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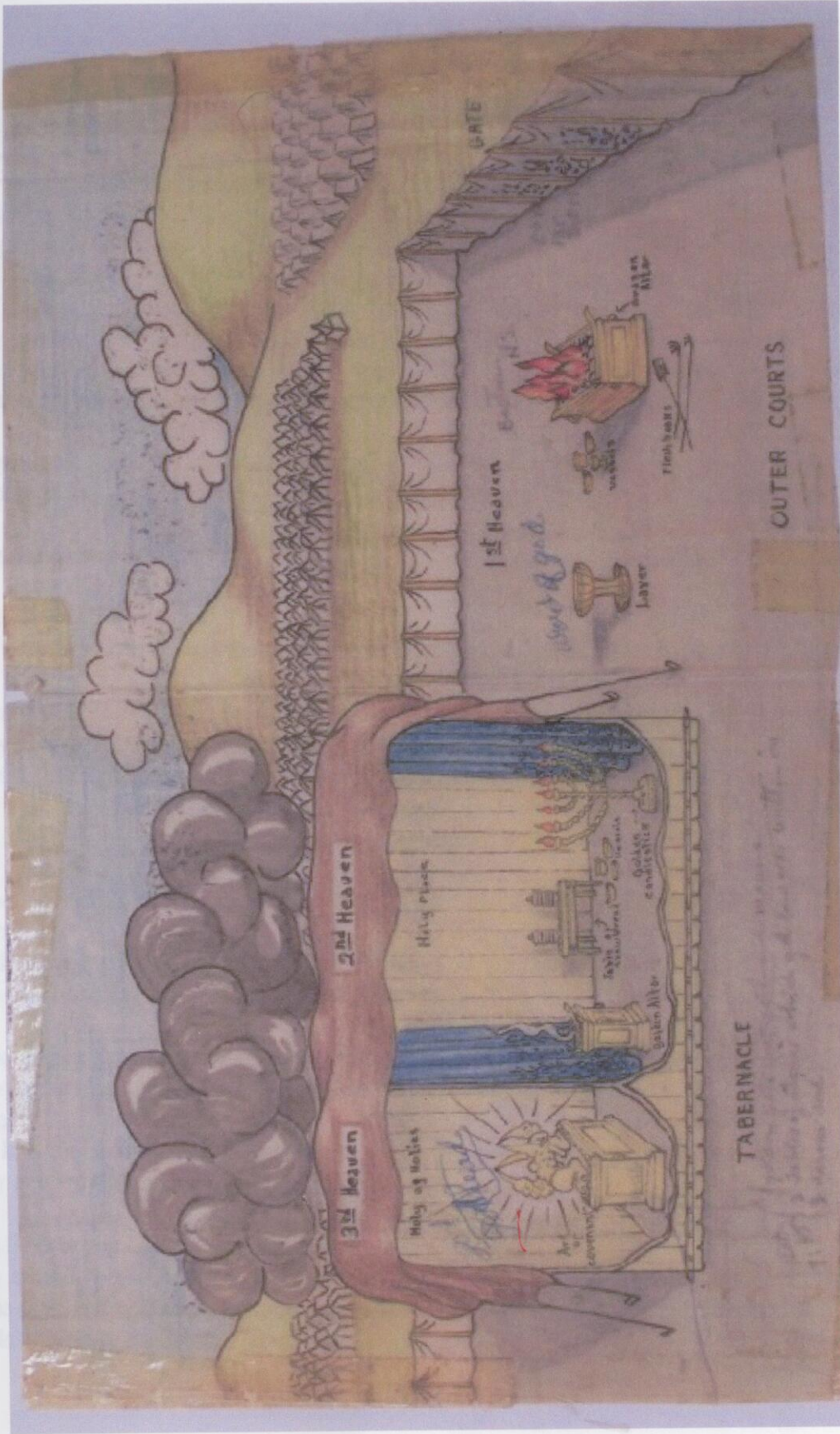
FOREWORD

Being raised by good God fearing parents and listening to various and sundry preachers, opinions are formulated in a child's mind that may change as he matures. Growing up in an atmosphere of a heaven to gain and a hell to shun, and listening to hell fire and brimstone preaching, makes a small child tremble.

As one matures and reads the scriptures for himself, then sometimes the childish opinions begin to fade into the distant past. I can remember when as a small lad and looking up into the sky and seeing an airplane, and thinking to myself, it must be very large. Then we saw one on the ground and to our surprise it wasn't as large as we imagined, so our opinion immediately changed.

This has been our experience with the scriptures, as we read we get an altogether different picture than what we heard and believed in the past. These observations of mine you may totally disagree with and that is fine with me. We can still be friends. If you want to trash this book, go ahead and throw it in the round file. If for some reason you would like to seek further clarification or even correct me, you may contact me through my daughter's website location at www.guardianaprons.com.

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TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

CHAPTER ONE

THE BIBLE

For centuries, before we ever appeared on the face of the earth, the Bible was here. The old book will probably be here centuries after we have passed off the scene. Inquiring minds have delved into the pages of the book, but the book is like the Tower of Babel, their understanding becomes muddled and confusion sits in.. Scores have taken their interpretation and their understanding of the scriptures and created their own Tower to reach a place called heaven. While traveling through any city one may see many Towers and each with a sign pointing "their way". A wayfaring man looking for direction to this place called heaven, stops at the Towers and asks directions. Because of the many different answers he gets, many have renounced the Bible and say it is just a book of fairy tales.

Why has the book confused the builders so? The Tower builders say the Bible is the "Word of God". If there is a God, does God speak with a forked tongue and purposely deceive the Tower builders?

If as the Tower Builders say, the Bible is the "Word of God", the "Word of God" says in:

John 4:24

24) **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in **spirit** and in truth.

Then the Bible is written by a **Spirit**. The Bible has many writers, but only one Author, the **Spirit**. How does a **Spirit** communicate with a man when they speak two different languages? Perhaps man should go to a **Spirit** school and learn the language of the **Spirit**, but where is a **Spirit** school? (Surely not in one of the Towers), Or perhaps God should come and go to a man's school. Which will it be? Somehow if they are to communicate the two will have to get together.

Jesus, according to the scriptures was the voice of God (**the Spirit**) in the earth as it says in:

John 14:10

10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the **Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**

If the Father dwelleth in him then it is the Father that is speaking. Jesus was the voice of **the Spirit** (God) speaking to the Jews. Consider this:

John 6:63

63) It is the **spirit** that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words that I speak unto you, they are spirit**, and they are life.

The flesh or the natural man can not discern what **the Spirit** is saying and profiteth nothing and can only inherit confusion, to build more Towers. It's only the **spirit** that brings **life and revelation**. Jesus was born of **the Spirit** and as a result God (**the Spirit**) gave him **His Revelation** recorded in the last book of the Bible.:

If Jesus was the word of God as recorded in:

John 1:1

1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Then Jesus showed how the **Spirit** communicates with the carnal mind by speaking to them in **parables**, using things that the carnal mind could see, to illustrate something in the **spirit**. Jesus only spoke to them **in parables** as recorded in:

Matthew 13:13

13) Therefore **speak I to them in parables**: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Most Jews, (as the Tower builders of today) had spiritually blind eyes and would never see what **the Spirit** was saying to them as recorded in:

Matthew 15:14

14) Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into **the ditch**.

Luke 6:39

39) And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into **the ditch**?

Could **the ditch** be the **bottomless pit**? Think about it, the **bottomless pit** is only mentioned in the Book of Revelation. More on this later.

Matthew 13:34,35

34) All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; **and without a parable spake he not unto them**:

35) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, **I will open my mouth in parables**; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the **foundation of the world**.

Mark 4:34

34) **But without a parable spake he not unto them**: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

The **Spirit** will use natural things that the carnal mind can see to show something **spiritual**. When one reads the New Testament and the word **heaven** is mentioned what does it mean?

When one is out in the country or some place where there are no city lights, and they lie on their back in the green grass and look up into the natural heaven and see the myriad of stars, what are they seeing? They could mark the date and time, take a picture and come back one year later and look up into the same heaven and they will find every fixed star in the same place. That's **God's order**, there's no monkey business taking place there.. When the Spirit says **heaven** in the New Testament could it mean "an order"? Sure there are wandering stars, just as there are wandering stars in the

heaven, (or order) we dwell in. *his kingdom*

Martin Luther became dissatisfied with the order he was in and came out of the Tower of Babel, on 31st of October 1517 and nailed his 95 theses on the Tower's (Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany) front door. From Luther, what is called the **reformation** took place, and Towers to reach heaven began to be built everywhere. Every Tower builder claims, "This is the way!"

Most student's of the Bible know that the book of Revelation was written by the Apostle John around the year 96AD. By just looking at the date when it was written, one would think that John was writing about events that were going to happen thereafter. That's another fallacy propagated by the Tower Builders. Look at a scripture the Tower Builders have overlooked::

Revelation 1:10

10) I was **in the Spirit on the Lord's day**, and heard **BEHIND me a great voice, as of a trumpet**,

The phrase "**The Lord's day**" can be interpreted several different ways. Some may say that John got in the Spirit on **Saturday** or **Sunday**. Some call Saturday and some call Sunday **the Lord's day**. Others may say that **today is the Lord's Day** and that is the spirit John got in. But please just consider this: **Could the Lord's day** be from the time Jesus was born of Mary, until his ascension, could that be "**his day**"? Just as your day and my day is from the time we are born into this world, until the day we pass off the scene.. John got **in the Spirit** on the **Lord's day**, and having to **look back in time** he saw Jesus (during his three and a half year ministry) as the trumpeter preaching and teaching **The Revelation** that his Father had given him about the **Kingdom of Heaven or God** that was **at hand** (2,000 years ago). *destroy the LAW, or the PROPHEYS: I am not come to destroy,*

The phrase **the kingdom of God** and the **kingdom of heaven** are synonymous terms as recorded in ..

Matthew 3:2

2) And saying, Repent ye: for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Mark 1:14 - 15

14) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the **kingdom of God**,

15) And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God** is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Jesus talking to his disciples in the following three verses tells them that there were some standing there whom he was talking to who would not pass off the scene until they would see the **kingdom of God or heaven** come into existence.

Matthew 16:28

28) Verily I say unto you, **There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death**, till they

see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Mark 9:1

1) And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That **there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.**

Luke 9:27

27) But I tell you of a truth, **there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.**

According to those three scriptures the **kingdom of heaven or God** was coming into existence before some of the apostles tasted death, and they were going to see it. Pray tell me what kingdom was coming into existence? The book of **The Revelation** says:

Revelation 1:8

8) I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **beginning** and the **ending**, saith the Lord, **which is, and which was, and which is to come**, the Almighty.

God the Father through Jesus, (who was the **word of God** in the earth), was telling a people that the **kingdom of God was at hand** and warning them that there **was a kingdom about to pass off the scene**. Jesus was the **beginning** of a new **kingdom** and he was the **ending** of an **old order**. Jesus said in:

Matthew 5:17

17) Think not that I am come to **destroy the LAW, or the PROPHETS**: I am not come to destroy, **but to FULFIL**

God had made a covenant, which is a contract, with Israel. He told Israel that he would punish them seven times if they disobeyed him. See

Leviticus 26:18

18) And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times** more for your sins.

Leviticus 26:21

21) And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring **seven times** more plagues upon you according to your sins.

Leviticus 26:24

24) Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet **seven times** for your sins.

Leviticus 26:28

28) Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you **seven times** for your sins.

When Jesus appeared on the scene their **time** had come to an end, as recorded in

Revelation 10:1-7

- 1) And I saw another **mighty angel** come down from **heaven**, (which heaven?) clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
- 2) And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,
- 3) And cried with a loud voice, as when a **lion roareth**: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
- 4) And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
- 5) And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
- 6) And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer**:
- 7) But in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his **servants the prophets**.

Israel's **time** was no more. Israel broke their contract, but Jesus **FULFILLED** the contract, and when a contract is **FULFILLED** the job is **finished**, it's payday. Do we believe Jesus when he says "the **LAW** and **PROPHETS** are **fulfilled**"? He didn't say **partly fulfilled**, or are we going (just as the Tower Builders do) to read the prophets of the "Old Testament" and try to put them out into our future? It's true **history** repeats itself, but let's put that which Jesus saw, from reading the **LAW** and **PROPHETS** in it's proper place, in his **Revelation**.

In the fourth chapter of **The Revelation that Jesus had**, John says:

Revelation 4:1

- 1) After this I looked, and, behold, a **door was opened in heaven**: and the **first voice** which I heard was as it were of a **trumpet talking with me**; which said, **Come up hither**, and I will show thee **things which must be hereafter**.

A few questions: Who was **the door**? What **heaven** was this **door** opened in? Who was the **first voice speaking**? And what does the phrase "**show thee things which must be hereafter mean**"? A student of the Bible should know that the Bible speaks of **three heavens**. **First** and **second** are mention in:

Revelation 21:1

- 1) And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the **first heaven** and the **first earth** were passed away; and **there was no more sea**.

If the **first heaven** was passed away, the **new heaven** had to be the **second**. We read about the **third** in:

2 Corinthians 12:2

2) I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third heaven**

Where is this **first heaven** that passes away? **Who is in first heaven that passes away and where do they go?**

Jesus was the **door** opened in **first heaven**, and he is **the voice as a trumpet** that is speaking.

John 10:7

7) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door** of the sheep.

John 10:9

9) **I am the door**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Jesus was the **door opened in first heaven** (order) to get the Jews into **second heaven** (order).

God's **first kingdom** on the earth is mentioned in:

Exodus 19:6

6) And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and **an holy nation**. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

This was the **kingdom** that God through Jesus, his son, was bringing to a close. Notice that clear at the end of the book of Revelation he says:

Revelation 22:16

16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the **bright and morning star**.

The **morning star** reflects the **light of the sun** and only appears in the heaven at the dawning of a **new day**, and that took place 2,000 years ago.

John heard a great voice as of a trumpet **behind him**. That is something in his past. He had to **turn around** (which simply means to look into his past) to see the voice as of a trumpet

Revelation 1:12

12) And **I turned** to see the voice that spake with me. **And being turned**, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

John had to turn and **look back in time**, and then he realized whom he had been walking with, **Jesus was God walking and talking in the flesh**.

John 14:24

24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the **word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.**

We have **not been called** to build a tower, but we have some thoughts that we would like those who are **thinkers** to consider. Some who have had their mind programed by some Tower builder will think what we offer is only trash. We will not be offended, we know that **TIME** will prove all things. If what we expound sounds like trash, then dump it, we have dumped a lot of trash from the Tower builders. . . .

The apostle Paul had to trash or dump a lot that he had been taught at the feet of one of the greatest teachers in all Israel, Gamaliel. Paul says in the book of Acts the following.....

Acts 22:3

3) I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the **perfect manner of the law** of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

However Paul says in:

Philippians 3:8

8) Yea doubtless, and I count **all things but loss** for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom **I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but DUNG**, that I may win Christ,

2 Corinthians 5:17

17) Therefore if **any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

What old things in Paul's life had to pass away? It had to be that which he had learned at the feet of Gamaliel. Paul who was known as Saul was not a worldly or ungodly man, but was zealous for the law. When God healed his blind eyes and he saw the light, the things that he had spent a lifetime learning passed away and he became a new man in Christ. He found that **pearl of great price** and **sold all** so he could purchase that pearl.

The first order (heaven) was started by God the Father through Moses his servant and it brought the **law for the flesh**. The second order (heaven) was started by God through his son Jesus Christ, and it brought **Pentecost, or the Spirit**. The third order (heaven) will be started by God through the **Spiritual Man** and it will produce **Eternity!**

Two thousand years have passed since Jesus brought his message. The world of Tower Builders are in the same condition that Israel was in when Jesus came upon the scene. They are separated and divided, though speaking in their native tongue, they do not comprehend what the other is saying.

Second heaven is about to pass away and **Third heaven** is being spoken into existence..

Paul said in:

Galatians 3:24, 25

24) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

As the law (first order) was their schoolmaster to bring them to Christ, so the **five fold ministry** of the **second order** recorded in:

Ephesians 4:11

11) And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

has been a schoolmaster to bring a people to the third order. Jesus, who introduced the second order and fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, brought an end to the first order, or heaven. Now a people led by **the spirit** will fulfill that which Jesus brought and usher in the **new order** or **third heaven**. How? By understanding **The Revelation** of Jesus Christ and speaking words not recorded in the Old or New Testament. By the **spoken word** Jesus created the **second heaven** and by the **spoken word** the **third heaven** will be created.

The apostle Paul says in

(Rom 1:20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

We know that Paul was talking about the Tabernacle that was built in the wilderness, but today God is still painting pictures, but the blind still can't see. A beautiful picture today is the personal computer which is an exact replica of the human mind. If one tries to do something that the computer it is not programed to do, it will tell you that it is not programed to perform that function.

There are those who are programers and write various and sundry programs for the computer. They hope their program will sell. The spiritual picture of this is: Every preacher who stands behind the Bible stand is a programer and he is trying to program your mind and he hopes you will buy his program. If one stays at a certain place for a period of time it is evident that they have bought the program.

The Jews had been programed for over fifteen hundred years on the Law and the Prophets, and then one came on the scene with a different program which they couldn't find in their scrolls they were carrying under their arms. I wonder what our preachers today would have done if they had been back there as a Pharisee or a Sadducee and couldn't find written in their scrolls what Jesus was saying. Here was one, who in their mind was a bastard and he was saying things that they couldn't find in their scrolls. Away with him!!!!

If we don't understand history then we are apt to repeat it. Israel had been programed to look for a messiah to come in a certain way and sit upon the throne of David. Their messiah came and because of the way they had been programed the majority never recognized him.

