



# CHRIST OUR ETERNAL GREAT HIGH PRIEST

"We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the  
right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven"  
Hebrews 8:1

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## PREFACE

God's provision for mankind is perfect and complete, based up His attributes. The Triune God has used the human race to deal with every aspect of sin in His plan for all; ages to come. As you study God's Word, keep in mind God's supreme purpose in allowing both the angelic hosts and the human race to have a freedom of choice. God breathed upon Adam, as the father of all and he became a "living soul" in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7.) God had an eternal purpose in this, because sin would be completely dealt with through the human race. In God's omniscience, He knew that mankind would be incapable of resisting sin and would be in need of an advocate to deal with the sin question. The second person in the Trinity was chosen to be the believer's ever present help. This meant that He would represent us before the righteous courts of heaven, after paying the total penalty of sin.

In this brief account from God's Word, we wish to show the necessity of Christ the great high priest, who not only became our redeemer upon the Cross, but entered once and forever into the Holy of Hollies in heaven, presenting His own blood as a ransom for total sin. This made possible the removing of the barrier of sin, and giving us access, as believers, into the very presence of God. It is no longer necessary for us to depend upon earthly priests for dealing with sin, but, *"we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but for the sins of the whole world."* 1 John 2:1b-2. There will never be a time throughout eternity that we will have to have another Advocate or high priest! This will be the central teaching of this Biblical textbook. Being the Eternal Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, subjected himself unto the Father. *"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee, As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."* Hebrews 5:5-10.

Obedience unto Almighty God is a prerequisite for blessings from Almighty God. God, who knows the end from the beginning, cannot do His perfect will in our life unless you listen to Him, through the Word of God. May we study this all important subject, being mindful that the Eternal Son of God took upon himself a form of man, impeccable, becoming obedient unto His Father. Do not think that we as believers can do as we please in this newness of life, but we must become obedient unto God in all things. *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:8-9. As students of the Word of God we cannot choose what we want to believe, but rather choose all that the Word of God has for us

to believe. Do not take the teaching of God lightly, or merely to get a degree, but rather to enrich your fellowship with Almighty God, and with those of like faith. May the study of this course on "Christ our Great High Priest" be a special blessing to each of you. May God richly use His Word in and through our lives to glorify His name! May our lives be abundantly enriched, one with another as we give Christ the preeminent place in our lives.

The study of Christ as our great high priest is of vital importance as we are entrusted with the ministry of reconciling precious souls to God, through the Lord Jesus Christ. As evangelists and ministers of the Word of God, we have a very important responsibility, showing that we become all in all in the Lord and not in ourselves. As we administer the Word of God to others, may we remember that it is the wisdom of God that we teach and that not of ourselves. *"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's;" 1 Corinthians 3:19-21.* We have nothing in ourselves worthy of boasting. *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Corinthians 4:7.*

God's humble servant,

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## **FOREWORD**

I thank God for each of my seven living children, who have all been a blessing to us, down through these years. Each one has particular traits. They have each accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and the Lord has led them along life's pathway. From time to time, I ask separate ones of the family for urgent help in getting out the Word of God, and they are always willing to help.

My oldest son Jack was the one who introduced me to writing these biblical textbooks using a computer instead of a typewriter. Other children of mine have joined in to help me with numerous computer related tasks, including editing, formatting and the printing of cover pages. My son Captain John D. Losier has been a great help with computer graphics, such as chapter headings and cover pages. I have asked him to write the foreword to this book on "Christ Our Great High Priest."

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All of us Losier children are very proud of our parents, Andy and Dorothy. As we grew up, we watched them live out their faith in God. We watched them trust in God for all our family's needs, then we saw those needs supplied, by God. Many times we may have looked like a poor family to this world, but we were always rich with the love of God, and a love for one another. Our parents' unwavering faith in God during many dark and trying times in our family's life was an inspiration to all of us children.

When our mother shared her parting words with each child and grandchild before going to be with the Lord, it drew us all closer to each other and to God. Watching our father double his efforts in recent years to write many theological books has inspired each of us to renew our own commitment to Jesus Christ.

