2:12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

Re 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Re 3:5 "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Re 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Heb 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Now a detailed Opening.

Due to the simply saved and lost template; which is placed over most questionable scriptures, deemed as,

perceived salvation topics; by evangelicals, the net result being; many passages of scripture are twisted;

None more completely twisted, than the passage we now enter!

In unlocking the crucial truth, of God's dealing with His saints, for the completion of His work in them; that of bringing them to full maturity; in Christ; twelve, appears once again, in a remarkably interesting manor.

Twelve can be composed of the numbers two, and ten. In attempting to solve this puzzle, it came to mind that two, and ten equal twelve. *Let us consider this!*

The two in the field, and the two at the mill; represent the minority of the saints from all time, who are still alive, at the beginning of the Lord's Parousia.

The ten Virgins, represent the majority of all the saints throughout the ages, who are referred to as sleeping, or who have previously died through the Millenia.

Together the two, and the ten make twelve, a complete number. The list of twelves, in scripture is too extensive to supply in this outline, suffice it to say, twelve represents God's people, and work in multiple ways.

Another number which has generated confusion in this passage, is the number five. This number does not imply half and half, but in scripture denotes several possible things, here we will list two which are apparent.

One significance is seen as God's equal grace, goodness, and favor. The second has implications related to individual responsibility.

When we consider the ten Virgins; five wise, and five foolish, we should not think half and half, rather we can rejoice in God's generous, and equal grace, on all believers; as well, as that of man's personal responsibility, equally placed on all. This should be relatively self evident!

A Major Unveiling!

1 Peter 4:17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Much of current so called Christian thinking rejects this announcement, however this does not change God's eternal word. Read this chapter as a backdrop for the following unfolding. Scripture is noticeably clear as to the need for chastening of the believer and even states that Judgement must begin at the house of God.

1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

6 For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad about exceeding joy.

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part, He is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

The Kingdom of Heaven, And God's (*real time*) process, to bring all believers to spiritual maturity!

Matt 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

*Here we see that **All** are Virgins, **all** had lamps, **all** went out to meet the bridegroom.*

2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. *All experienced God's grace, however, all must bear responsibility.*

3 "Those who were foolish, took their lamps but took no oil with them. *The foolish, although their spirit was alive, they were careless, in not providing for their soul to be transformed, and filled by the Holy Spirit. Pr. 20:27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.*

4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. *The wise, during their life responded to the Lord, and cared for the transforming work to change them, from glory to glory, thus supplying oil in their vessel, as well as their lamp, throughout their lives.*

5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. *This represents the majority of the dear saints; wise, and foolish; who have died by the time the Lord begins His Parousia.*

6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 "Then all those Virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. *This signifies that all virgins were resurrected at the same time.*

An important note to observe here is; that the dead believer, and the dead unbeliever, according to scripture; are resurrected one thousand years apart. Never at the same time. This to expose the attempt by many, to divide these as saved and lost.

What might, *they rose and trimmed their Lamps refer to?* We are not told, however they all did it; which would at least hint at some form of final preparation for them **all**, to go out to meet the bridegroom.

At this Juncture, things get very Sobering!

8 "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

9 "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and **buy** for yourselves.

Here, we discover a dialogue between the wise and foolish virgins. One is going to request oil from the other; who has; only to be refused, judging that the

wise then, may be short; and is then instructed by the wise; that the foolish go and buy the lacking oil, from those who sell.

Where is the oil located?

Zec 4:14 So he said, "These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."

Rev11:3 "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

The two Witnesses & The Address of the Oil !

Rev 11:7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

Zec 4:11 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

Re 11:3 "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

One thousand two hundred and sixty days, is forty two months, which is three and one half years, the length of the tribulation.

In Rev 11:8 we identify the location of these two olive trees. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.** *Clearly those who sell the needed oil, are located in Jerusalem; the hot spot of the tribulation.*

Matt 25:10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Now, while those foolish Virgins; short of oil went into the tribulation time to buy the oil, the Bridegroom came, and those wise Virgins who were ready; went into the wedding feast, and the door was shut.