Christianity has been programed by the woman that sits on seven hills in Rome that Christ is coming back in a certain way. He was taken up in a cloud as recorded in:

(Acts 1:9-11) And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a **cloud** received him out of their sight.

10) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11) Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Could he possibly come back as recorded in:

(Heb 12:1) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a **cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Are the blind leading us? God give us eyes to see and ears to hear what the SPIRIT is saying to the churches today. It's a great book, but it is to be spiritually discerned.

Amen

CHAPTER TWO

THE BIBLE (Part 2)

We only have the **BIBLE** because of **TWO GREAT REVELATIONS**. The **FIRST REVELATION** was the one Moses had, as Moses wanted to see the glory of God. This is recorded in:

Exodus 33:18-23 . . .

18) And he said, I beseech thee, **show me thy glory**.

19) And he said, I will make all my **goodness pass before thee**, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

20) And he said, Thou **canst not see my face**: for there shall no man see me, and live.

21) And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt **stand upon a ROCK**:

22) And it shall come to pass, **while my glory passeth by**, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23) And I will **take away mine hand**, and thou shalt see my **BACK PARTS**: but my face shall not be seen.

Moses was only to see God's **BACK PARTS** which is that which **happened in his past**. Anytime you **look back** you are **seeing history**. Moses was able to pick up a pen and write about that which had happened **in his past**. He was able to write "**IN THE BEGINNING**", because God had revealed to him what had happened in the past. We don't think Moses wrote all of the five books that are attributed to him, we think some of that which is written came down by word of mouth and scribes wrote what had been revealed to Moses.

The history of Israel is recorded in the books of Moses. Without the history of Israel there would be no need for any of the other books in the Old Testament.

The next **GREAT REVELATION** was that which Jesus had as recorded in:

(Rev 1:1 KJV) The **REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**, which **GOD GAVE UNTO HIM**, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

All John did was pick up a pen and write about what had been revealed unto Jesus as recorded in:

(Rev 1:2 KJV) Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Because the Book of Revelations was written around 96AD, the **BLIND LEADERS** of **THE**

BLIND think what is written is going to happen out in the future. They fail to take into consideration what is written in:

(Rev 1:10 KJV) **I was in the Spirit ON THE LORD'S DAY, and heard BEHIND ME a great voice, as of a trumpet,**

John got in the Spirit on the **LORD'S DAY**. When was the Lord's day? Our day is when we are born into this world until the day we pass from this life, that's our day. The Lord's day was from his birth until he left this earthly life. That was a period of approximately thirty three and one-half years. John got into the **Spirit of that day**. Take note that John heard **BEHIND HIM** a great voice, as of a trumpet and:

(Rev 1:12 KJV) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

(Rev 1:13 KJV) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

John who was **in the Spirit on the Lord's day, TURNED** to see the voice that spake with him. And **BEING TURNED** he realized whom he had been walking and talking with for three and one-half years. This **GREAT VOICE**, as of a **TRUMPET** was Jesus preaching and teaching **HIS REVELATION** that the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN OR GOD** was **AT HAND** almost two thousand years ago.

Those who are searching for truth will not advance one iota until they completely understand and fulfil **HIS REVELATION**. Then they shall speak into existence a **NEW ORDER** or **THIRD HEAVEN**.

Jesus was the **ALPHA** or the beginning of a **NEW HEAVEN** and he was also the **OMEGA** or the **END** of a **HEAVEN** that was passing away. The only way that **FIRST HEAVEN** could pass away was for him to fulfil it. He said in:

(Mat 5:17 KJV) Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

(Mat 5:18 KJV) For verily I say unto you, **TILL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

(Mat 24:35 KJV) Heaven and earth **shall pass away**, but my words shall not pass away.

(Mark 13:31 KJV) Heaven and earth **shall pass away**: but my words shall not pass away.

(Luke 21:33 KJV) Heaven and earth **shall pass away**: but my words shall not pass away.

When we can understand that the Book of Revelations is the recorded history of what happened two thousand years ago, then we will not repeat that which happened to the 5 unwise virgins. Jesus saw a **New Heaven** and a **New Earth** as recorded in:

(Rev 21:1 KJV) And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the **first heaven** and the **first earth** were passed away; and there was **no more sea**

We are living at the close of **Second Heaven** and there will be those among us who will repeat what was said two thousand years.

(Mat 7:22 KJV) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied in thy name?** and in **thy name** have **cast out devils?** and in **thy name** done **many wonderful works?**

(Mat 7:23 KJV) And then will I profess unto them, **I never KNEW you**: depart from me, ye that **WORK INIQUITY**.

The word **KNEW** is the same as used when Adam **KNEW** Eve and she conceived. His seed has not been planted in what is going on in this Babylon system today. They have worked **INIQUITY** and **divided** and **separated** God's people.

Once again there is a **voice** to be heard as there was two thousand years ago that will say:

(Rev 18:4 KJV) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

(Rev 18:5 KJV) **For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.**

GOD once again is coming on the scene and through the **HOLY SPIRIT** is going to bring to a close **SECOND HEAVEN**. The **SEEKERS** of **TRUTH** will speak into existence a **NEW ORDER** or **THIRD HEAVEN**. They will only be able to do that by having a perfect understanding of the **REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**, which has befuddled the clergy down through the ages even unto today. The **Truth Seekers** have not come on the scene to **DESTROY HIS REVELATION**, as the **BLIND LEADERS** with their **FALSE INTERPRETATIONS** are doing today, but to **FULFIL HIS REVELATION**.

FIRST HEAVEN, came into being by the **FATHER** through **MOSES** his servant.

SECOND HEAVEN, came into being by the **SON**. .

THIRD HEAVEN, will come into being by the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

The **FATHER**, **SON** and **HOLY SPIRIT** are one, **GOD**.

Oh God that we might **have eyes to see** and **ears to hear** what the **Spirit is saying** to the **Blind** who are **leading the Blind** today.

AMEN

MAN IMAGE

DANIEL 2:31 Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee, and the form thereof was terrible.

CHAPTER THREE

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Revelation 1:1 . . .

1) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

We feel the book of Revelation is the **index** to the whole bible. It is that which was revealed to Jesus by his Father from out of the scrolls that were in existence in that day. The purpose that God had in giving a Revelation to his Son was so Jesus could tell God's servants (the Jews) that which was about to happen to them. . . .

Revelation 1:2 . . .

2) Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

John who had walked with Jesus during his three and one-half years ministry was the one chosen by God to write and tell the story of His Son's Revelation.

Any student of the Bible knows that the book of Revelation was written about 96AD. One would think by that date (96AD), that which was written was to happen in the future. We find evidence in the following verses that dictates to us differently.

Revelation 1:10, 11, 12 . . .

10) I was in the Spirit on the **Lord's day**, and heard **behind me** a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12) And **I turned** to see the voice that spake with me. And **being turned**, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

John got into the Spirit on the Lord's day. The Lord's day can be interpreted many different ways. One may say that Saturday or Sunday is when John got into the Spirit, or another may say that the last two thousand years has been the Lord's day. Perhaps the Lord's day was from the time he was born into this world until his ascension. Just as our day is from the time we were born into this world until the day we exit.

John heard **behind him** a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. This voice was **behind him**, and as it says in verse twelve, he had to turn to see the voice that spake to him. John (in the Spirit) was looking into his past and saw the ancient of days. He realized then whom he had been walking and talking with was **Voice of God** in the flesh. John was

remembering the preaching of Jesus about a Kingdom that was **at hand**. This voice said he was Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. Jesus was the beginning, or the Alpha of a new order, and was the ending or the Omega, of an old order.

Revelation 22:16-20 . . .

16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the **bright and morning star**.

17) And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20) **He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Doesn't the **morning star** only appear in the heaven at the **dawning of a new day**, and it is a **reflection of the sun** which is the source of life? That is why Jesus could say "**he is the bright and morning star**," because he introduced in the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of Matthew a **new day**. Jesus spoke a "**new order**" and a "**new priesthood**" into existence. To show that he was a reflection of his Father he says in:

John 14:10,11) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 11) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Revelations starts out by saying that this is "**The Revelation of Jesus Christ** and it is to **show god's servants things which must shortly come to pass**," and finishes by saying "**He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.**" Quickly isn't two thousand years later. According to the dictionary quickly means: fast, fleet, rapid, swift, immediate, instantaneous or prompt. Everything between Revelation 1:1 and Revelation 22:21 is the **Revelation that God gave to Jesus Christ** and was **soon to come to pass**.

The question arises; when did Jesus receive his revelation? Did he come down from somewhere in outer space and as a babe lying in the manger have this revelation already written on his mind? Or did he have to learn to walk and talk as you and me? Did he acquire the revelation as he was growing up?

Because he was born of the Holy Spirit, no doubt he had one of the sharpest minds in all of Israel. It is our understanding that little Jewish boys were taught to read and write by reading and writing the books of the law. So we have a clue when we read . .

Luke 2:46,47 . . .

46) And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47) And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

This happened when he was only twelve years old. Then there is a gap of eighteen years until he takes up his ministry at the age of thirty.

What happened during that eighteen-year span? Could he have been talking to some of the fellows he was growing up with about these strange thoughts and ideas he was getting? If so, he must have had plenty of rebuttal and a chance to sharpen his knowledge of the existing scrolls.

Please note . . .

Pslams 22:6-8 . . .

6) But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7) All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8) He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Could these men maybe, be some that he chose to be his disciples? Can you imagine a complete stranger coming up to you and asking you to leave work, wife, children, houses and land and follow him and he will make you fishers of men?

When coming out of the water after being baptized of John the scripture says . . .

Matthew 3:16 . . .

16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, **the heavens were opened unto him**, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

The heavens were opened unto him. What heavens? According to scripture there are three heavens. Please note . . .

Revelation 21:1 . . .

1} And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the **first heaven** and the **first earth** were passed away; and there was no more sea.

If **first heaven** was passing away, then the **new heaven** that was seen had to be **second heaven**. Please consider . . .

2 Corinthians 12:2 . . .

2] I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third Heaven**.

Jesus understood after his baptism by John, God's perfect plan, about the **three heavens**, (or three

orders). He had been through his testing period and his **Revelation was complete**. At this time he took up his ministry, but because he was not born of the tribe of Levi, he was not qualified to be in the Levitical Priesthood.

Little did the **Levitical Priesthood** know that **their order** was about to pass away and **Jesus**, (who was **the word of God**) was creating (speaking into existence) a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, or a **new priesthood** and a **people** to serve under that **priesthood**. It is **only** by the **spoken word** that **heavens** and **earths** are created.

Jesus expressed it by saying in . . .

Mark 13:31 . . .

31) **Heaven and earth shall pass away**: but **my words** shall not pass away.

Jesus was saying that their **religious order** and **those serving in that order** were **going to pass away**, but the words he was speaking were **creating a new heaven** and a **new earth**, as recorded in

Revelation 21:1 . . .

1) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Jesus also said in Matthew in what we call **the sermon on the mount** . . .

Matthew 5:18 . . .

18) For verily I say unto you, **till heaven and earth pass**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, **till all be fulfilled**.

Jesus was saying that the **Law (First Heaven)** would still be in effect until the **Levitical Priesthood** and those that were serving under that priesthood should **pass away**. That began to happen when Jesus appeared on the scene and began to preach and teach a **new order** that was prophesied in . . .

Jeremiah 31:31-34 . . .

31) Behold, the **days come**, saith the Lord, that I will make a **new covenant (order or heaven)** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32) Not according to **the covenant (first order or heaven)** that I made with **their fathers** in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33) But this shall be the covenant (**order or heaven**) that I will make with the house of Israel; After **those days**, saith the Lord, I will put my **law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34) And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

When Jesus hung on the cross, he said in . . .

John 19:30 . . .

30) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **it is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

This was the fulfillment of . . .

Revelation 1:8 . . .

8) I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the **beginning** and the **ending**, saith the Lord, **which is**, and **which was**, and **which is to come**, the **Almighty**.

The **first order or heaven** was doomed, because **Jesus** was the **Omega** and pronounced the ending of that order when he said "**it is finished**." He was also the **Alpha**, because he was the **bright and morning star**, the beginning of a **new order, or heaven**.

God had to honor the **first heaven or order** as long as the **temple** stood as that was **his throne**. But in AD 70 the **hand of god** (Titus) destroyed the **temple** and the **first heaven, or order** passed off the scene. There was about a 40-year overlapping period of time for the transformation from **first heaven** to the **new heaven**.

Really the **first order** had no excuse, for the Apostle Paul records in . . .

Romans 1:18-20 . . .

18) For the wrath of God is revealed from **heaven** against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20) For the **invisible things of him** from the **creation of the world** are **clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and godhead; so that they are without excuse**:

God left a perfect picture about his plan when he told Moses how to build his tabernacle. There is the picture of the **three heavens**. The **outer court** which is a picture of **First heaven**, the **holy place** a picture of **second heaven**, and the **holy of holies** a picture of **third heaven**, and then the **cloud** and **pillar of fire** which is a picture of the **heaven above all heavens**. So they, as we today, are without excuse.

Look at . . .

Matthew 27:50-51 . . .

50) Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51) And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

This should show to us today that **third heaven** was made available to them of that day. However they did not enter into **third heaven**, therefore the Apostle Paul introduced what we know today as the **fivefold ministry**. They have gone no further than **second heaven**.

The Levitical Priesthood under the law was a schoolmaster to bring the **first order** to Christ, even though the Priesthood as a whole didn't understand what was happening. So today another ministry, (the fivefold ministry, or **second heaven**) has been a schoolmaster to bring us to another order, (**third heaven**) and they as a whole will not understand what is happening. There will be some like Nicodemus who will investigate, see what is happening, and then enter in but, as it was two thousand years ago they will be few in number.

John and Jesus said that the **kingdom of heaven** was at hand. Something was about to happen. See Matthew 3:2, 4:17, 10:7. He said that the **kingdom of god** was at hand in

Mark 1:15 and Luke 21:31. He used parables to tell about the **new heaven** that was coming into existence. Look at . . .

Matthew 13:45-46 . . .

- 45) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
- 46) Who, when he had found **one pearl of great price**, went and **sold all that he had**, and bought it.

The Apostle Paul after sitting at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and being zealous toward God, and because of the knowledge of the first order, he even accepted the clothes laid at his feet at the stoning of Stephen. (Acts 7:58) But, in order to get into the **new heaven** that Jesus was talking about, one had to sell **all** of the **old**. The Apostle Paul sold **all** of the **old order**, so that he might buy the **new order** that Jesus spoke into existence. He expressed himself in . . .

Philippians 3:8 . . .

- 8) Yea doubtless, and I count **all things but loss** for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of **all** things, and do count them but **Dung**, that I may win Christ.

Jesus was the **door** out of **first heaven** into the **new heaven** as he said in . . .

John 10:7-9 . . .

- 7) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the **door** of the sheep.
- 8) All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
- 9) I am the **door**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

What was the person who entered in by the **door** going to be saved from? He was going to be saved from the **wrath that was to come in AD 70**. Also, he was to inherit eternal life. Jesus was the **door**

that is recorded in . . .

Revelation 4:1 . . .

1) After this I looked, and, behold, a **door** (Jesus) was opened in **heaven**: (The First Heaven) and the **first voice** (Rev. 1:10) which I heard was as it were of a **trumpet** talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

John was hearing a **trumpet**, (the three and one-half year message of **Jesus**), who was that **door** opened under the law (**first heaven**) and if a Jew had spiritual eyes and ears and received **His Revelation** they entered into the **new heaven**. John was told to come up hither and he would understand what was going to take place after entering into this **new heaven**.

Immediately he was in the spirit; and, beheld a throne. A description is given of the one on the throne and **He** (the one on the throne) held a book in his right hand that was **written within and on the backside**, sealed with seven seals. Please note that the book was not written on the **frontside**. Nothing about the third order, it only speaks about that which was **written within** (present tense two thousand years ago, or **second order**) and that which was written **on the backside**, or past, or **first order**.

In Revelation 1:4 we read about **Which is**, and **which was**, and **which is to come**. These words are repeated in Revelation 4:8. This is talking about the **three orders** or **three heavens** . . .

WHICH IS: This is that which was in existence when this scripture was written. Present tense almost two thousand years ago, or the **new heaven** that Jesus spoke into existence.

WHICH WAS: is the **first order** or **heaven** which was the Law and Prophets, started by God and administered by the Levitical Priesthood.

WHICH IS TO COME: is the **third order** or **heaven**, which Jesus spoke into existence, but was never carried out. note . . .

Matthew 27:51 . . .

51) And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

This shows that **third heaven** was made accessible, but because of unbelief, and the falling away, was never entered into by the **Second order**.

Therefore the book sealed with seven seals is going to reveal that which transpired under the Law and Prophets (**which was**) and that which took place under the **new order** until AD 70 (**which is**). There was nothing written on the **frontside** or about that which was going to happen **after AD 70 (which is to come)**.

That (WHICH IS TO COME) will be spoken into existence by a people who by REVELATION will understand that which was revealed to JESUS by HIS FATHER. In as much as history repeats itself, all we have to do is look back two thousand years and see what happened to a RELIGIOUS ORDER that GOD himself had started through his servant Moses. By the time Jesus appeared on the scene there was nothing but confusion in Israel as they were split, separated and divided into many factions. IS IT ANY DIFFERENT TODAY?

When God started the Levitical Priesthood through Moses his servant, it was good and honorable. But when Jesus appeared on the scene fifteen hundred years later, Israel, who were the children of God, had corrupted the word of God and were a HARLOT SYSTEM. Therefore, they had to be BORN AGAIN. Could we have been born into the family of God today through a HARLOT SYSTEM?