I know that I have been blessed because of the small part I've had in editing and formatting a few of my father's books. I have been impressed by the amount of scripture he quotes from memory. God has blessed him with a good memory of biblical doctrine which he learned at Dallas Theological Seminary many years ago. He has an unwavering faith in the Bible as the God breathed, inerrant, word of God. You will see this as you study many of his biblical text books.

Writing these books is one more step of faith that my father is taking, relying on God to supply the money to pay for their printing and shipping. He insists that the books are to be given away, not sold. "They are to be as free," he says, "as the Gospel." We know that God will supply the funds, like He always has, in His own way and in His own time.

I pray that this book in some way will bring you closer to Jesus Christ who is Our Eternal Great High Priest. I also pray that it will guide you into areas of Bible Study that will make you a stronger Christian and a better witness for Jesus Christ.

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# CHAPTER ONE



## **THE NEED OF AN ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

### **I. THE PURPOSE OF AN HIGH PRIEST.**

It is necessary that our approach to God the Father is acceptable in the spiritual realm, made possible by our high priest and through God the Holy Spirit. This is exactly why Christ, in speaking to Nicodemus, said. *“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.”* John 3: 3 This reminds us of Moses’ desire to look upon God the Father, but was refused. However God did allow Moses to behold His after glow. *“And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. 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. And He said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me, and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock; And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by; And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”* Exodus 33:18-23. It is impossible to behold God the Father and live, and that is why Christ, who is The cleft of the rock, is our Mediator and protection. There is no other way that we can approach God the Father, even through our prayers. The Old Testament offerings of many sorts were all necessary, but no offering could compare or satisfy God the Father as the sacrifice of His own Son. The Eternal Son of God was sent forth by the Father to remove the sin barrier.

The priests of the Old Testament were imperfect in themselves and their sacrifices were merely considered as a covering over the sin question until God the Father offered His Own Eternal Son as the propitiation for their sins. Before these priests could approach God the Father for the sins of their people, they had to offer a variety of sacrifices, some without the camp to make possible the approach to God within the camp. They were as the non sweet offerings. *"And he shall carry forth the bullock outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bullock; it is a sin offering for the congregation."* Leviticus 4:21. God required all of these offerings to cover every phase of every sin among the congregation, under the Mosaic law. This was all in preparation for the ultimate sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. *"God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; Who, being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by himself purged our sins sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high,"* Hebrews 1:1-3. God's demands were perfect and all inclusive in Himself.

May I remind you that no one can behold the face of the Almighty God the Father and live; therefore a substitute must be found who is able to behold the Face of God the Father and live. May I emphatically say that there is but one who is able to behold God the Father, and that one is The Lord Jesus Christ! Take note as to what Christ said. *"All things are delivered to me of my Father, and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and He to whom the Son will reveal Him."* Luke 10:22. Therefore it is obvious that God the Father demands a Mediator and High Priest to come into His very presence. *"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."* 1 Timothy 2:5-6. The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament under the Mosaic law were kept by faith that God himself would some day send the all sufficient sacrifice for the removal of the penalty of sin.

The purpose of the high priest in the Old Testament was to yearly offer sacrifices for himself and for the people, so that they would have access to God the Father through the ark of the covenant within the Holy of Hollies. This all was as a shadow of the coming of the Supreme high priest after the order of Melchizedek. In order to fulfil God's demands, it was necessary for a permanent high priest to be found. This demanded the Eternal Son of God Himself to become the propitiation for the sins of the whole world.

## II. GOD THE FATHER DEMANDS A HIGH PRIEST.

God the Father is mindful of our every need and as His Word declares, *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9. God the Father desires to communicate with His creation and before the foundation of the world, He prepared a human body for His Eternal Son, to

be that Mediator and High Priest. *"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him, in love."* Ephesians 1:4. In order for us to be chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, there also had to be a body like unto ours without sin before the foundation of the world. *"Wherefore, when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me; In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God."* Hebrews 10:5-7. God the Father desired from the very beginning of time to be in communication with both the angelic hosts and with mankind.