11"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'*(After paying the price to buy the needed oil, the foolish virgins return and request entrance to the wedding feast.*

12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' *These foolish Virgins; who now*

have returned from the tribulation, having bought the required oil, now request entrance; only to be refused.

This refusal by the Lord; is not because they are not Virgins, (or believers) rather, it is because they are late in buying the oil, and also consequently do not have the wedding garment; made of fine linen; do to their lack of good works; which if approved, would have provided the wedding garment, prepared during their life.

Re 19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Mt 22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who **did not have on a wedding garment**. :12 "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

The required good works!

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

According to proper interpretation of the scripture, Good works are required of the believer; for reward, not for salvation. Which reward, is not then, simply cast at His feet, as referred to by many, using Revelation ch4. as a highly twisted example.

See what Jesus says!

Mt 25:21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Mt 25:23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Lu 19:17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

NOTE: The profound consequence, of failing to pay the price; to buy the oil during their life, as a believer.

Saints: we are never told in scripture to buy salvation, for it is a free gift. However; those of the church in Laodicea were counselled by the Spirit, to buy. Re 3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

For believers, to reign with Christ in the Millennial Kingdom of one thousand years; we must move on from our strictly saved and lost mind set, to see; that **without these good works**, revealed as that which issues in the fine linen wedding garment, we will be refused the wedding feast, as well as reigning with Christ in the Millennial kingdom.

1Co 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

Joh 3:21 "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

1Co 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (this could be hurt of the second death, or the Lake of fire)

After a sinner repents, and is born again, there are good works, which the Lord has planned before hand, in which we should walk. Eph 2:10

Also, we must see; that It is not about, now what can we do for God, out of our own ideas, but rather from what He has designed, and where He has placed us in the body. If these works which He has designed are done in God, by the Spirit; they shall receive a reward, if not done in God, those works will be burned, thus there is the possibility, that there will be no wedding garment.

We must see that eternal life is a completely free gift. However to receive the reward of reigning in the kingdom, requires a life lived in Him, which will produce spiritual maturity, and the ordained, good works which He planned, rather than our good ideas for God; these works of His done by the Spirit, then will produce the required wedding garment, as the righteous acts of the saints.

Now, please observe; those who came back from the tribulation, having purchased the required oil; will still

be excluded from the millennial reign, including the wedding feast, as well as all the glories which Christ has planned for the reigning overcomers, during this one thousand year reign, with Him.

We must see, this is absolutely not referring to the aspect of salvation, as in being born again, but rather, this exclusion, is from the kingdom reign; due to their lack of oil in their vessel when they died; and consequently were not able to produce the wedding garment from the good works, which God had prepared for them, however; they either failed to do these good works, or failed to do them, by the Holy Spirit. This equates to Gold, Silver, Precious stones, or wood, hay, stubble in 1Cor 3.

Matt 25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

The verse is speaking to all the Virgins, warning them to watch, meaning, buy the needed oil now! and carry out the good works He has ordained, and doing them, not in the fleshly way, but in God.

A Major Major Error!

Who is actually casting their Crowns, and what actually do those crowns represent?

Another major error which we must consider; is that of the popular theme in Christianity; being that of allegedly, casting our crowns at Jesus feet; Is this true? or are we about to hit an additional fake news passage?

Our first evaluation will simply be related to the actual translation of the verse in Rev 5:10. The proper translation itself, could exclusively and immediately close the case, and find it to be more *fake news*.

However, it will be shown to have much more evidence against it, as regarding its completely unbiblical interpretation, and to utterly expose, and completely eliminate this terrible distortion, regarding the future of the saint's reward, as being simply discarded at Jesus feet.

Rev 4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Rev 5:6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a **Lamb** standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are **the seven spirits of God** sent out into all the earth;

7 and he went and took the scroll from the right hand **of him** who was seated on the throne.