In the natural a husband and wife have children. Then their children have children and so on for generations. Is it possible that somewhere down the line some may become harlots? But they are still in the family!

Is it possible that we may have to do as the Apostle Paul did and count all that the HARLOT SYSTEM taught us is but DUNG? Is it possible that we may have to be BORN AGAIN?

It is impossible for someone to be "BORN AGAIN" if they have never been born the first time. The phrase "BORN AGAIN" has been misused by the Christian world. When Jesus used the term in John 3:3 he was talking to Nicodemus, a child of God and a ruler of the Jews. Nicodemus was also known as a "master of Israel", he was not an ungodly man . . .

John 3:10 . . .

10) Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a MASTER OF ISRAEL, and knowest not these things?

Here we have one in high authority in Israel that Jesus is talking to and Jesus said to Nicodemus that he had to be "BORN AGAIN."

When a baby boy was born in Israel he had to be taken to the Temple on the eighth day and be circumcised and dedicated. Then his name was written in the "BOOK OF LIFE." That is when he was BORN into the family of God. If the child had died prior to the eighth day his name would never appear in the "BOOK OF LIFE," and it would be as if he had never been born.

Nicodemus, when a baby was taken to the Temple, circumcised, dedicated, and his name written in the book of life. That is when he was born into the family of God, not his natural birth. God was moving and changing the order and Jesus was telling him that he had to be "BORN AGAIN" in order to be in that which God was doing in that hour.

Nicodemus had to be "BORN OF WATER" showing the washing away of all of the old order (by the

words that Jesus spoke) and "BORN OF THE SPIRIT" (Holy Ghost) which was the circumcision of the heart, (mind) or cutting away of all the old doctrine of the Levitical Order.

When Jesus took up his ministry, it was by his spoken word that he began to create the NEW HEAVEN and NEW EARTH. He spoke in parables about the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN that was AT HAND, His parables were of natural things depicting something spiritual. Because the biggest majority of Israel were blind, they never did see the spiritual meaning of his parables.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew 13:3-9 . . .

- 3) And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
- 4) And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
- 5) Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth:and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
- 6) And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
- 7) And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
- 8) But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
- 9) Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus pretty well explains the parable of the sower. He is talking about the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN which is in the process of being spoken into existence, as he says starting in the 19th verse of the same chapter . . .

Matthew 13:19 . . .

19) When any one heareth the word of the KINGDOM, and understandeth it not, then cometh the WICKED ONE, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Notice that he said "word of the KINGDOM." Jesus started immediately talking about his REVELATION that the Father had given him. The "WICKED ONE" was the Levitical Priesthood which plucked the truth out of his heart, (mind), which was easy to do because the man didn't understand the truth anyway. The reason he used the words WICKED ONE," look at . . .

John 8:44 . . .

44) Ye are of your FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your FATHER ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And now continuing . . .

Matthew 13:20.21 . . .

20) But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon

with joy receiveth it;

21) Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

This poor fellow just didn't have the backbone to hear all the adverse things that the Priesthood of that day brought against the teachings of Jesus. Continuing . . .

Matthew 13:22 . . .

22) He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceit fulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

This one was very knowledgeable (rich) in the teachings of the Levitical Priesthood and loved that WORLD (ORDER) more than teachings of Jesus and the NEW ORDER.

Continuing . . .

Matthew 13:23 . . .

23) But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty.

This person understood what Jesus was teaching about the NEW ORDER and what was going to happen in the future (AD 70) and gladly accepted the teaching. Some thirty fold (FULFILL THE FIRST ORDER), some sixty fold (FULFILL THE FIRST AND SECOND ORDER), and some an hundred fold (FULFILL FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD ORDER).

PARABLE OF GOOD SEED SOWED AND TARES

Matthew 13:24-30 . . .

24) Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25) But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26) But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27) So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28) He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30) Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:36-43 . . .

36) Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him,

saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37) He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man; (Jesus)

38) The field is the world; (Jewish World or First Order), the good seed are the children of the KINGDOM: (those which received his spoken word), but the tares are the children of the wicked one; (the First Order which had deteriorated into the beast),

39) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; (the Levitical Priesthood, remember Jesus told them that they were of their father the devil. Everything begets after it's own kind, so if their father was the devil, they were also the devil), the harvest is the end of the world; (AD 70), and the reapers are the angels. (Ministry of the NEW HEAVEN OR ORDER)

40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. (AD 70)

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

Matthew 13:31-32 . . .

31) Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32) Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Once again Jesus is talking about that which was about to come into existence on the DAY OF PENTECOST. He planted the word in the first order and soon it superseded the Levitical Priesthood. All kinds of birds (denominations with their own interpretations) lodge in the branches thereof.

PARABLE OF LEAVEN

Matthew 13:33 . . .

33) Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

COMMENT: Why THREE MEASURES OF MEAL? Once again talking about the three orders.

PARABLE OF TREASURE HID IN A FIELD

Matthew 13:44 . . .

44) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Again Jesus is showing that in order to attain to the NEW ORDER a man had to sell (or disinherit, count it but dung as the apostle Paul did) all of that FIRST ORDER.

PARABLE OF THE MERCHANT MAN

Matthew 13:45-46 . . .

- 45) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
46) Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Are we willing to sell all that we have (of that which we have been taught by a harlot system) in order to understand what God is doing today?

PARABLE OF THE NET CAST INTO THE SEA

Matthew 13:47-50 . . .

- 47) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
48) Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.
49) So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
50) And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus came unto his own and his own received him not, as recorded in . . .

John 1:10,11 . . .

- 10) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
11) He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

He sent out his net when he sent the twelve as recorded in . . .

Matthew 10:5-6 . . .

- 5) These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
6) But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Jesus was plainly telling them not to fish in the Gentile Sea or the Samaritan Sea, but rather in the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," SEA. The VESSELS that they were to be gathered into were the churches, from PENTECOST (Acts 2), to the CHURCHES that were formed after Pentecost.

The END OF THE WORLD, for that people, was 70 AD. That was the FIRST HEAVEN and FIRST EARTH passing away that is mentioned in Revelation 21:1. The FURNACE OF FIRE was the horrible holocaust that Israel faced in 70 AD.

In Revelation 21:1 when it says "and there was NO MORE SEA," it simply means that where the Jew

had been God's chosen people they were no longer honored by God above any other people.

Look at the following scriptures:

Romans 10:12 . . .

12) For there is no difference between the JEW and the GREEK: for the same Lord over ALL is rich unto ALL that call upon him.

Galatians 3:28 . . .

28) There is neither JEW nor GREEK, there is neither BOND nor FREE, there is neither MALE nor FEMALE: for ye are all ONE in CHRIST JESUS.

Colossians 3:11 . . .

11) Where there is neither GREEK nor JEW, CIRCUMCISION nor UNCIRCUMCISION, BARBARIAN, SCYTHIAN, BOND nor FREE: but CHRIST is ALL, and IN ALL.

Today, one is not above another. Now it is to WHOSOEVER WILL let him take of the water of life freely. It is time for the final curtain, which is the "FEAST OF TABERNACLES."

A door is to go through. One does not stop at the door, (as Christianity has done) but one goes through the door to get into the other room. Jesus was the door that was opened to the Jews in the first order. Some went through the door and found pasture. Christianity will never get into "THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES" (the third order, or heaven) until they go through the door. Note .

Hebrews 6:1,2 . . .

- 1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- 2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Jesus came and fulfilled his Father's will. He was constantly pointing his followers to the FATHER.

Matthew 19:17 . . .

17) And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, GOD: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Ephesians 3:14,15 . . .

- 14) For this cause I bow my knees unto the FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 15) Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Paul was bowing his knees to the FATHER, not Jesus. The whole family in heaven and earth is named after the FATHER, not the son. You and I were given a name at birth, but that name is not the family name. The name Jesus was given by the angel and that is the given name of the Son, not

the family name. That is why we have so many sick among us, we are praying to the wrong entity. When he said . . .

John 14:24 . . .

24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is NOT MINE, but the FATHER'S which SENT ME.

Therefore when he said in . . .

John 14:13,14 . . .

13) And whatsoever ye shall ask in MY NAME, that will I do, that the FATHER may be glorified in the SON.

14) If ye shall ask anything in MY NAME, I will do it.

This is GOD speaking through the SON, that HE may be glorified through the SON. Jesus turned the kingdom over to his FATHER and is sitting at HIS right hand. Until Christianity put's Jesus in his rightful place, and starts worshiping the FATHER, they will continue to play ring-around-the-rosy.

Matthew 4:10 . . .

10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD, and HIM ONLY shalt thou serve.

AMEN.

Mark 13:1-4 . . .

1) And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here?

2) And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3) And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4) Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Jesus begins to expound unto them saying "many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ: and shall deceive many. There shall be wars and rumors of wars, nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles, and the gospel must first be published among all nations."

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Luke 21:22 . . .

22) For there be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE HEAVENS

According to Mark 13:3 Jesus was talking to Peter, James, John and Andrew privately when he said in . . .

Mark 13:31 . . .

31) **Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**

This phrase is also recorded in Luke 21:33.

At the stoning of Stephen in Acts 7:49 Stephen is quoting from

Isaiah 66:1 . . .

1) Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

Now it looks like with that statement that God has no place for his throne and no place for his footstool if heaven and earth are going to pass away. What could this mean?

When you read the whole context of Mark 13, and Luke 21, Jesus is answering the questions that Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately in . . .

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Luke 21:22 . . .

22) For these be the days of vengeance, **that all things which are written may be fulfilled.**

Notice that he didn't say just some of the things that had been written may be fulfilled, but **all things which are written may be fulfilled**. We will let that phrase that **Jesus** said rest on its own merits.

It is after all of his dissertation in Mark 13 and Luke 21 that he says "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." What does he mean?

One can look up at night into our natural heavens and you see a perfect order. Mariners chart their course by the stars. Astronomers could tell you the exact day, hour and minute when the Halley comet, was going to appear. So taking this into consideration when Jesus said "Heaven and earth shall pass away:" surely he is speaking **spiritually**. The heaven that was going to pass away was an order. The earth that was going to pass away, were the people who lived under that order. The stars in that heaven were the **Levitical priesthood**, a religious order that God himself had started in . . .

Exodus 19:3-6 . . .

- 3) And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
- 4) Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
- 5) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:
- 6) And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an **holy nation**. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Then in Exodus 28:1 . . .

- 1) And take thou unto thee **Aaron** thy brother, and his **sons** with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the **priest's office**, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

But because that religious order was **hard hearted** and **stiff necked** and so steeped in the way the scrolls had been taught to them from generation to generation, they **could not** and **would not** even consider a different interpretation. "How could this carpenter's son, whom we have known from a baby, and who isn't even of the Levi priesthood, (who were the only ones qualified to be God's representatives) be so conceited to think that God would show him about a new **heaven** or **order**?"

Never-the-less, Jesus came preaching that the **kingdom of heaven** was at hand. He talked to them in parables about the **kingdom of heaven**.

See . . .

Matthew 13:24-30 . . .

- 24) Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- 25) But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- 26) But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27) So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28) He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30) Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

After a few more parables about the **kingdom of heaven** Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. Which he did in . . .

Matthew 13:37-40 . . .

37) He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man;

38) The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of **this** world."

QUESTION: Who is the Son of man?

ANSWER: Jesus.

QUESTION: What was the seed sown?

ANSWER: About the **new order or kingdom of heaven** that was near at hand.

QUESTION: If the field is the world, what world is he talking about?

ANSWER: Jesus came unto his own (that **Jewish world**) and they received him not. Jesus talking to that priesthood says in . . .

John 8:23 . . .

23) Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; (**first earth**) I am not of this world.

He was already in a place that they had not attained to, (**second heaven**).

QUESTION: Who are the tares?

ANSWER: Those who remained in the **first heaven or order**.

QUESTION: Who is the enemy called the devil?

ANSWER: Jesus was talking to the scribes and Pharisees in the temple when he said in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil." Now everything begets after it's own kind, so if their father was a devil, they were the devil also.

QUESTION: When was the "end of **this** world?"

ANSWER: 70 AD.

The bible mentions **three heavens**. **First heaven** was passing away in . . .

Revelation 21:1 . . .

1) And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the **first heaven** and the **first earth** were passed away; and there was no more **sea**.

If Jesus saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth** appearing (for this is a revelation that God gave to his son Jesus Christ) as it says in . . .

Revelation 1:1-3 . . .

1) The **Revelation** of **Jesus Christ**, which **God** gave unto **him**, to shew unto his servants things which must **shortly** come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

QUESTION: Who was given a revelation?

ANSWER: Jesus Christ.

QUESTION: Who gave the revelation?

ANSWER: God.

QUESTION: Why did God give Jesus a revelation?

ANSWER: To show unto his servants things which must **shortly** come to pass.

QUESTION: When it says **his** servants, who are **his** servants?

ANSWER: God's servants.

QUESTION: What does **shortly** come to pass mean?

ANSWER: It means it's near at hand, close or soon to happen.

That's exactly what Jesus came preaching, **his revelation** that the "**kingdom of heaven was at hand**," something was about to happen. It was to happen in the near future, **not two thousand years later**. John the Baptist who was the one who prepared the way for Jesus understood that something was about to happen in the near future when he said in . . .

Matthew 3:7 . . .

7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to **flee from the wrath to come**?

Also read . . .

Matthew 24:34 . . .

34) Verily I say unto you, **this generation** shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

QUESTION: What generation?

ANSWER: The one Jesus was talking to.

QUESTION: What things were to be fulfilled?

ANSWER: All of the things mentioned in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

Continuing with . . .

Revelation 1:2 . . .

2) Who bare record of **the word of God**, and of the **testimony of Jesus Christ**, and of all **things that he saw**.

QUESTION: who is writing the record?

ANSWER: John.

QUESTION: What's he writing about?

ANSWER: **the word of god**, (who is Jesus according to . . .

John 3:34 . . .

4) For he whom God hath sent **speaketh the words of God**: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

He is also writing about the **testimony of Jesus Christ** and the things **he** saw. Let's look at . . .

John 3:32 . . .

32) And what he hath **seen** and **heard**, that he **testifieth**; and no man receiveth his testimony.

Secrets were revealed in the scrolls to Jesus that the Levitical Priesthood were unaware of. When as a child of twelve he was found in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing and questioning them. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. I'm sure they were astonished because they heard things that hadn't been uttered in the fifteen hundred years their priesthood had been in existence.

Continuing with . . .

Revelation 1:3 . . .

3) Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: **for the time is at hand**.

QUESTION: Who is **he** that readeth?

ANSWER: Those who read the Old Testament Scrolls while Jesus was preaching his gospel.

QUESTION: Who are **they** that hear the words of this prophecy?

ANSWER: Those of that day who had spiritual ears and eyes to understand and see what Jesus was talking about.

QUESTION: What prophecy?

ANSWER: The prophecy of Jesus Christ concerning what was going to happen to that Jewish Nation in the near future.

QUESTION: Who are "and keep those things which are written therein?"

ANSWER: Those who understood and was in Jerusalem and received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

QUESTION: What does the **time is at hand** mean?

ANSWER: **first heaven** was passing away and **AD 70** was near.

According to biblical scholars John did not write the book of The Revelation until 96 AD, but remember this is The Revelation that God gave to his son Jesus Christ that John is writing about. John heard a voice like a trumpet **BEHIND HIM** see . . .

Rev. 1:10,11 . . .

10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard **BEHIND ME** a great voice, as of a trumpet,
11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and , What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

John had to turn and look back (in time) and realized that he had walked and talked with the Son of God for three and one-half years while Jesus preached his revelation . . . long before 96 AD.

Then the **new heaven** that Jesus saw (in Rev. 21:1) had to be **second heaven**. God is the master mathematician and he invented counting, one . . . two . . . three. . . . Now the apostle Paul writes about one caught up to **third heaven**, and into **paradise**.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 . . .

2) I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third heaven**.
3) And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
4) How that he was caught up into **paradise**, and heard **unspeakable words**, which it is **not lawful** for a man to utter.

The reason it was **not lawful** to utter those words was because the **law of moses** was still in effect, and Paul would have been stoned to death as Stephen was, in the seventh chapter of Acts. Even though Jesus had introduced **second heaven** (and it came into being on the day of PENTECOST), God had to honor that **first heaven** because the **temple** was still standing. There is an over lapping period of time between the first order and the second order. But in 70 AD the **temple** was destroyed by the hand of God (Titus) and the **first heaven** passed into oblivion. The words that were unlawful for Paul to utter have been reserved for us **today** and now **second heaven** is being rolled together as a scroll and being set aside by God himself and the **third heaven (order)** is in the process of being spoken into existence.

Jesus came preaching the **revelation** that his **father** had given unto **him**. He told the people to repent for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand. This was the **new heaven** that John wrote about in Rev. 21:1. At hand meant that it was close, near, something that they were about to witness, not something that wouldn't happen until two thousand years later.

Every one of his parables were about the **kingdom of heaven** or the **kingdom of God** which are synonymous terms (See Matthew 19:23 and Luke 18:24). Heaven is the territory and God is the King over that territory, just as England is a territory and at one time George was King over that

territory. The **kingdom of God** or **heaven** was at hand and came into existence on the day of Pentecost. Please note that after the day of Pentecost the phrase "**the kingdom of heaven is at hand**" is never mentioned again in scripture, because it came into existence on that day.

This was an extremely difficult period of time for the Jews of that day. Jesus told Nicodemus who was a ruler of the Jews that he had to be **born again**, see . . .

John 3:3-4 . . .

3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Of course Nicodemus' mind turned to the natural and he said:

4) How can a man when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus said in . . .

John 3:10 . . .

10) Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

In order for the Jews to come into the **new heaven** (or order) two thousand years ago they had to become as a new born baby. A new born baby's mind has not yet been written upon and is ready to be programmed. The program of the Levitical Priesthood had to be erased. All of their rituals, sacrifices, feast days, everything that pertained to that first order had to be forgotten.

Paul said in . . .

Philippians 3:8 . . .

8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of **all things**, (pertaining to the Law) and do count them but **dung**, that I may win Christ.

Then in verse thirteen . . .

13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling (**third heaven**) of God in Christ Jesus.

The Jews of two thousand years ago did not even consider the natural birth as being born. If a male baby died before he was circumcised and dedicated in the Temple on the eighth day, it was as though he had never been born. But on the **eighth** day he was taken to the Temple, **circumcised**, and his name was written in the **book of life**. That was **his birth** into the family of God under the Law. Now Nicodemus had to be **born again**. In other words, repent (turn 180 degrees), and be baptized, (which was showing the washing away by the words of Jesus) of all of that **first heaven (order)**, and

walk just the opposite of the way he had been walking (under the law). Then on the day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost came and the **circumcision of the heart** took place and their name was written in the **lamb's book of life (second heaven)**, they were **born again**.

Can we imagine how difficult it must have been to give up that which had been taught from generation to generation for over a period of fifteen hundred years? For those who embraced the **new (order)** and refused to carry the **mark** of that **beast** and no longer gave the **beast** the right hand of fellowship. In due time they were refused the right to buy and sell. That's the reason that all was laid at the feet of the apostles (Acts 4:34-35) and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. That mark was no longer embedded in their mind and hand.

The veil of the Temple was rent in the midst from top to bottom when Jesus gave up the ghost during his crucifixion. (Matt. 27:51, Mark 15:38 and Luke 23:45). Showing that Jesus opened the way for mankind to step back into the presence of God (**third heaven**) and communicate directly with God. But those who resurrected from **first heaven** into **second heaven** stopped short of the Glory of God and have remained in **second heaven** now for a period of almost two thousand years. God knowing the nature of man, knew he would stop short, and prepared a **third heaven**. God has started dealing with people all over the world, there is unrest, it is now time for the **third heaven** or **order** to be revealed.

How do we get into the **third heaven**? The same way Nicodemus got into **second heaven**. We have to be **born again**. It's impossible for an ungodly man to be **born again**. **Again**, means he's been born before. When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus he was talking spiritually, and of course Nicodemus' mind went to the natural, just as have the minds of **our** teachers. Those who have taught us have once again led us astray. When an ungodly person gives their heart to the Lord, that is their **first birth, into the family of God**. Their name is written into the **lambs' book of life**. (Natural birth has nothing to do with it.)

What does it mean to be **born again**? We have to do as the Apostle Paul did in the past.

2 Corinthians 5:17 . . .

17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature: old things** (not the picture shows, dance hall, cigarette smoking, and things of this natural world, but things of the religious world we were born into) are passed away; behold, **all things** are become **new**.

We have been born into a church system that has degenerated into a harlot type. This is depicted in Revelations 17:5. We have to forget that which we have been taught by well-meaning men who are ignorant of what **God** has for us in this hour.

Just as Paul said in . . .

Galatians 3:24 . . .

24) Wherefore the law (**first heaven**) was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, (**new order**,

second heaven) that we might be justified by faith.

25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster (**first heaven**).

The ministry that we have sat under in the past was our schoolmaster to bring us to the **third order** or (**heaven**) and after we have entered **third heaven** we are no longer under a schoolmaster (**second heaven**). We have to do like Paul in . . .

Philippians 3:13-14 . . .

13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind, (second heaven) and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (third heaven)**

14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the **high calling (third heaven)** of God in Christ Jesus.

Jesus saw a **great whore, (first order or heaven)** and John recorded it in his record of Jesus' revelation . . .

Revelation 17:5 . . .

5) And upon her forehead was a name written, **mystery, babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.**

Mystery Babylon said in . . .

Revelation 18:7 . . .

7) I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Look at . . .

Lamentations 1:1 . . .

1) How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

Jesus understood by the scrolls that the **first order or heaven** that was instituted by God himself had become as a whore and a harlot, and God had divorced himself of her.

Revelation 1:8 . . .

8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was,

See . . .

Jeremiah 3:8 . . .

8) And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a **bill of divorce**; yet her treacherous sister **Judah** feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

God was rolling up **first heaven** as a scroll . . .

Revelation 6:14 . . .

14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

QUESTION: What was the ending of?

ANSWER: When he hung on the cross, he said, "It's finished."

Where did Jesus see this in the scrolls?

Isaiah 34:1-4 . . .

1) Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2) For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, (the Jews were scattered into many nations) and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3) Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4) And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens (**first and second**) shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

QUESTION: When a scroll is rolled together, that's the same as saying "the book is closed." It's finished.

ANSWER: The word of God was the Law and the Prophets that were in existence when Jesus came.

Because man never profits from history, history is in the process of repeating itself. There was a religious order two thousand years ago (**Judaism**) that was unaware God was changing the order. There is a religious order today (**Christianity**) that is unaware that God once again is changing the order. To escape the holocaust that Judaism experienced, we have to understand the **revelation of Jesus Christ**.

Verse 11

When the natural mind doesn't understand scripture, the tendency is to always put it out into the future. The book of Revelation is the most misunderstood book of the Bible. Because it is misunderstood, events that have already taken place, are put out into the future. Now if we can see where it took place back there, then we won't let history repeat itself and let it happen to us today.

and one-half year's ministry of Jesus Christ. John got into the spirit of that day and the Holy Spirit Jesus said in . . .

QUESTION: Revelation of Jesus Christ, to John, which was the new order.

ANSWER: to turn and look back and being in the Spirit and with his spiritual eye, John was

Revelation 1:8 . . .

8) I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the **beginning** and the **ending**, saith the Lord, **which is**, and **which was**, and **which is to come**, the Almighty. Look at . . .

ANSWER: The message by Jesus Christ of the kingdom that was at hand.

Hebrews 10:7-9 . . .

7) Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

8) Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

9) Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the **first**, that he may establish the **second**.

God, who created mathematics, can surely count better than that. We have been

QUESTION: What was he the **beginning of**?

ANSWER: The **new order, second heaven** or the **kingdom of heaven** that was **at hand**, two thousand years ago.

QUESTION: What was he the **ending of**?

ANSWER: He brought that **old order** or **first heaven** to a close. When he hung on the cross he said, "**it is finished.**"

QUESTION: What does **Which is** mean?

ANSWER: That was present tense, two thousand years ago, or **Second heaven** or **order**.

QUESTION: What does **Which was** mean?

ANSWER: That which was, or, **first heaven** or **Levitical order**.

QUESTION: What does **WHICH IS TO COME** mean?

ANSWER: That which is being spoken into existence **today, third heaven** or **order**.

Revelation 1:9-10 . . .

9) I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the **word of God** and for the **testimony of Jesus Christ**.

QUESTION: What does for the **word of God** mean?

ANSWER: The **word of God** was the Law and the Prophets that were in existence when Jesus came on the scene. The **first order** or **heaven** was spoken into existence by **God** through **Moses** his servant.

QUESTION: What was the **testimony of Jesus Christ**?

ANSWER: His three and one-half year's ministry on the **new order** or **heaven**.

Verse 10 . . .

10) I was **in the spirit on the Lord's day**, and heard **behind** me a great voice, **as of a trumpet**,

QUESTION: What does in the Spirit on the Lord's day mean?

ANSWER: The Lord's day was from the birth of Jesus until his ascension, and especially the three and one-half year's ministry of Jesus Christ. John got into the spirit of that day and the Holy Spirit was revealing the Revelation of Jesus Christ, to John, which was the **new order**.

QUESTION: Why was the great voice, as of a trumpet behind John?

ANSWER: John had to turn and look back and being in the Spirit and with his spiritual eye, John was looking back in time to the ministry of Jesus.

QUESTION: What was the trumpet?

ANSWER: The message by **Jesus Christ** of the **kingdom** that was **at hand**.

The tabernacle in the wilderness is a perfect picture of the plan of God. Notice that there was a **cloud** over the Tabernacle by day and a **pillar OF FIRE** by night. The **cloud** is a picture of the **heaven above all heavens**. We have erroneously been taught that God had created **third heaven** first. That's like Henry Ford saying that the first car that came off his assembly line was the third. This all **omnipotent God**, who **created mathematics**, can surely count better than that. We have been

taught that **first heaven** was a condition (salvation), **second heaven** was a condition (Holy Ghost Baptism), and **third heaven** (a reality), some pie in the sky where **God** dwelt and we, if we made the **bride**, would go there.

But **God** having reserved something better for today is showing that each **heaven** is a reality and that they come in perfect order. **First heaven** was the **Levitical Priesthood** with the **law of Moses**, which **God** rolled together as a scroll through the ministry of **Jesus Christ**. **Jesus** introduced **second** and **third heaven**, which came into existence on the **day of pentecost**. How did **third heaven** come into existence? Because at the crucifixion the **veil of the temple** was rent from top to bottom, thus opening the way for **God's people** to step into **third heaven**.

Because of spiritual blindness and hardness of hearing, the children of **God** have been worshipping in **first heaven**, and some in **second heaven**, they did not step into **third heaven**. So once again history is going to repeat itself. The **trumpet** is beginning to sound and **second heaven** is being rolled together as a scroll and **third heaven** is coming into full bloom.

Our heavenly Father has recorded in the bible many pictures showing his perfect order. One example is the **three major feast days** that Israel was to commemorate. The **Feast of passover**, which is a picture of the **first heaven**. **Jesus** came on the scene at the close of that order and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice that brought them to the **feast of pentecost**, which is a picture of **second heaven**, which came into existence on the day of Pentecost. **Second heaven** produced a fivefold ministry that has been a schoolmaster which is passing away and now it is time for the **feast of tabernacles**. See . . .

1 Corinthians 3:16 . . .

16) Know ye not that ye are the **temple of God**, and that the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you**?

The **first order (heaven)** was given into the care of the Levitical Priesthood. The **second order (heaven)** was under a **five-fold ministry** introduced by the Apostle Paul, simply because the people would not enter into that communion with **God** that he recorded in . . .

Jeremiah 31:34 . . .

34) And they shall *teach no more* every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall **all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The **third order (heaven)** the **children of God** will go directly to their **father**, who is sitting on **His throne in His temple** as **they** (the children of God), are the **temple of God**.

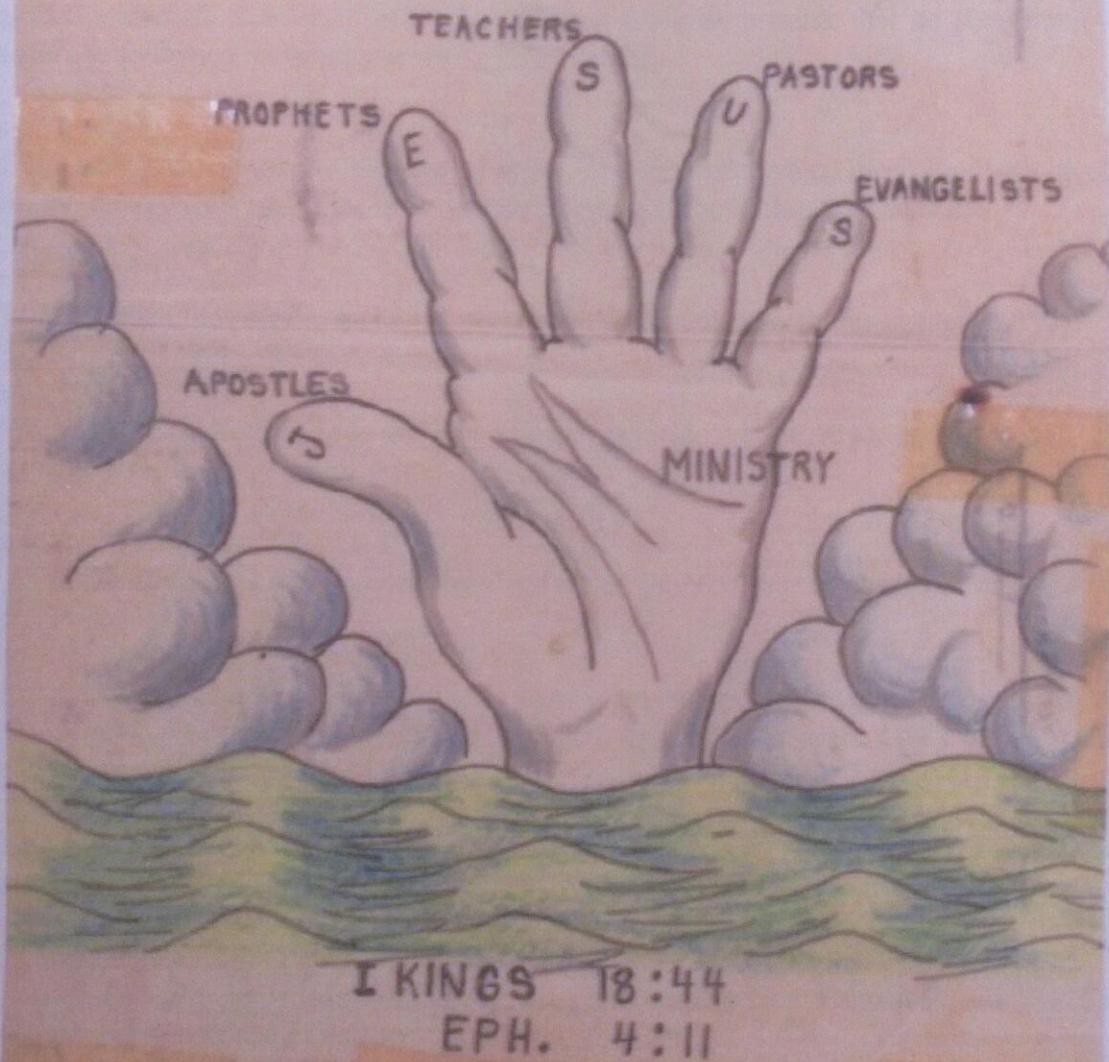
The closing of the **first order (Judaism)** is recorded and we are aware of the circumstances that brought it about. Now history is about to repeat itself as the **second order (Christianity)**, with all her daughters) will be rolled together as a scroll. Those who have spiritual eyes and ears will escape the **mark of the beast**, and shall not partake of her wine for her sins have reached unto **heaven** and

God hath remembered her iniquities.

AMEN.

A CLOUD LIKE A MAN'S HAND

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CHAPTER FIVE

THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus had just finished talking to the woman at the well in John the fourth chapter when his disciples thought he may be hungry. Jesus replied to them in the following manner:

John 4:34 . . .

34) Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that **sent** me, and to **finish** his work.

From that statement it seems that God sent Jesus to finish a work that he (God) had started. Consider the following scriptures to verify that thought:

John 5:36 . . .

36) But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to **finish**, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath **sent** me.

John 17:4 . . .

4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have **finished** the work which thou gavest me to do.

John 19:30 . . .

30) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is **finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Luke 4:43

And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: **for therefore am I sent**.

We feel that Jesus introduced the **New Covenant** in his sermon on the mount. By introducing the **New Covenant**, sent by God, it would automatically bring to a close the **Old Covenant** that God had started through Moses.

The above is evidence that he was **sent** to **finish** the work that his Father had started through Moses.. In Jeremiah 31:31-34 is that which he was **sent** to bring into existence, a **New Covenant**.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 . . .

31) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a **New Covenant** with the **house of Israel**, and with the **house of Judah**:

32) Not according to the **Covenant that I made with their fathers** in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33) But this shall be the covenant that **I will make with the house of Israel**; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34) And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

God gave his son Jesus a **revelation**, and in that revelation was how his mission was to be accomplished. His Father showed him about things that were to shortly come to pass. Jesus had the mind of the **anointed one**. He was able to deliver his message so that only **spiritual eyes and ears** were able to see and understand what was about to happen.

In his revelation he said . . .

Revelation 1:8 . . .

8) I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the **beginning** and the **ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

And then again in . . .

Revelation 1:11 . . .

11) Saying, I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the **first** and the **last**: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Jesus saw that he was to bring a **covenant** to a close. That **covenant**, (or **heaven**), was to be rolled together as a scroll. The **stars** (Priesthood) in that **heaven** fell unto the earth . . .

Revelation 6:13,14 . . .

13) And the **stars of heaven** fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14) And the **heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together**; and every mountain and island were moved out of the places.

He was the **ending**, or the **Omega** of that **old covenant**. He was also to be the **Alpha** or the **beginning** of a **new covenant**. That is why he is called the **bright and morning star**.

Revelation 22:16 . . .

16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the **bright and morning star**.

The **morning star** appears in the heaven at the beginning of a **new day**. A **new day, new heaven, or new order**, was in the making.

John the Baptist was the last prophet of the **old covenant** that was passing away. He was also the fore runner of Jesus and was to **prepare the way** for the **new covenant**.

Matthew 11:10 . . .

10) For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I **send** my messenger before thy face, which shall **prepare thy way** before thee.

Mark 1:2 . . .

2) As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I **send** my messenger before thy face, which shall **prepare thy way** before thee.

Luke 7:27 . . .

27) This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I **send** my messenger before thy face, which shall **prepare thy way** before thee.

John the Baptist stood in the river Jordan and said . . .

Matthew 3:7 . . .

7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the **wrath to come**?