Lamb- the Son is seen standing not sitting.

Seven Spirits- **the Holy Spirit**

Him who is seated on the throne- The Father.

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints;

9 and they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood **didst ransom men** for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
10 and hast **made them a kingdom** and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth." RSV.

Verse 10 in the KJV uses the word **us**, whereas in the majority of translations, including in the Greek interlinear, it is translated as **them**. This one word difference, itself would remove the 24 elders as participants in the kings and priests, and rather relegate them to be identified accurately, as onlookers, and not participants.

The word **(them)** would automatically, exclude the twenty four elders, from their participation. Their speaking would be a simple articulation, and acknowledgment of the saints, and their status; excluding the twenty four elders. **This is a crucial point to take very seriously.**

I truly realize, if a person who would simply want to know the truth, by this one single point; it would *bring down the house of cards*; so to speak; regarding the entire interpretation, generating this profound distortion of the truth. However it is also understood that for many, it will require a profound clarification; to unseat this terrible and undermining of God's plan; regarding reward.

A termination, and Inauguration of Authority!

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no

power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones, I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thundering's, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

7 The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second living creature like a **calf**, the third living creature had a **face like a man**, and the fourth living creature was like a **flying eagle**.

8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Observe the Prayer of the four living creatures, compared with the 24 elders.

9 Whenever the living creatures give **glory and honor and thanks** to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

1. Glory 2. Honor 3. Thanks

Rev 5:10 and hast made (αὐτοὺς them) a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth." Please notice the elders are not referring to themselves, as them; but is referring to the saints, and in this case, to the overcoming saints, initially, and all saints in eternity.

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

This is the out- resurrection, the best resurrection from among the dead, in that these overcoming saints will assume the rule, during the Millennium and on into eternity; then with all believers joining in the eternal Kingdom.

5:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, **and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:**

11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and **power**; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

1. Glory 2.Honor 3. Power

Please observe the distinction in the list of the four living creatures vs. the twenty four elders. The elders **do not give thanks**, only glory and honor and power. As they, being Angels, do not participate in the

blessings of redemption, thus for them to not have thanks regarding redemption, would be appropriate.

1Pe 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into.

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

2,,[G1815](#), *exanastasis*]Vine's expository Dictionary ek, "from" or "out of," and No. 1, [Philippians 3:11](#), followed by ek, lit., "the out-resurrection from among the dead." For the significance of this See [ATTAIN](#), No. 1.

Those who participate in the first, or out- resurrection, are the reigning overcomers, which we have referred to in this paper. *Not to be confused with those of a general overcoming exclusively by faith, resulting in being born again.*

For those believers who have matured in the divine life, and as such have out of this life maturity; produced the good works, which were conducted by the Spirit, in their spirit; resulting in producing the fine linen wedding garment.

These, will then reign for one thousand years, resulting in the twenty four elders, who are Angels, to cast their crowns. Consider this as something like turning in your

security clearance, and uniform; as others are now replacing you!

The twenty four elders are Angels, *not believers*, who have been exercising authority in the universe. However, now for those who have part in the first (out) resurrection, having been prepared and made ready; by being matured in life, and having the approved works; which have produced the wedding garment; is an indication of the change of the age, from the age of grace; to the age of the Kingdom. This including those now in places of authority with Christ in His Millennial Kingdom, of one thousand years on the restored earth. Therefore, there is to be a major transfer of kingdom Authority taking place; that being a transfer from these Angels, to the qualified, and approved overcoming saints.

4735 στέφανος **stephanos** stef'-an-os

from an apparently primary stepho (to twine or wreath); n m; TDNT- 7:615,1078; {See TDNT 743}

AV-crown 18; 18

1) a crown

1a) a mark of royal or (in general) exalted rank

1a1) the wreath or garland which was given as a prize to victors in public games.