The **wrath to come** happened in 70 AD when Titus and his Roman Army destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem and scattered the Jews into the utmost parts of the known world.

Shortly after this Jesus came preaching . . .

Matthew 4:17 . . .

17) From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the **kingdom of heaven is at hand**.

Matthew 4:23 . . .

23) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the **gospel (or good news) of the kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

When something is **at hand**, it means that it is **About to happen, not two thousand years later!**

Jesus began speaking into existence the **new covenant** in the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of Matthew. We fondly call this the "**sermon on the mount**." Notice what he says in . . .

Matthew 5:17-20 . . .

17) Think not that I am come to destroy the **law**, or the **prophets**: I am not come to destroy, but to **fulfil**.

18) For verily I say unto you, **Till heaven and earth pass**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19) Whosoever therefore shall **break** one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same

shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20) For I say unto **you**, That except **your** righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and **Pharisees**, ye shall in no case enter into the **kingdom of heaven**.

Jesus was saying that the law would stay in effect until **that heaven or covenant would pass away, then his job was finished and all was fulfilled.**

Notice what the writer of Hebrews says in . . .

Hebrews 8:13 . . .

13) In that he saith, **A new covenant**, he hath **made the first old**. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is **ready to vanish away**.

John the Apostle is once again writing about the revelation that God gave his son Jesus when he writes in . . .

Revelation 21:1 . . .

1) And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the **first heaven** and the **first earth** were passed away; and there was **no more sea**.

Surely we know that we are not living under the law, for Paul said . . .

Romans 6:14 . . .

14) For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace**.

We know that the law (First Covenant, or heaven) came by Moses, but grace and truth (Second Covenant, or heaven) by Jesus Christ.

Jesus also said . . .

John 10:9 . . .

9) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall **go in and out**, and find pasture.

John 5:38 . . .

38) And ye have not his word abiding in you: **for whom he hath sent**, him ye believe not.

The **father had sent his son** on a mission that is recorded in the first chapter of the Book of Revelations. Look at . . .

Revelation 1:1 . . .

1) The Revelation of **Jesus Christ**, which **God** gave unto **him**, to shew unto **his** servants things which must **shortly** come to pass; and **he sent** and signified it by **his** angel unto **his** servant John:

That which was to shortly come to pass was **the kingdom of God was at hand**. Following the **kingdom** coming into existence, then **70 AD** was soon to follow.

The phrase "**the kingdom of God is at hand**," is never mentioned again in scripture after the "day of Pentecost." The "day of Pentecost," is when "**the kingdom**" came into existence.

Consider the parable of a net being cast into the sea . . .

Matthew 13:47-50 . . .

47) Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a **net**, that was cast into the **sea**, and gathered of every kind:

48) Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49) So shall it be at the **end of the world**: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50) And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus said unto two of his chosen disciples . . .

Matthew 4:18,19 . . .

18) And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19) And he saith unto them, Follow me, and **I will make you fishers of men**.

If his disciples were going to be fishers of men then they must have a **sea to fish in**. They were not going to fish for men in the **Gentile sea**. They were not going to fish for men in the **Samaritan sea**, for Jesus told his disciples in . . .

Matt. 10:5-7 . . .

5) These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, "**go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not**."

6) But go rather to the **lost sheep of the house of Israel**.

7) **And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

Is it presumptuous to say that perhaps the **sea**, which he was using in the parable was the **lost sheep of the house of Israel**, and the **net** was the **disciples of Jesus**? They were told not to go into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not, but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. They gathered the good into vessels (the day of Pentecost). Those that did not believe the ministry of Jesus and his disciples were cast into the lake of fire at the end of that world (AD 70). Notice that when Jesus saw the "New Heaven" and "New Earth," and the old passed away, there was no more **sea**.

The **Father** revealed to his son **Jesus** that he was to bring into existence a **new order** (heaven) and

it was to be offered to his chosen people first. Because of their unbelief the **first order** (heaven) was to be rolled together as a scroll and set aside. Jesus was the **Omega** and he brought that **first order** (heaven) to a close. It was finished. He was the **Alpha** or the beginning of a **new order** (heaven) which he spoke into existence in Matthew the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters. He told the people then that if they would listen to his words and build on them they would be building on a rock and a sure foundation. But if they continued to build on that which was about to pass away, (the law and the prophets) they would be building on sand.

Jesus told the people in that beautiful discourse that we call "**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**"

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Matthew 5:18 . . .

18) Till heaven and earth **pass**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Then talking to his disciples' in . . .

Luke 9:27 . . .

27) But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see **the kingdom of God**.

Then again in . . .

Matthew 16:28 . . .

28) Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

And in . . .

Mark 9:1 . . .

1) And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Matthew 24:34,35, he said . . .

34) This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled.

35) Heaven and earth **shall** pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

In conclusion, Jesus was sent on a twofold mission by his father. First, to bring to a close an order that had been started by his Father through Moses his servant. Then in an overlapping period of time to bring into existence the new order prophesied by Jeremiah.

The first order (or heaven) was finished when Jesus came on the scene and began speaking into existence the new order. It finally passed away in 70 AD when Titus and his Roman army destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.

Jesus spoke the new order (or heaven) into existence with his sermon on the mount, and the new heaven came into full being on the day of Pentecost. That's when that new Jerusalem came down from God out of heaven. That's when he brushed all tears from their eyes. How? Can you imagine living under an order that compelled you to pick up and cast the first stone against a loved one who had broken a law that required you to do so? Then thank God, one comes on the scene and brings an end to that law (of Sin and Death) and ushers in the law of Grace. Surely that would brush away the tears (spiritually speaking) from the eyes of that people.

AMEN.

1 Corinthians 13:9-12 . . .

9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

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11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

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CHAPTER SIX

EARLY AND LATTER RAIN

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2 Chronicles 5:11-14 . . .

11) And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course.

12) Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an **HUNDRED AND TWENTY** priests sounding with trumpets:)

13) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; that then the house was **FILLED WITH A CLOUD**, even the house of the Lord;

14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: **for the GLORY of the Lord had filled the house of God.**

Haggai 2:3-9 . . .

3) Who is left among you that saw **THIS HOUSE** in her **FIRST GLORY**? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4) Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord: and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest: and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts:

5) According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

6) For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will **FILL THIS HOUSE WITH GLORY**, saith the Lord of hosts.

8) The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

9) The **GLORY** of this **LATTER HOUSE** shall be **GREATER THAN OF THE FORMER**, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give **PEACE**, saith the Lord of hosts.

Jeremiah 3:3 . . .

3) Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no **LATTER RAIN**; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

God was telling Judah because of her whoredom that he has withheld the **LATTER RAIN**. Why didn't he mention that the **EARLY** or **FORMER RAIN** was being withheld? For it had already taken place in 2 Chronicles 5:11-14.

Notice as quoted above in . . .

Haggai 2:7 . . .

7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will **fill this house with GLORY**, saith the Lord of hosts.

The Jews who were living under the **Law of Moses** were scattered into the then known world. They were living under that **First Heaven (or Covenant, or order)** that God had created through his servant Moses. So every **Nation** under that **Heaven (First Covenant)** were gathered in Jerusalem on the **Day of Pentecost**.

LATTER RAIN

Acts 2:1-4 . . .

- 1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Peter stood up with the eleven and lifted up his voice and said in . . .

Acts 2:15-17 . . .

- 15) For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
- 16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- 17) And it shall come to pass in the **LAST DAYS**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Acts 2:5 . . .

- 5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every **NATION UNDER HEAVEN**.

Fulfilling . . .

Haggai 2:7 . . .

- 7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will **fill this house with GLORY**, saith the Lord of hosts.

At the dedication of the Temple of Solomon there were an **HUNDRED AND TWENTY** priests sounding with their trumpets and there was a molten sea which held **THREE THOUSAND BATHS**. On the day of Pentecost there were an **HUNDRED AND TWENTY** sounding with their trumpets and **THREE THOUSAND** were bathed by baptism and added unto them.

Haggai 2:9 . . .

- 9) The **GLORY** of this latter house shall be **greater than of the former**, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give **PEACE**, saith the Lord of hosts.

When was the **GLORY** of the **latter house** greater than that of the former? Wasn't it **greater** on the **Day of Pentecost**, when the **Father and Prince of PEACE** came and took up their abode with them?

One scripture that is used by those who espouse the doctrine of the **early** and **latter rain church** is

Hosea 6:1-3 . . .

- 1) Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us: he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2) After **two days** will he revive us: in the **third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
- 3) Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the **latter** and **former rain** unto the earth.

Are we today so blind that we cannot see that Haggai and Hosea are speaking to a people that were living under the **law** and the **Levitical Priesthood**, several hundred years before Jesus came on the scene and introduced a **New Order**? They were prophesying about that which was going to take place soon after Jesus was to leave the scene.

The Apostle Peter writing in . . .

2 Peter 3:8 . . .

- 8) But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

If one day is as a thousand years, then Hosea could be talking about **two thousand years**. If that be so, we want to be sure and set our spiritual clocks by the right time zone or we may be centuries off.

Abraham is the father of all Israel.

Genesis 12:1-3 . . .

- 1) Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 2) And I will make of **thee a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- 3) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall **all families of the earth be blessed**.

The time from Abram to Jesus is a period of **two thousand years**. During that time Israel had been under bondage in Egypt for four hundred years, under bondage to Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome. God had surely torn and smitten them through the two thousand years. Read

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Leviticus 26:14-18 . . .

- 14) But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;
15) And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:
16) I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17) And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.
18) And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times** more for your sins.

God doesn't lie. All of the above happened to Israel because of their disobedience. John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Jesus, said in . . .

Matthew 3:7 . . .

- 7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the **wrath to come?**

John knew what time it was. Israel's seventh time was at hand, **AD 70**.

When Jesus appeared on the scene, six times had already passed and the Jews were facing the **seventh time** that was spoken of in Leviticus 26:18.

Hosea in the sixth chapter was prophesying about the time Jesus was to appear on the earth. On the Day of Pentecost, which was in the third day, God did revive Israel. He did raise them up, so that from them a **NATION WAS BORN IN A DAY, (SPIRITUAL ISRAEL)**.

Romans 2:28,29 . . .

- 28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Genesis 66:8 . . .

- 8) Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as **ZION TRAVAILED, she brought forth her children.**

God, through his son Jesus, came unto his own (the house of Israel). A few saw what God was doing. The majority of Israel did not see what was taking place which led to Titus and his Roman army destroying Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD.

Today, once again, God is coming unto his own, (**Spiritual Israel**) who are scattered, separated and divided just as natural Israel was when Jesus came on the scene. A great man (William Sowders) passed off the scene in November of 1952. During the last forty-year dispensation (1952-1992) every man went to his own tent and did that which was right in his own eyes.

However another phase of God's plan is taking place. God is creating man in his own image (**Spiritual Being**). **Spiritual Israel** (those filled with the Holy Ghost) who do not understand are once again going to miss the move of God.

Spiritual Israel, and it's **Priesthood** are at the cross-roads today as **Judaism** and the **Levitical Priesthood** were two thousand years ago. The **Priesthood** of **Spiritual Israel** are interpreting the scriptures to their own destruction, just as the **Levitical Priesthood** misinterpreted the scrolls. **Spiritual Israel's** **priesthood** reads the scriptures of the first two covenants and because they don't discern what has been written they put it out into the future. They know nothing about the **Third Order** which is being spoken into existence today by God through his, once again, **Chosen People**.

As Jesus wept over Jerusalem so our hearts today weep for **Spiritual Israel** who once again will not see the move of God.

AMEN

YEARS	EVENTS	YEARS
B.C. 1004	Dedication of Temple, (EASTERN WALK)	
B.C. 606	Nebuchadnezzar captures Jerusalem	
B.C. 526	Under Persian Jews allowed to return to Judah	
B.C. 515	Dedicate rebuilt Temple	
B.C. 331	End of Persian rule, beginning of Greek rule over Judah	TWO
B.C. 63	Roman rule of Judah begins	
B.C. 37	Herod becomes king of Judah	
B.C. 4	Christ born	DAYS
A.D. 30	Death, Resurrection & Pentecost (WESTERN WALK, NEW HEAVEN)	
A.D. 70	Destruction of Jerusalem & Temple (1st HEAVEN let EARTH pass away)	

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A NATION WAS BORN IN A DAY (SPIRITUAL ISRAEL)

2) Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

3) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

THE TWO DAYS IN HOSEA 6:1-3

- 1) Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2) After **two days** will he revive us: in the **third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
- 3) Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth

B.C. 4004	Adam	
B.C. 2448	Noah	
B.C. 1996	Abraham- - - - -	
B.C. 1897	Isaac	
B.C. 1837	Jacob	TWO
B.C. 1571	Moses	
B.C. 1491	Exodus, Law, Tabernacle	
B.C. 1095	& Priesthood instituted. Saul is made King	THOUSAND
B.C. 1055	David made King	
B.C. 1015	Solomon made King	YEARS
B.C. 1004	Dedication of Temple, (EARLY RAIN)	
B.C. 606	Nebuchadrezzar captures Jerusalem	OR
B.C. 536	Under Persia Jews allowed to return to Judah	
B.C. 516	Dedicate rebuilt Temple	
B.C. 331	End of Persian rule, beginning of Greek rule over Judea	TWO
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CHAPTER SEVEN

WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN?

When writing to the Romans the Apostle Paul said . . .

Romans 1:20 . . .

20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Paul was referring to the plan of the tabernacle which God had given Moses, his servant to build. It was a perfect picture of God's plan for mankind.

A picture of the tabernacle in the wilderness has been shown on the first page. Notice the **OUTER COURT** is depicted as **FIRST HEAVEN**. The **HOLY PLACE** is shown as **SECOND HEAVEN** and the **HOLY OF HOLIEST** is called **THIRD HEAVEN**.

The scripture speaks about **THREE HEAVENS**.

Revelation 21:1 . . .

1) And I saw a **NEW HEAVEN** and a **NEW EARTH**: for the **FIRST HEAVEN** and the **FIRST EARTH** were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The above verse speaks of **TWO HEAVENS**. The **FIRST HEAVEN** was passing away so the **NEW HEAVEN** had to be the **SECOND**.

Then the Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians says . . .

2 Corinthians 12:2 . . .

2) I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **THIRD HEAVEN**.

Christians say that the bible is the word of God. The bible says that God is **a Spirit**.

John 4:24 . . .

24) **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Then we rightfully could say that the bible is the word of **A SPIRIT** and is to be **SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED**.

Have you ever tried to communicate with someone of another nationality who didn't speak your language? It would help if there was an interpreter. However, if we didn't have someone to interpret,

then we would have to use sign language. If someone of another nationality happened to be in our house and we wanted them to sit down, we could point to a chair and perhaps they would understand that we wanted them to sit.

Do you suppose that God is pointing to THE HEAVEN and trying to tell us about his plan? If so, what do the THREE HEAVENS represent? Does God have to point to something in order for us to understand what he is saying?

On a dark night, when there isn't a cloud in the sky, and there are no city lights around, it looks like one could just reach up and pluck the stars out of the heaven.

There are some stars which are "fixed stars" and mariners chart their course by them. Then there are "wandering stars." One would not want to chart their course by them as they may find their ship on a reef, wrecked. When man looks up into our natural heaven it looks so still, yet everything is in motion.

Scientists tell us that the myriad of stars that we see are eons of light-years away. When we consider that light travels at the rate of 186,212 miles per second, then one light-year is 186,212 miles x's 60 seconds, x's 60 minutes, x's 24 hours, x's 365 days, which equals 5,872,381,632,000 miles. One light-year is 5 trillion, eight hundred seventy-two billion, three hundred-eighty-one million, six hundred thirty-two thousand miles. How big is God? Do we really think that this little speck of dust, (that we call earth) traveling through space has the only life in the universe?

Jesus was sent on a twofold mission by his Father. One was to bring to a close a COVENANT, or an ORDER, or a HEAVEN, (all synonymous terms) started by his Father. The next was to speak into existence a NEW COVENANT, or ORDER, or HEAVEN.

Jesus had just finished speaking with the woman at the well, in the book of John, and his disciples thought he may be hungry, Jesus answered them in the following manner:

John 4:34 . . .

34) Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Then again in the following verses he speaks of him being sent to finish the work his father had started.

John 5:36 . . .

36) But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

John 17:4 . . .

4) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have FINISHED THE WORK WHICH THOU GAVEST ME TO DO.

John 19:30 . . .

30) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **IT IS FINISHED**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

The above verses plainly tells us that his Father **SENT** him to **FINISH A WORK** that his **FATHER HAD STARTED**.

Now what had the Father started that he wanted his Son to finish? Consider Exodus . . .

Exodus 19:1-6 . . .

- 1) In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.
- 2) For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.
- 3) And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
- 4) Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
- 5) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and **KEEP MY COVENANT**, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:
- 6) And ye shall be unto me a **KINGDOM OF PRIESTS**, and an **HOLY NATION**. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

The Father had set up a **KINGDOM OF PRIESTS** and a **HOLY NATION** to serve under the priesthood. After 1,500 years the priesthood and nation had become corrupt. Split, separated, divided into different factions, Sadducees, Pharisees, Herodians, Essenes, Zealots, etc. It was time for a change.

As Jesus was **SENT** to **CLOSE AN ORDER**, he was also **SENT** to **OPEN UP ANOTHER ORDER**. See Luke the 4th chapter . . .

Luke 4:43 . . .

43) And he said unto them, I must preach the **KINGDOM OF GOD** to other cities also: for **THEREFORE AM I SENT**.

In what Christianity so ably named "**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**" is where Jesus began bringing to a close the "**OLD COVENANT**" and speaking into existence the "**NEW COVENANT**."