1b) metaph. the eternal blessedness which will be given as a prize to the genuine servants of God and Christ: the crown (wreath) which is the reward of the righteousness.

1c) that which is an ornament and honour to one.

The crown which these angels cast, is that of a mark of royal or exalted rank, not a believer's reward! As they are not believers!

An interesting, and necessary question arises here! Do we ever see these twenty four elders referred to again in scripture, after Rev 19:4 ? The answer is no.

Honestly, Ask your self this question,
for what, is Paul pressing,
if being born again, is the complete
goal?

Php 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Php 3:11 if, by any means <1513>, I may attain <2658> (5661) to <1519> the resurrection <1815> from the dead <3498> 1815 ἐξανάστασις exanastasis ex-an-as'-tas-is.

Is it not a peculiar statement for Paul to make, if by any means, (*this is not a grace based statement*) especially when scripture reveals, that all will be resurrected? Does Paul doubt his own spoken words, or is his, a salvation of works?

There must be something much more to his statement, as a deeply expressed longing. Yes, there is; Paul here is referring to the out or extra resurrection which will grant him to reign as an overcomer, in the coming kingdom, for one thousand years.

Here we see Paul express his longing in a different way; Php 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Is Paul working for his salvation?

One reason we never hear about the twenty four elders after Rev 19:4 is that the overcoming saints are now given Authority with Christ. Saints; have we not been told in scripture, that the saints will Judge angels?

1Co 6:3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

Heb 2: 5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.

6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?

7 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor And set him over the works of Your hands.

The casting of crowns, by the twenty four elders, has just the opposite result for the overcoming believers, as is presented in Christendom.

The elders, as Angels; **are not** casting their *reward* crown, as they are not redeemed believers, or receivers of reward, but are seen as relinquishing their authority, as it is now being assumed by the overcoming saints during the Millennial Kingdom, and on into eternity. Lu 19:17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

This is a matter of a profoundly serious error in exegesis and is responsible for producing a mindset

in many believers, thus making the matter of reward, as nothing; which is a very subtle move of the enemy, to downplay the glorious plan of the Lord; to reward the overcoming saints in the Millennium, with profound glory, and authority.

Some day for many believers, when this realisation hits them; and they begin to consider the wasted, and empty years of their lives, due to their believing this false teaching, may in fact; experience within them a deep inner anguish, full of regret, which may then issue in what scripture refers to! Lu 13:28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

There is a further caution here; to those who teach! Jas 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For those who teach falsely, to uphold a doctrinal and unbiblical position, thus offending, or stumbling one of these little ones, scripture has a stern warning! *Lu 17:1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"*

2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Revelation chapter four clearly does not indicate the rapture of the church, for several additional reasons.

1. The matter of overcomers is completely ignored, in calculating God's reaping schedule of His crop. As the first fruits are caught up, prior to the general harvest,

as well as to two distinctly different locations. One to the third heavens, and the other to the air.

2. Scripture says that when the Lord comes, He is bringing His reward with Him, it does not say that believers going to the third heaven to get it, just to give it back!

3. The throne for the Bema is in the air, not the third heaven.

4. The number twenty four, has no actual and non-twisted connection to the church, in scripture!

5. If the scene in ch.4 is of the rapture, then we must ask, when did the so called elders of the church get there? and when were they crowned? and why are they already casting their crowns? If they are going to reign? Crowns here, do not represent reward, but Authority, as they are sitting on thrones.

6. We see the 24 elders worship Him singularly as the creator, however nothing else regarding Him, is referred to by them.

7. The Dead, but resurrected overcomers; are exclusively raptured to the throne in Rev 12. The majority of believers are later raptured to the air, at the end of the tribulation.

8. The currently living overcomers At the beginning of the Parousia. are raptured to heavenly Mt. Zion in Rev 14.

9. After the tribulation of those days, they see the Son of man coming, and at that time the then living, and currently dead saints, will be resurrected and caught up to meet the Lord in the air, not the third heaven. 1 thess. 4:16

10. the throne, is next found set up on the earth; to Judge those of the living Nations, who have survived the devastation of the tribulation.

Matt:25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.³² "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

11.Following this, after the one thousand years Millennium, there is the great white throne Judgement.
12. there will be the New Heavens, and the New earth, and the New Jerusalem shall descend out of heaven as a bride.

The New Jerusalem is not a cube of gold, but rather is the spiritual reality of God's eternal Purpose. Which now to this point consists of only the reigning overcomers; as the first fruits, during the Millennium, and at the end comes down, to the earth to incorporate all the saints, after the great white throne Judgment.

Re 3:12 "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

The general harvest, or rapture of the dead saints, as well as those who are alive, and remain; at the end of the tribulation, will meet the Lord in the air, not in the third heavens; there to be Judged, at the Judgment seat of Christ, and then be rewarded with position, and honor; in the kingdom, or to suffer loss.

The New Jerusalem is not a cube of gold, please understand what the writer stated at the beginning of the book of Revelation. He stated that this is a book of signs, of things to shortly come to pass.

Consider what the cube represents in shape and material. For example; the Holy of Holies was a cube, which was enlarged in Solomon's temple, then as we see what the temple truly is, we then see this temple culminate as a sign; in a cube with measurements revealing the completeness of God's expression, in His mutual abode with God and all His redeemed.

Regarding the material; for example gold refers to God's divine life, as well there are not streets of Gold mentioned, rather it says that the street of it. The New Jerusalem is then, a corporate and enlarged Holy of Holies where God and redeemed, and matured believers; having the wedding garment; are dwelling in a mutual abode, and thus during the millennium; the New Jerusalem will be composed of only the reigning overcomers, who were matured in life, along with having produced the wedding garment, by their approved works during their life.

All the remaining saints outside the New Jerusalem at that time, during the Millennium will be in what is referred to as, the outer darkness. The outer darkness is an expression revealing a stark contrast to the bright glory of the New Jerusalem; with the resplendent glory of the wedding feast.

The weeping and gnashing of teeth here, will be due to the awareness of what is being missed! However these believers will still be with the Lord, on the restored earth, in glorified bodies.

These non-overcoming saints are located on the restored earth, during the Millennium; and are identified as the camp of the saints; which Satan then stirs up the Nations, at his release from the bottomless pit, when he goes up against the camp of the saints, and the Holy City. The Holy city here; is not referring in this case to the New Jerusalem, but the earthly Jerusalem; as the New Jerusalem has not yet descended to the earth at this time.

There is here a much needed, comforting word for all believers, as is revealed in, 1 Thes 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Perhaps we may not be reigning overcomers, however we shall always be with the Lord. We will have a glorified body, and dwell on the restored earth, but will miss the bright Glory of reigning with Christ during the Millennium, from the New Jerusalem, and will not be invited to the wedding feast. It will be these losses which will cause the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

At a specific time, the New Jerusalem will come down out of the heavens, and finally there will be no more crying, sorrow etc. Then all believers will reign with Christ forever, as the New Jerusalem, for all eternity, and the Nations who are preserved to this point, will be healed by the leaves of the tree of life.

Saints; for us to miss the Kingdom reward, will be an unspeakable loss. Satan wants us to miss out, so that is why the religious mindset issuing from his counterfeit

woman, has blocked this powerful future, with the idea of casting the crowns, at Jesus feet in their minds: so no big deal! Jesus is not even sitting on the throne. He is standing, and the Father is seen sitting.

A final Appeal! These profound truths revealed in scripture; if received, will come with a personal cost; both to the reader, as you receive spiritual understanding, and secondly; as you with great Joy; seek to share them with others, some who's eyes the Lord opens, as well as to experience the significant push back, by many of those whom you deeply care for!

On a personal note: The topics, and understanding; addressed in this small work, have played a seminal role, in the writer's entire life. They have firmly influenced decision making throughout his entire adult journey.

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