Notice what Jesus says in Matthew . . .

Matthew 5:17,18 . . .

17) Think not that I am come to **DESTROY THE LAW**, or **THE PROPHETS**: I am not come to destroy, **BUT TO FULFIL**.

18) For verily I say unto you, TILL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, TILL ALL BE FULFILLED.

Jesus is saying in the 18th verse that the law was going to be in effect until HEAVEN AND EARTH PASSED. Then when HEAVEN AND EARTH passed the LAW WAS FULFILLED. When a contract is fulfilled, its payday. It's finished. In his discourse in his "SERMON ON THE MOUNT" he repeatedly said "YE HAVE HEARD IT SAID BY THEM OF OLD TIME, BUT I SAY UNTO YOU" . . .

Matthew 5:21,22 . . .

21) YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID BY THEM OF OLD TIME, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22) BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27,28 . . .

27) YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID BY THEM OF OLD TIME, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28) BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:33,34 . . .

33) Again, YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT HATH BEEN SAID BY THEM OF OLD TIME, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34) BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

This was Jesus, by the spoken word, bringing to a close "THE LAW and the LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD" the COVENANT that his FATHER HAD STARTED through Moses his servant and speaking into existence the "NEW COVENANT" of "GRACE AND TRUTH," which he was introducing.

Consider his closing remarks in Matthew the 7th chapter.

Matthew 7:24-28 . . .

24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28) And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished AT HIS DOCTRINE:

What was his doctrine?

That the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN was AT HAND and whosoever continued to build on that which they had heard of old, the (LAW AND THE PROPHETS), were building on sand, but if one heard and did that which he preached, (THE NEW COVENANT), they were building on a rock.

Jesus came on the scene almost two thousand years ago preaching that the KINGDOM OF GOD was AT HAND. He spoke to the people IN PARABLES, which is showing something in THE NATURAL to depict something in THE SPIRITUAL REALM.

Matthew 13:34 . . .

34) All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

Those that had spiritual ears and eyes heard and saw what he was talking about. The majority only followed him for the loaves, fishes and miracles that he performed. Jesus said . . .

Matthew 13:15,16 . . .

15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16) But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Jesus brought an end to the FIRST COVENANT, and introduced the SECOND COVENANT as recorded in Hebrews . . .

Hebrews 8:7-11 . . .

7) For if that first COVENANT had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the SECOND.

8) For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL and with the HOUSE OF JUDAH:

9) Not according to the COVENANT that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my COVENANT, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10) For this *is* the COVENANT that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11) And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

As Jesus died on the cross there was an earthquake and the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom.

Matthew 27:50,51 . . .

50) Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51) And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

This opened up the way for mankind to enter into direct communion with God, called, **THIRD HEAVEN**, to commune with God the way Adam did in the beginning.

However, the people at that time were not spiritual. Paul writes of this in 1 Corinthians . . .

1 Corinthians 3:1 . . .

1) And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.

Here was a people that was in contact with the great apostle Paul, just a few short years removed from that which took place on the day of Pentecost, yet they were carnal. They could have stepped into **THIRD HEAVEN** and communed with God as Adam did, but because of their carnality Paul had to give them a priesthood to go through, in order to converse with God. This ministry has been called the fivefold ministry, and it was designed for the **SECOND ORDER**.

Ephesians 4:11-15 . . .

11) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14) That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Paul was having great difficulty with the Jews from the first order who were constantly trying to bring some of the old order over into the new. That was the reason for the fivefold ministry, to try and bring a unity of the faith between the two. See . . .

Acts 15:1 . . .

1) And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Jesus had told the people that they couldn't put new cloth unto an old garment, or new wine into old

bottles see . . .

Matthew 9:16,17 . . .

16) No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

17) Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

Jesus was talking about the NEW ORDER and the OLD ORDER. He also told them to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees in . . .

Matthew 16:6-11 . . .

6) Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7) And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.

8) *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9) Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10) Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11) How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should **BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES AND OF THE SADDUCEES?**

Once again their minds went to the natural and Jesus was talking spiritually. He is speaking about the two orders, or (TWO HEAVENS).

Here we are almost two thousand years removed from Pentecost, how spiritual are we? Are our spiritual ears tuned in and our spiritual eyes focused in on what God is doing in this hour? Is it time for another change? Is there a NEW ORDER coming on the scene?

God gives many pictures in the scripture that shows that there are THREE ORDERS. First the THREE HEAVENS. Second the THREE FEAST DAYS. Thirdly in the book of Revelation, him THAT WAS, him THAT IS, and him THAT IS TO COME. All talking about the THREE ORDERS.

In as much as the book of Revelation is the revelation that God gave to his son Jesus, let us examine some of the scripture.

Revelation 1:1 . . .

1) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which GOD GAVE UNTO HIM, to show unto his servants THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

This verse discloses that God the Father revealed to his son Jesus Christ some things that were **SHORTLY** going to happen to God's servants, the Jews, and Jesus was to tell them about it.

Revelation 1:2 . . .

2) Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

All John did was to pick up a pen and write about the word of God, (which was the first order), then the testimony of Jesus Christ, (the second order), and the things he (Jesus), saw about (the third order). While reading the book of **REVELATION** if we can remember that while the book was written in 96 AD, John is writing about that which took place during the ministry of Jesus Christ, as he records in . . .

Revelation 1:10-12 . . .

10) I was **IN THE SPIRIT** on the **LORD'S DAY**, and **HEARD BEHIND ME** a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

John got in the Spirit on the **LORD'S DAY**. The Lord's day was the three and one-half years of his ministry. John had to turn and **LOOK BACK**, to see the trumpet that talked like a great voice. This was John **LOOKING BACK IN TIME** and seeing Jesus while he was teaching, as Jesus says . . .

John 14:24-26 . . .

24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear **IS NOT MINE, BUT THE FATHER'S WHICH SENT ME**.

25) These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.

26) But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE, WHATSOEVER I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU**.

Here was John looking back in time and the Holy Ghost was revealing unto him the revelation that God had given to his son Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:3 . . .

3) Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the **time is at hand**. (Two thousand years ago.)

Jesus said in **HIS REVELATION** that he was the **ALPHA** and **OMEGA**, the **BEGINNING** and the **ENDING**. The apostle John who wrote about the **REVELATION** that God gave to Jesus writes

Revelation 1:8 . . .

8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, (second order) and which was, (first order) and which is to come, (third order) the Almighty.

Jesus was the **ALPHA**, or **THE BEGINNING**, as he began speaking into existence the new order in the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Matthew. He was the **OMEGA**, or **THE ENDING**, as the old order began passing away. The Levitical priesthood thought that they had gotten rid of the rabble rouser, but little did they know that in a **FORTY-YEAR DISPENSATION** their temple and all of their rituals and sacrifices were going to pass away. God had moved on.

A great man (**WILLIAM SOWDERS**) passed off the scene in 1952. After his death, his ministers, each went to his own tent and did that which was right in their own eyes. But a **FORTY-YEAR DISPENSATION** has passed and God is through with that ministry and another is on the scene.

In this hour that we live, may we have spiritual ears and eyes to hear and see what God is doing in this day. Another move is on and this present Christian world will miss God just as the Jewish world did two thousand years ago.

The Jews had been taught that the Messiah was coming to sit on the natural throne of David. The Messiah came and because he did not come in the way that they had been programmed they missed him.

This present Christian world has been programmed by carnal men. Jesus is not coming the way they have been taught to believe. However God is creating man in his image, in this the sixth day of his creation, and that image is spirit. Those that have spiritual ears and eyes will not miss him. Pray that we will not be like the Jews whose hearing was dull and their eyes were closed.

AMEN.

THE TWO WITNESSES

ZECHARIAH 4:3

And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

REVELATIONS 11:4

These are the two olive trees, and the two candle sticks standing before the God of the earth.



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CHAPTER EIGHT

THE TWO WITNESSES

There is a teaching that the two witnesses mentioned in Revelation 11:3 are the Old and New Testament. Perhaps we should search the scripture and see what John says in . . .

John 5:39 . . .

39) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **THEY** are **THEY** which **TESTIFY** of me.

When Jesus spoke these words the only scriptures that were in existence at that time were the **LAW** and the **PROPHETS**. The New Testament was not in existence, it was still walking around in shoe leather. Jesus said in the above verse that the law and the prophets testified of him. Someone that testifies is a witness. These are the two witnesses that are mention in the 11th chapter of Revelations. Notice what happened when Jesus took Peter, James and John up into the mountain that we call, "**THE MOUNTAIN OF TRANSFIGURATION.**" . . .

Matthew 17:1-9 . . .

1) And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3) And, behold, there appeared unto them **MOSES** and **ELIAS** talking with him.

4) Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5) While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is **MY BELOVED SON**, in whom I am well pleased; **HEAR YE HIM**.

6) And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7) And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise , and be not afraid.

8) And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9) And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell **THE VISION** to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Moses received and gave the **LAW** and Elias was a **PROPHET**. The two witnesses are the **LAW** and the **PROPHETS**.

The voice which spoke from out of the cloud told them not to listen to Moses (the law) or Elias, (the prophets) but only listen to Jesus.

Please note in Revelation . . .

Revelation 11:1-6 . . .

1) And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2) But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months.

COMMENT: The court which is without the temple was **FIRST HEAVEN** and was trod under foot by the Gentiles practically all during the life of the Israelites. Israel was constantly under the rule of Gentile nations. First Egypt, Medes and Persians, Greece, Rome, etc.

3) And I will give *power* unto my **TWO WITNESSES**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

COMMENT: The two witnesses are the law and the prophets and they prophesied for approximately 1500 years about Jesus until he appeared on the scene.

4) These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5) And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

COMMENT: By fire proceeding out of their mouth it shows that this is eventually going to be the dragon that will make war with Michael and his angels, Michael is a type of Jesus. This is mentioned in . . .

Revelation 12:7 . . .

7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Continuing with . . .

Revelations 11:6 . . .

6) These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Elijah is a type of the prophets and he withheld rain

1 Kings 17:1 . . .

1) And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, **there shall not be dew nor RAIN** these years, but according to my word.

Moses is a type of the law and he turned the water into blood as recorded in . . .

Exodus 4:9 . . .

9) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

Moses also had power to smite the earth with all plagues as record in the above verse in Revelation 11:6. He caused fire to come down as recorded in . . .

Exodus 9:23 . . .

23) And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:24 . . .

24) So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

We will have much more to say on Revelation 11, showing who the beast is that arose from the bottomless pit, and what the bottomless pit is, all at a later date. This will be shocking to this present priesthood!

AMEN.

On the day of Pentecost EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN was gathered at Jerusalem as recorded in Acts . . .

Acts 2:1 . . .

2) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, OUT OF EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN.

COMMENT: Under which heaven? All Jews scattered and living under the Levitical Priesthood (or FIRST HEAVEN) was gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, where SECOND HEAVEN, which Jesus introduced in his sermon on the mount, came into existence.

In Isaiah 2:2, Isaiah was writing about the LAST DAYS OF ISRAEL which Peter spoke about on the day of Pentecost . . .

Acts 2:14-17 . . .

14) But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

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CHAPTER NINE

THE LAST DAYS

Isaiah is writing the following, concerning Judah and Jerusalem, at least seven hundred sixty years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 2:1,2 . . .

- 1) The word that Isaiah the son of **AMOZ SAW CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM.**
- 2) And it shall come to pass in the **LAST DAYS**, *that* the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **ALL NATIONS SHALL FLOW UNTO IT.**

COMMENT: When the scripture mentions the word **MOUNTAIN** or **HILLS** it is not speaking about **NATURAL MOUNTAINS** or **HILLS**, but is speaking **SPIRITUALLY** about **RELIGIOUS ORDERS**. That which Jesus spoke into existence in his sermon on the mount established the mountain of the Lord's house in the top of the mountains (or **SUPERSEDED** the **LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD**) and exalted above the hills (or was exalted above all the factions of that day such as the Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots, etc.), and all nations shall flow unto it.

On the day of Pentecost **EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN** was gathered at Jerusalem as recorded in Acts . . .

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COMMENT: Israel was in their **LAST DAYS**. Little did they know that in just a few more short years Titus and his Roman army were going to destroy their Temple and scatter them once again into the utmost parts of the earth.

Isaiah 2:3 . . .

3) And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and **HE WILL TEACH US OF HIS WAYS**, and we will walk in his paths: for **OUT OF ZION** shall **GO FORTH THE LAW**, and the **WORD OF THE LORD FROM JERUSALEM**.

COMMENT: **ZION** and **JERUSALEM** are one and the same place, as exemplified in the following verses . . .

2 Samuel 5:7

7) Nevertheless David took the strong hold of **ZION**: the same *is* the **CITY OF DAVID**.

1 Kings 3:1 . . .

1) And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the **CITY OF DAVID**, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the **WALL OF JERUSALEM** round about.

1 Chronicles 11:5 . . .

5) And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the **CASTLE OF ZION, WHICH IS THE CITY OF DAVID**.

Psalms 48:11 . . .

11) Let **MOUNT ZION** rejoice, let **THE DAUGHTERS OF JUDAH** be glad, because of thy judgments.

Psalms 87:5 . . .

5) And of **ZION** it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

Psalms 97:8 . . .

8) **ZION** heard, and was glad; and **THE DAUGHTERS OF JUDAH** rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

1 Kings 8:1 . . .

1) Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the **CITY OF DAVID, WHICH IS ZION**.

Jesus during his ministry was the **WORD OF THE LORD** going forth from Jerusalem.

John 1:1 . . .

1) In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the **WORD WAS WITH GOD**, and the **WORD WAS GOD**.

John 1:14 . . .

14) And the **WORD WAS MADE FLESH**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The **LAW** had been going forth from **ZION** (Jerusalem) for generations. Jerusalem was the **SEAT** of the **LAW**. The prophesy of Isaiah 2:1 and 2 were fulfilled by Jesus. As he said in John . .

John 5:39 . . .

39) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME**.

COMMENT: What scriptures were in existence when Jesus spoke these words? Only the **LAW** and **PROPHETS**, the **TWO WITNESSES**. The **NEW TESTAMENT** had not yet been written. The **NEW TESTAMENT** was walking around in sandals. Isaiah had to be writing about the age when Jesus was to come on the scene.

Jesus plainly says in Matthew . . .

Matthew 5:17 . . .

17) Think not that I am come to destroy **THE LAW**, or **THE PROPHETS**: I am not come to destroy, **BUT TO FULFIL**.

COMMENT: It's a pity that those who stand behind the **PULPIT** (they will pull you down into the pit with them) do not believe Jesus when he said "I did not come to destroy the **LAW** or the **PROPHETS**, but to **FULFIL** them." The priesthood today have been programmed by those they have sat under and have never understood the revelation of Jesus Christ. They are blind leaders of the blind.

Why did the writer of Hebrews write? . . .

Hebrews 7:12 . . .

12) For **THE PRIESTHOOD BEING CHANGED**, there is made of necessity **A CHANGE ALSO OF THE LAW**.

Hebrews 8:7 . . .

7) For if that **FIRST COVENANT** had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for **THE SECOND**.

Hebrews 8:13 . . .

13) In that he saith, A **NEW COVENANT**, he hath made the **FIRST** old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 10:9 . . .

9) Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **HE TAKETH AWAY THE FIRST, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH THE SECOND.**

The Bible is the **GREATEST HISTORY BOOK** that has ever been written. Those who do **NOT UNDERSTAND HISTORY** will **REPEAT IT.**

AMEN.

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Revelation 6

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CHAPTER TEN

WHEN SHALL THESE THINGS BE?

Matthew 24:1-3 . . .

- 1) And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to show him the buildings of the temple.
- 2) And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**
- 3) And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

Matthew 24:34 . . .

- 34) Verily I say unto you, **this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

Mark 13:1-4 . . .

- 1) And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*
- 2) And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- 3) And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,
- 4) Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Mark 13:30 . . .

- 30) Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

Luke 21:5-7 . . .

- 5) And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,
- 6) *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- 7) And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass?

Luke 21:22 . . .

- 22) For these be the days of vengeance, that **all things which are written may be fulfilled.**

Luke 21:32 . . .

- 32) Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

COMMENT: Are the buildings of the Temple still standing in Jerusalem? If not, when were they torn down? According to history Titus and his Roman army tore down the buildings of the Temple and ravaged Jerusalem and scattered the Jews into all parts of the world in the year 70 AD.

When they asked the question about the **end of the world**, what world do you suppose they were asking about? It surely wasn't the world that the gentiles were living in, for according to the Jews the gentiles were nothing but dogs and they were not interested in the dog's world. They were only interested in the Jewish world. See . . .

Mark 7:26-28 . . .

26) The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27) But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the **DOGS**.

28) And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the **DOGS** under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

The Jews knew that they were living in the **LAST DAYS** of their world, as Peter said in . . .

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When was Jerusalem encompassed about with an army? Didn't Titus and his Roman army encompass Jerusalem? Read Josephus the historian of that day, and read about all the wars and rumors of wars that existed from Jesus until the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. They are contained in the "**WARS OF THE JEWS**" Books II, III, IV, V and VI, by Josephus. It takes in a period of time from the death of Herod until the siege and taking of Jerusalem by Titus.

When Jesus departed in a cloud and the angel said he would come again in like manner, the angel wasn't talking to you or me, but to Jews. It behooves you and me to see and understand when Jesus came back two thousand years ago.

The disciples were interested in knowing **HOW MUCH TIME THEY HAD** and when he, Jesus, was going to come back. He plainly told them that **THEIR GENERATION WOULD NOT PASS AWAY UNTIL ALL THESE THINGS WOULD COME TO PASS**.

History is once again going to repeat itself today. If we can understand what happened to the foolish

virgins two thousand years ago we will not let it happen to us today. The bridegroom came and they missed him. Will we miss him today?

AMEN.

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John had to turn around and look back in time to see the Lord's day as recorded in . . .

Revelation 1:12-17 . . .

12) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14) His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16) And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

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John realized that he was writing "**The Revelation**" that **God the Father** had given to **his Son Jesus Christ** who was to warn God's people (the Jews), about some things that were **coming to pass shortly**. Jesus was sent to warn that unless they heeded God's word, (**and Jesus was the word of God**) a disaster (70 AD) was facing them.

Revelation 1:18 . . .

18) I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

As it says in verse 18 Jesus had the keys of hell and of death. Keys are used to open or lock doors. Words are keys to lock or unlock ones mind. If the Jews would only have had eyes to see and ears to hear what Jesus was saying to them.

The 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of Matthew portrays Jesus introducing a new order. He said in Luke . . .

Luke 4:43 . . .

43) And he said unto them, I must preach the **kingdom of God** to other cities also: **for therefore am I sent**.

As Jesus came to his own and only spoke to the multitude in parables, so the apostle John has written the "**REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**" in parabolic form. The carnal minded man cannot differentiate between the natural and the spiritual and will continue to polly-parrot that which they have been programmed to preach. God has fresh spiritual food to feed hungry hearts today. Notice what Jesus says to his chosen ones . . .

Matthew 13:10-15 . . .

10) And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11) He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the **mysteries** of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12) For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13) Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Then again even unto those who seemingly have received a deeper understanding, they too are like the Levitical Priesthood which had been in existence for approximately fifteen hundred years and waxed old. The supposed enlightened churches today have lost their vision and they too have waxed

old. God has something new on the horizon that will blind the eyes of the nominal church world. As Jesus said in . . .

Matthew 15:14 . . .

14) Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

AMEN.

John 3:1-10

- 1) There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
- 2) The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
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- 5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be BORN AGAIN.
- 8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
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It is impossible for someone to be born again if they have never been born. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews, he was a master in Israel; he was not an ungodly man. At his natural birth Nicodemus - like all other little Jewish boys had to be taken to the Temple on the EIGHTH DAY, dedicated, circumcised and his name written in the book of life. That was his first birth, that was the day that Nicodemus was born into the family of God. Being born again had nothing to do with his natural birth. If he had died at any time prior to the eighth day, it would be as if he had never been born, because his name would not have been written in the book of life.

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CHAPTER TWELVE

BORN AGAIN

The phrase "**Born Again**" is only mentioned three times in the scripture. The first two times it is mentioned in the third chapter of John as follows :

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- 1) There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, **a ruler** of the Jews:
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When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night he was told that he had to be **born again** or become as a little baby whose mind had not been written on. Being **born again** would erase all that he had been taught under the **law of Moses**. His mind would have to be as a **new born baby** and all that he had been taught by good, well meaning teachers of the **law** would have to be erased by the **washing of the word** that Jesus was teaching and then he would have to receive the **Holy Spirit** which was the circumcision that cut away all of the **old Levitical teaching** that he had sat under during his lifetime. He would be like a new creature. Jesus illustrated this when he said in

Mark 10:13-16

13) And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14) But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: **for of such is the kingdom of God**.

15) Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16) And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Here is Jesus showing something in the natural to depict what was to happen in the spiritual. Little did the priesthood of that day realize that their **heaven** was passing away and another **heaven** was being spoken into existence. If they were to enter into that which was being spoken into existence they had to be **born again** and become, spiritually speaking, as a little child whose mind had to be reprogrammed.

1 Pet 1:23

23) Being **born again**, not of **corruptible seed**, but of **incorruptible**, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

That which God had started through Moses, because of the interpretation and traditions had caused it to become corrupted. Israel had committed two evils and played the harlot as recorded in:

Jer 2:13

13) For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Jer 2:20

20) For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

Therefor God the Father, sent Jesus to finish a work that He (God the Father) had started through Moses his servant. Read in John the 4th chapter:

John 4:34

34) Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to **do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work**

If Jesus was to **finish** a work, that would make him the **Omega**. Jesus said that he did not come to destroy the **law** or the **prophets**, but to **fulfil** them, as recorded in:

Mat 5:17,18

17) Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18) For verily I say unto you, Till **heaven** and earth **pass**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, **till all be fulfilled**.

As long as the Temple stood, the Spirit (God) honored it, but he had sent his **son** to introduce a **new heaven** and a **new earth** which came into being over a forty year period of time. Their **first heaven** and the **first earth** passed away in 70AD when Titus and his Roman Army destroyed the Temple and laid Jerusalem waste.

Is history going to repeat itself again today? Is there a priesthood on the scene that thinks that Jesus is coming back in a certain way, just as the Jews thought their Messiah was coming in a certain way and when he didn't come in the way that they had been taught they missed him.. Let us today trim our lamps and have **oil** in our vessels which will produce the light for this day. It seems there is another **born again** experience that must take place today. Two thousand years ago the **body** of **Moses** passed off the scene. Is there another **body** about to pass off the scene? God give us eyes to see and ears to hear what the **Spirit** is saying to the churches today.

AMEN

TRIUNE GOD

1 - FATHER	SON	HOLY GHOST
2 - Sun	Moon	Stars
3 - 1 st Heaven	2 nd Heaven	3 rd Heaven
4 - Body	Soul	Spirit
5 - Moses	Jesus	Cloud of Witnesses
6 - Old Testament	New Testament	Than which is to come
7 - Law & Prophets	Jesus & Disciples	That which is to come
8 - Passover	Pentecost	Feast of Tabernacles
9 - Yesterday	Today	Forever
10 - Which was	Which is	Which is to come
11 - Length	Breadth	Depth
12 - 1 st Millennium	2 nd Millennium	3 rd Millennium

Christianity says that the **Bible is the Word of God**. If so the **Bible says** in John the 4th chapter: John 4:24:

24 KJV) **God is a Spirit** and that which we read is written by a **Spirit** then it is a **Spiritual book**.

Therefore there are many **writers, but only one author, the Spirit**. As holy men of God spake and it is recorded in: 2 Pet 1:21

21 KJV) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God** spake as they were **moved by the Holy Ghost**.

That which they spake was inspired by the **Spirit (Holy Ghost)**, written and recorded in their book. If it was spoken and written by the **Spirit** then it has to be **Spiritually interpreted**.

How does a natural man understand that which is written by the Spirit? The Son of God, Jesus came unto his own and spoke only to them in parables as recorded in: Mat 13:34,35

34 KJV) All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them.

35 KJV) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Food for thought, "from the foundation of what world?" If had to be from that order that God started through his servant Moses. The first five books of the Bible are attributed to Moses. It was Moses who wrote "**In the beginning**." Moses wrote in parabolic form and Jesus came on the scene and using parables was showing what God was going to do in his hour.

The **Sun** is a type of the **God the Father**, the **Moon** is a type of **Jesus** as the **Moon** only reflects the light of the **Sun** and that is what **Jesus** did He was only a reflection of his **Father**. See in the 19th chapter of Matthew the following: Mat 19:16,17

16 KJV) And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 KJV) And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good by one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

And then again in John the 14th chapter:

John 14:24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and **the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.**

Jesus therefore as the **Moon** type, was only a reflection of his **Father God**. The **Stars** are a type of **Priesthood**. The **Stars** too are only a reflection of the **Sun**. So the true **Ministry** will speak words directly from **God**. These **Words** will be misunderstood by the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essences, Zealots, etc., etc.

Rev 6:14 KJV) "and the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."

AN EXAMPLE IN THE NATURAL OF THE THREE HEAVENS

If **God is a Spirit**, then how can a spirit communicate with us? One way is by showing us in the natural things that we can see and understand (See Chapter 7). The following is just a little food for thought for your consideration.

When man invented the automobile, laws had to be created so that many people could travel safely upon the roads. The automobile is likened unto a type of **1st Heaven or First Order**.

Then the airplane was invented and a new set of laws had to be created so that others traveling in the skies could do so safely. But, the airplane is not subject to the laws of the automobile in that if the airplane were to stop at the automobile's stop sign (law of the road) it would crash. The airplane is likened unto a type of **2nd Heaven or Second Order**.

Then the rocket was invented that blasts of the earth, neither subject to the laws of the automobile, nor subject to the laws of the airplane and the rocket enters into a new realm called outer space. The rocket is likened unto a type of **3rd Heaven or Third Order**.

AMEN

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

When yours truly, opened his eyes on the 9th of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty, little did I realize what this life's journey would bring. This blessed event took place in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky. My parents deemed it necessary to name me after my father, James Dick Wilks. Dad really didn't know what his name was.

In the Wilks family Bible he was listed as "T. P. Wilks, said son of Larkin Almon Wilks" who was a preacher. The T. stood for Thomas and the P. for Pierce. In the 1900 McCracken County, Kentucky census he is listed as Thomas Pierce Wilks, age 8. Then in the 1910 Jackson County, Missouri census he is listed as James Dick Wilks, age 18, dad was living with his brother-in-law, Francis Fairfax Craig and his sister Estelle Wilks. During his lifetime I can remember dad saying, "I really don't know when my name was changed. So call me T.P. or J.D. I answer to both."

Mother came from a rather large family. Her father, David Lindsay Craig and mother, Cora Della Kelley had ten children with six living and one born three days after grandpa passed away at the age of forty. It had to be heart breaking for grandma Cora as in the family Bible where his death is recorded is written "When will morning ever come"? Three years later she married John T. Gills.

My great grandmother was Elizabeth Ann Lindsay who married Francis Marion Craig. Francis died in 1849 at the age of thirty-three and left Elizabeth a widow with two small boys. As a young widow of twenty-nine she met and married a wealthy merchant from the city of Paducah by the name of Robert Enders. Elizabeth had two children by Robert and died in child birth at the age of thirty-two. Mr. Enders was left with my grandfather and two small girls. Enders must have been a wonderful man as my grandfather named his first born after him, Robert Enders Craig.

Mom must have been a beauty for my dad to marry her, as she was ten years older than him, and the mother of four from a previous marriage. She had married at the age of nineteen to Arthur Edward Johnson, who was one of the more eligible bachelors around Paducah. Mom, an adult, used to watch Dad, who was ten, play marbles through her kitchen window. After her divorce from Arthur, dad and mom were married in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on 28 June 1919.

The names and ages of my older brothers and sister at my birth were, Warren Edward Johnson, age 18, Gordon David Johnson, age 17, Milton Fairfax Johnson, age 15 and a sister who was the youngest, Olive Elizabeth Johnson, age 12.

We lived on Trimble Street in Paducah right across from the main graveyard in town. Trimble Street (Now called Park Ave.) at that time was a gravel road and I used to stand on the side of the road with a hose in my hand and water the cars as they passed by. Of course my older brothers put me up to that.

My brother Gordon was the adventurer in the family. He put himself through a private school in Paducah and graduated with honors. As a youngster he joined the Boy Scouts and became an eagle scout. The adventure in him finally took hold and he left Paducah and went to California in about 1926. He wrote back glowing reports of California and the bug got hold of our family. My oldest brother Warren was married by now to Alice Belle Wilkins and they were the next to go to California.

Dad had a good job at the hosiery mill in Paducah, but the California bug had struck. We started out for California sometime in June or July of 1927 shortly after the funeral of my aunt Estelle (Wilks) Craig who died the 24 April 1927. There were six of us in an old 1917 Studebaker touring sedan. My dad was the driver, I was six years old and sat in the middle and mom was on the passenger side. In the rear seat was my sister, Olive, age 19, my brother, Milton, age 22 and a cousin Roy Gillum, age 19.

This car was open on both sides and when it rained one had to put up side panels to keep the rain out. We had on both running boards, accordion type braces to pile our suitcases in and we also had some kind of a rack on the rear of the car to pile on more gear. We must have looked like the TV Show "Beverly Hill Billies".

Tires on that old car, which was ten years old then, were rather thin. Mom kept a running count of our tire trouble and when she reached forty-nine punctures and blow-outs she stopped counting. Poor dad would be fixing a puncture on one tire and would hear a slow leak in another tire. Were the boys helping him fix the tires? No, they were out exploring new territory.

We were traveling old route 66 and one night in Oklahoma we pulled into a school yard to spend the night. A short distance away there were Indians dancing around a fire. Here was a 6 year old boy, who had been playing cowboys and Indians, seeing these Indians dancing around a fire. His hands were up to his face peeking through his fingers, because he knew if they saw him they were going to scalp him.

With all the tire trouble we had to buy another set of tires. We had to wire home for more money to continue our trip for we had run out. Arriving in Needles, California the weather was extremely hot and the six year old became very ill. After a day we continued our trip and soon came across a beautiful orange grove. Back home everyone shared, so dad thought he would pick a few oranges for us. He had his old hat just about full when he looked up and there stood a man with a shot gun. Dad when he would get excited could stutter with the best of them. Finally the man seeing we were from out of state and really meant no harm let us have the oranges.

We were approaching San Jose and dad stopped the car so mother could ask a policeman how far we were from our destination. Mother in her high pitched southern drawl said "sir, could you tell us how far we are from San Joe see"? The policeman laughed and said "Mam, you are about 25 miles from San Joe see". Trying to pronounce the Spanish names was quite a chore for dear old mom and dad.

Oakland, California was our real destination and my brother Warren had a house on Filbert Street in West Oakland. My brother Gordon originally had the house, but when Warren and his wife Alice came, he soon packed and went on down south to Los Angeles. We arrived sometime in July 1927, Warren and Alice were glad to see all of us. To this day I don't know where we all slept, but we survived.

Dad soon went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. I was to start school in September and being from just below the Mason Dixon line mom was a little bit prejudiced and would not let me go to a public school. She enrolled me into the Zion Lutheran School. I believe it was located at 12th and Myrtle. This church school had two rooms, one for grades 1 through 4, and the other for grades 5 through 8.

Our teacher was the rector and he carried a long wooden pointer. Discipline and order was no problem, not with that pointer coming down across your back. The rector also had a real thick ruler which he used by having you hold out your hand and he would give several swats on your hand.

I will never forget big John, a good natured kid, but he would get in trouble and have to go to the head of the room and have a couple of swats on his hand. He would always pull his hand back and make the rector miss. This would keep the class in stitches, laughing. Poor John would have the rector hold his hand to give him those hard swats.

I must have been in the first grade, when I learned my times table. The rector would be teaching the upper grade the times table and I listened and never had any trouble with math after that. I probably went to the private school three years, as mom finally enrolled me in public school when I was in the fourth grade.

In 1929 dad and mom got religion. The way it came about was quite unique. We were living in a two story apartment building, one upstairs and one downstairs. We lived in the one upstairs and good friends of the family, the Rogers, lived downstairs. Dad and Mr. Rogers loved to play poker.

One Sunday morning mom and I were going to go to the Zion Lutheran Church where I went to school. Dad had been up all night playing poker when mother and I started to walk to church. Mom looked back and here came dear old dad staggering along to join us in church. Mom was so mad that he could get up from a poker table and go to church, that she wouldn't walk with him.

Coming home from church our landlady, who lived next door, was just getting out of her car, mother still boiling mad, asked her "Mrs. Bolen where do you go to church"? She said "honey, our church is in a building above a furniture store at 11th and Clay and we are having a revival why don't you come tonight"?

Everywhere mom and I went it had to be within walking distance as she didn't drive. We walked and when we got to 11th and Clay we heard singing coming from over the furniture store. We found the entrance and walked up the steps and through the swinging

doors we found ourselves in front of the congregation. We made our way to a seat and mom listened intently. The next night dad went. This was a Four Square Gospel Church under the auspices of Amy Simple McPherson. Shortly thereafter dad was converted and started his Christian walk. Dad never went into anything half way, he always went gung ho. This started yours truly living under strict rules, no smoking, no cursing, no drinking, no dancing, no picture shows, no card playing, etc., etc..

Well, it kept me out of trouble, but living a very austere life. There was no dating in high school, but still we had many friends. My friends used to get a kick out of me, because I never cursed. I would say "dog gone it", and they would laugh and say why don't you just say "God damn it".

We went to church twice on Sundays and every night in the week when revivals were in progress. We never missed a church service. During this time, Sister Peach gave me some of her drawings and I have carried these drawings in my Bible for years as they so inspired me to think for myself.

I attended Castlemont High School and my time was taken up with glee club, football or any sport. Thank the Lord the church didn't ban sports. I finished high school and enrolled in Merritt Business School. I took an accounting course which came in handy later in life.

At an early age I made up my mind not to get married until I was thirty years old. I thought I would be well established then and have something to offer a girl. However fate doesn't always work that way. We had become acquainted with the Hollerson family, George and Winifred. They were good singers and had three children, Pauline, George Jr., and Kay.

I had known Pauline since she was a gangly ten year old and hadn't paid much attention to her. However time had gone by and nature took its course. The gangly ten year old was now a beautiful sixteen and had never been kissed. Still thirty was in my mind for marriage.

There was another boy that I grew up with in church by the name of William Wallander. He was going with a girl in the church by the name of Viva Campbell. Bill and Viva were serious about getting married and the subject of marriage came up one night after church. Bill said, "Why don't we all go to Reno and get married"? Pauline agreed, that was like a bomb shell to me because I didn't even have to propose.

The "love bug" had bitten, how could I let such a beauty as Pauline get away? I was only twenty and a "bell hop" at the Lakehurst Hotel. Pauline was only seventeen and just out of high school. Being only twenty I had to have consent of my parents. Dad tried to reason with me, but being young and knowing everything, I wouldn't listen. Consent was given and away on the train the four of us headed for Reno, Nevada.

We were married on January 18, 1941. From this union two beautiful children were born named David Richard Wilks, Dixie Rae Wilks. Things were going smoothly until one day as I was turning off our radio, the message came that Pearl Harbor was being bombed by the Japanese. I was ready to go down and join the Navy, but knowing that my wife was pregnant held me back at that particular time. So, I started working in the shipyard and finally was called up to take my physical and found out because of a curvature of the spine they wouldn't take me. I was devastated, but survived working twelve hours a day and seven days a week in the shipyard. By this time we had left the church.

Pauline was a good mother to her children, but life had to be pretty dull having all this time on her hand. The war ended in '45 and the bridal path had become a little rocky and soon we came to a fork in the road. Pauline and I sat down and talked and parted friends as she wanted one road and I wanted the other.

I left and went to Los Angeles to live. While working for a grocery chain my ex mother-in-law Winifred Hollerson wrote me and said I should come back to Oakland as my children were living with my mother and dad and they needed help.

I moved back to Dad and moms, found work and dad and mom persuaded me to go back to the church. As I walked through the swinging doors in the back of the church my eyes fell on a person I had never seen before. She had a trombone in her hands and was tuning up to play in the band. Wow: A sight for sore eyes.

My ex in-laws were always my friends and they told me I should get acquainted with Lillian Marguerite (McKee) Ramberg who had come to the church while I had been away. I had an eye for beauty and told them I was way ahead of them and had already met her. I found out she was a divorcee and had two little girls, Karen and Sonja Ramberg from her previous marriage.

After a few months we were married on May 26, 1951 in Reno, Nevada. We had been attending Brother Clyde Dixon's church, who had formerly been under Brother William Sowders. After awhile we became disenfranchised with Brother Dixon's teachings and decided to move to Brother Sowders' church in Louisville, Kentucky.

We attended campground meetings held by Brother Sowders. The meetings were *full of the spirit* which left lasting impressions upon us and gave us the desire to seek more knowledge. And, these meetings brought us to our present understanding and thinking. While in Kentucky, we had two daughters, Cecilia Anne Wilks and Teresa Charlotte Wilks. We always say, "She has four, I have four and four and four make six".

We really were inspired by Brother Sowders' teachings and remained in Kentucky until well after his death. Then, his son took over the church. We liked him a lot, but when Brother Tommy Jolley took the helm, we became disenfranchised once again. We decided to move back to the promised land of California.

Lillian taught in the Garden Grove School District for twenty-five years and retired in 1982. I worked for the Sully Miller Contracting Co., and retired in 1983. Since our retirement, genealogy was our cup of tea. We crossed the country five times, going to court houses, graveyards, libraries, talking to relatives, everything a genealogist does. What a good life we had and there were many experiences we had that were uncanny.

My mother's maiden name was Craig. We found out that Lewis Craig the minister of the "traveling church" was her ancestor. Lewis is written about in various history books. He was not only a minister, but a good stone mason. He built his church in Minerva, Kentucky which was at that time, still standing (1983).

He also built the first courthouse in Washington, Mason Co., Kentucky. Knowing that his brother Elijah Craig had started a school in Georgetown, Kentucky and because the architecture of the buildings of Georgetown University were similar to Lewis's church, we thought maybe Elijah was the founder of Georgetown University. We had to check it out and later found that this was in fact true.

We arrived on a Sunday around noon and went into the library which was empty except for the librarian and one student studying in the rear. I spoke to the librarian and told her I was from California and researching my ancestors and thought maybe my great, great, grand uncle had a hand in starting this school. We inquired if there was an archive close by housing the early books of the university.

The librarian opened a drawer and got a key and took us to the rear of the room and opened the door and I almost fainted. Books on all sides of the room and lying on a table in the center of the room was my complete genealogy of the Craig's from Toliver (the father of Lewis and Elijah) and down several generations. It looked like someone knew we were coming and laid it out there for us.

As a little child I remembered mother talking about her first husband, Arthur Johnson, who was a metal smith. It seemed they did a lot of traveling, following jobs around the south. I had tried to find mother in the 1910 census and could not locate her. We found all of her brothers and sisters, but mother could not be found. I must have spent some two years trying to find her.

If you are a genealogist you know before the "soundex system", it took almost two hours to go through just one county on microfilm. I had searched Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and had just about given up when I went to the National Archives in Laguna Niguel, California. I had just gone through one two-hour film and sat back in my chair exasperated and said, "Mother where in the world are you"?

I heard her voice just as loud and clear and she said "Little Rock, Arkansas". I went and got the film and sure enough there she and Arthur and the four children were. My poor wife has tried the same tactics but her ancestors don't answer.

Since writing the above my dear wife of 48 years crossed over Jordan on April 21, 1999. She is keeping the Harbor Lights burning for me. The following obituary was written on April 22, 1999 by my daughter Cecilia Anne Wilks and appeared in the Orange County Register newspaper shortly thereafter.

"Lillian Marguerite McKee was born 28 September 1920 in Seattle, King County, Washington, to the parents of Leonard Lawrence McKee and Orva Lillian Oscar.

"Lillian's childhood years were spent in Wenatchee, Washington. The eldest of three children, it was her responsibility to supervise and care for her two younger brothers, while her parents ran an upholstery shop. Lillian's father was the local Salvation Army's band leader introducing music into her life at an early age. She played a variety of instruments, including but not limited to the Piano, Trombone, Banjo, Guitar and Ukelele. Her love for music inspired many and in 1960 she founded the Sweet Adeline Chapter in Garden Grove, California.

"In 1944, she graduated from Asbury college located in Wilmore, Kentucky. She devoted her life to a career in education and was a first grade school teacher for twenty-five years at Hill elementary school in Garden Grove. After retirement, Lillian and her mother, as active members of Laubach for ten years, taught English to the Vietnamese and others at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

"Lillian met James D. Wilks, Jr. the love of her life, in the summer of '49. They married on May 26, 1951. Lillian had two daughters, Karen and Sonja Ramberg and James had a son David Wilks and daughter Dixie Wilks Owen, from a previous marriage and thus they united and completed their family with two more daughters Cecilia Wilks Weldon and Teresa Wilks Aubrey. Mary Roks and Bea Wortman were Lillian's best friends.

"The following are just a few of Lillian's many life long accomplishments: Regent of the Daughters of American Revolution for two years and the current Treasurer, long time member of the Community Concert Association, two years Choir Director for the Funsters founded in 1984, founded Garden Grove Chapter of the Sweet Adeline in 1960, square dancer, round dancer and line dancer, Ragtimers band member (playing in hospitals and senior centers in the Los Angeles greater area), member of Laubach, bowler for many years, member and two year hostess for the Orange County California Genealogical Society, member of the Salvation Army's Home League, member of the Garden Grove Historical Society, and a local humanitarian loved by one and all.

"Her life was a living song unto those not so fortunate; always placing others needs before her own. She always strived for perfection in all areas of her life. Her four daughters, two step children, nineteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren brought her great happiness and filled her life with joy. She never spoke ill of anyone and lived by the "golden rule."

"Needless to say, our family is very sad we no longer have her sweet smile and comforting arms the security and pillar of stability we all assumed would always be there

for us. The tower of power we built our lives upon has left us. Our gentle and lovely flower we called mother has crossed over and we shall miss her. We are strong and full of faith and ever grateful to have had her as our very own."

Throughout the years, Lillian and I spent our time as genealogist searching the records of our ancestors and also maintained close contact with our humble beginnings attending many meetings held at private homes and in many churches all over the nation.

It seems only natural that I should carry on family traditions being the lineal descendent of so many preachers. Of course, I did not know this until we started our genealogy quest.

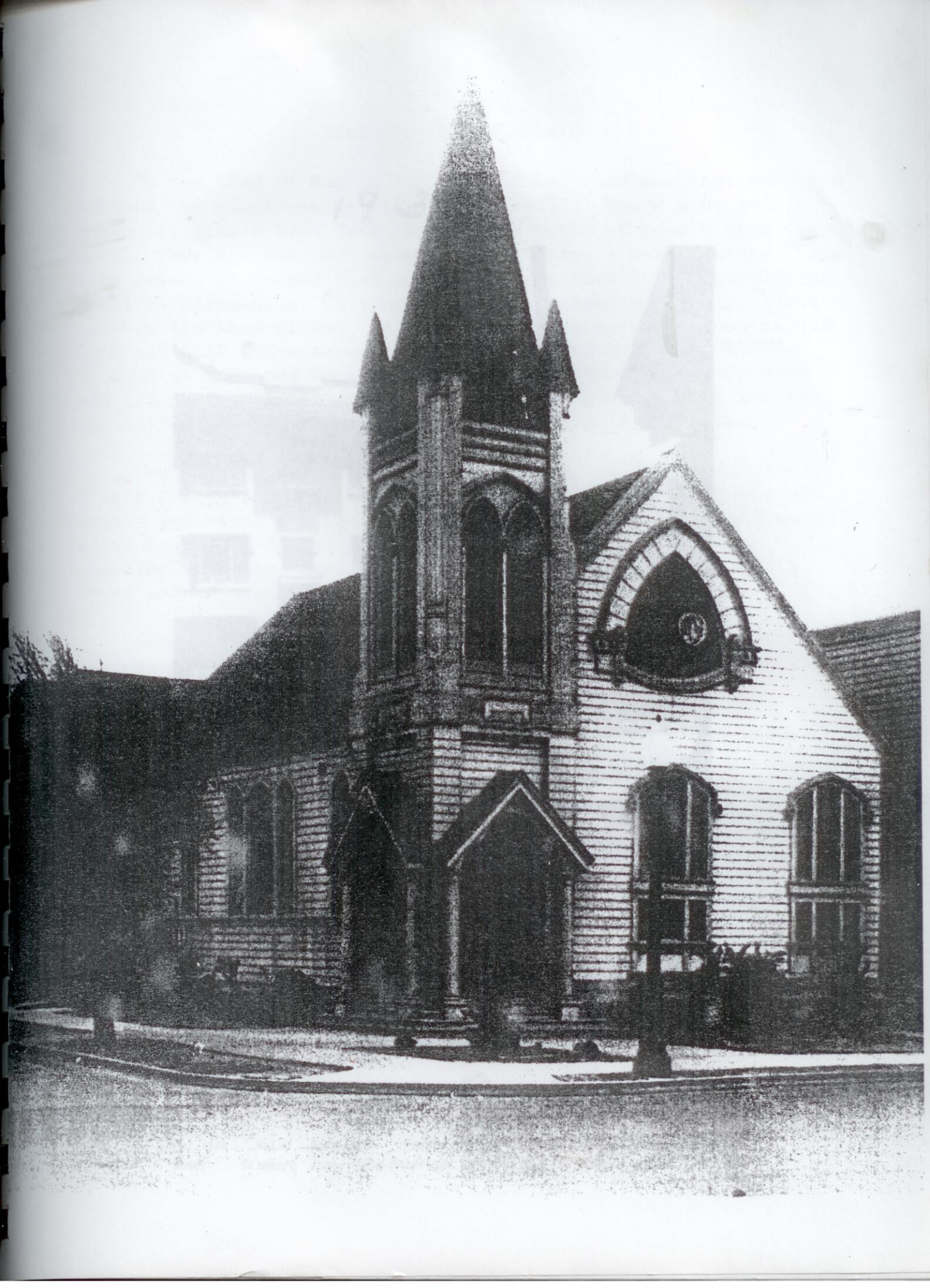
In 1993 my old gang from Temple Church had a reunion. Lillian and I attended and this reunion inspired and prompted me to finish compiling my materials and data for this book. In the pages that follow is a picture of Pilgrim's Temple as we called it, a picture of the old gang in 1936, a letter that I wrote after the reunion (names and addresses are not listed) and a Temple Church history.

The pictures entitled "Tabernacle in the Wilderness," "Man Image," "A Cloud Like a Man's Hand," "The Two Witnesses" and "The Seven Seals" were originally purchased by the author in the 1930s from Sister Peach. Sister Peach was a fabulous artist whose pictures greatly inspired the author so much that he has carried them for over sixty years in his personal Bible.

Sister Peach has long since passed off the scene and the old church is no longer there, but the memories will live on. Photographs of the actual pictures carried in the authors Bible have been included in this book in loving memory of the wonderful Sister Peach.

And so, it is my prayer, hope and dream that you, the reader, may find inspiration, understanding and a thirst for more knowledge after reading this book.

James D. Wilks



FABOLONE CHURCH REUNION

1936



"Here We Are" Dick Wilks

James "Dick" Wilks

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| Lorai Jean | Wally | Mary | Dick | Ferne | Jimmy | Carol | Floyd | Virginia | Mark |
| Boaer | Granberg | Jones | Wilks | Robertson | Montalbo | Holaday | McGowan | Bell | Bell |

FABULOUS CHURCH REUNION

On the 22nd of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three, time stood still. There appeared suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, a group of people from the past. They had not seen each other for over a half century. For some reason it seemed that a magnate drew them to the Doubletree Hotel in Pleasanton, California on that bright sunny day. What was the tie that binds? It was a church in an upper room at old 11th and CLAY and a merge that took place with TEMPLE CHURCH, located at 13th and Market that drew them together. Here were not aliens from outer space, but beautiful people from ages past who still were striving for the prize of the high calling.

Could this be my Sunday school teacher of 1928 Hal Lehmann? I only had to hear his effervescent voice and see his exuberant spirit and there was never a doubt. He brought back memories of songs taught in Sunday school. Remember, "Climb, climb up Sunshine mountain," and "Brighten the Corner where you are?" There were a host of other songs.

Some were missing that had gone on to Glory and others for various reasons who could not attend. But the Thirty-eight who did attend were blest with fond memories of the past.

Enclosed you will find names and address for those who wish to keep in touch and pictures of all who attended.

I personally wish to thank all who had a hand in getting this reunion together. Mark Bell, Gaylord Larson, Mary Montalbo, Martha Fike, Carol McGowan, just to name a few that furnished names and addresses. Mark for his engaging smile and doing a masterful job as Master of Ceremonies. Hal Lehmann for his words of inspiration. Thanks to each and every one of you who attended. May God Bless.

Love to all,

James "Dick" Wilks
James "Dick" Wilks

TEMPLE CHURCH OAKLAND, CA.

1927

"11th and Clay Streets" and
"Diamond District" CHURCH

Mark Bell
Frank Craig
Virginia (Bell) Fox
Allan Larson
Gaylord Larson
Harold Lehmann
Faye (Williams) Moody
Harold Patton
Dick Wilks
Ralph Williams

1920's

"TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH"

Irving Ford (Charter Member)
Ruth (Sherman) Ford
Leah Brown
Inez Kreiss
Wally Granberg
Carol (Holaday) McGowen
Ferne (Robertson) Murray
Mary Louise (Jones) Montalbo
Alverta (Luechauer) Summar
Layla (Robertson) Steelman

1931

"OAKLAND TEMPLE CHURCH"

Loral Jean (Bomer) Diffenderfer
Lester and Violet (Fox) Doss
Otis and Lorene Doss
Hazel Fox
Oliver Fox
Imogene (Doss) Shapland
Marion (Movchan) Early
Martha (Movchan) Fike
Elsie (Phillipanko) Granberg
Ruth (Movchan) Jacquot
Pauline (Verbitski) Johnson
Agnes (Padrusky) Rowley
Ann (Movchan) Smith
Carl and Ruby Graf
Rueben Johnson
Harold Muller
Peter and Ruth Orinck
Donald Shapland
Elroy Shapland
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THE HISTORY OF "TEMPLE CHURCH"

13th and Market Streets, Oakland, CA.

- 1910 "Sixth Street Mission"
Pastor: J. A. Davis
William Mowat
- 1912 Pastor: John Demp Vervalen
- 1920's
Moved to the Columbia Theater
10th St. near Broadway
Named: Glad Tidings Assembly
- 1925 Moved to 11th and Clay Streets
- 1927 Congregation divided:
Part of the group returned to
the Columbia Theater:
Pastor: J. Narver Gortner
Moved to 31st near Grove St.
Named: "First Church:
"Assemblies of God"
(1939-44) Harold Lehmann, Pastor)
Moved to 10th Ave. & E. 14th St.
Moved to Keller Avenue
Renamed: "Sequoyah Community Church"
REMAINING GROUP continued to worship
at 11th Street location
Pastor: James Pointer
- 1929 This congregation moved to a store
building located on MacArthur Blvd.
near Fruitvale Avenue
- 1910 Dr. Louis Sherman Sponsored
Aimee McPherson in meetings in
Oakland; as a result of these
meetings a congregation formed
- 1921 This group purchased the old
Scandinavian Church building at
13th & Market St., Oakland
Pastor: Dr. Thomas R. Gale
Name of church:
"Temple Baptist Church"
- 1922 Pastor: Dr. Charles E. Ross
- 1925 Pastor: Dr. Kilpatrick
- 1927 Pastor: Rev. Ralston
- 1929 Rev. P. E. Robertson, Pastor
Under his leadership the con-
gregation joined the Assemblies
of God: the name of the church
was changed to "Temple Church"

1931

These two congregations united

- 1931-34 Pastor: James Pointer
- 1934-36 Pastor: Winfred McGowen (Belle)
- 1936-38 Pastor: Floyd McWhinney (Lydia)
- 1938-40 Pastor: Ben Moore
- 1940-43 Pastor: E. William Anderson (Goldia)
- 1943-64 Pastor: Winston Nelson (Ruth)
- 19 Market Street church building sold
The church moved to 3600 Penniman Ave.
- 1964 Temple Church disbanded