Since we could not directly come into the presence of God the Father, a way has been made for us to indirectly be in fellowship with God the Father, through God the Son. We are told, that it is the Lord Jesus Christ who reveals God the Father to us. (Matthew 11:27.) The Bible clearly reveals to us, *"For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and giveth them life, even so the Son giveth life to whom He will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son; That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father, who hath sent Him."* John 5:21-23. Therefore, God the Father hath placed all authority into the hands of His Eternal Son, who has become the High Priest to every one who believeth in Him. *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but is passed from death unto life."*

John 5:24.

As we have seen in these various Scriptures that Christ is superior to all others, being the Eternal Son of God and possessing all of the attributes of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, He satisfies the requirements of God the Father to become our Eternal High Priest. *"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus,"* Hebrews 3:1. Through the Lord Jesus Christ we have access to be at rest, by faith, knowing that it is well with our souls before God the Father. *"There remaineth therefore, a rest to the people of God."* Hebrews 4:9. That is why God the Holy Spirit was sent to be our ever present help and comfort, while passing through this life, upon planet earth. God the Holy Spirit is also our protection against the evil forces of Satan. Without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we would be easy prey for the demonic world. Satan attacks both in the physical and spiritual worlds and we need God the Holy Spirit to be along side of us, in facing the demonic onslaught.

## A. THE MELCHIZEDEK ORDER OF A HIGH PRIEST.

God the Father hath so declared His Eternal Son as the Supreme High Priest as well as the King of kings and Lord of Lords. However that order of an High Priest is different from the Levitical order. This new order has prophetically declared, *"The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a*

*priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.*" Psalm 110:4-5. This is a striking prediction, and we need to understand God the Father's desire for His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who was this King/Priest Melchizedek? "*And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the Most High God.*" Genesis 14:18. This is a tremendous statement concerning a King/Priest in Salem which later on became Jerusalem. Who could this be that he was greater than Abraham? Well, the Bible answers this question very simply and to the point. "*For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him. To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being, by interpretation, King of Righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of Peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually.*" Hebrews 7:1-3. Make no mistake about it, this had to be an appearance of The Eternal Son of God! For only God is from everlasting to everlasting, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end!

This was in preparation for the coming of the Messiah into this world in the form of a babe in the manger. Every appearance of God in the Old Testament had to be God the Son, for God the Father cannot be looked upon by His creation. When we shall see our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, we will behold the likeness of God the Father. It was Christ who was with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and that same Jesus walked with Enoch and talked with him, until Enoch was called to his heavenly home. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord as also our father Abraham had the privilege of talking with Him. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego experience that warm fellowship with the Lord within the fiery furnace. We could relate many times, throughout the Bible of the pre-existence of the Messiah and His talking with the Old Testament saints. We must remember that the Messiah was given a body like unto ours, impeccable, before the foundation of the world. God in His omniscience provided His own high priest, in whom He would always be well pleased, without an interruption whatsoever.

## **B. THE SUPREME DEMAND OF THE FATHER ACCOMPLISHED.**

There is but one whom God the Father and God the Holy Spirit could choose as the Eternal High Priest, who is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the best confirmation of this is found in the "Transfiguration". "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.*" Matthew 17:5b. Now let us consider God the Father's approach in preparing the way for His Eternal Son to become the High Priest. We have the Levitical order to be studied, concerning the sacrifices as well as the short comings of the human priests, with their limited time to serve. In order to have a continual High Priest who ever liveth, there is but one, namely the Lord Jesus Christ. Old Testament priests were

necessary as a shadow of things to come, and were but types until Christ would become the eternal High Priest.

It also is of the greatest concern that we consider the Triune God's preparation for such a capacity, long before the need arose. God in His Omniscience prepared the first human body before the foundation of the world. When God molded man out of the clay of the ground, He did so after the similitude of His own Incarnate body. Who was it that walked with Adam in the cool of the Evening? It was none other than the Eternal Son of God in the likeness of man. It could not have been God the Father, as no one can see Him and live. Moses desired to see God the Father but was denied. *"And He said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me, and live."* Exodus 33:20. We are reminded from the Scripture, *"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"* John 14:9b. We have another very definite event as to the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is found when the three Hebrew men were thrown into the fire under Nebuchadnezzar. *"He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."* Daniel 3:25.

This revelation is very important, revealing to us the pre-arrangement that the Triune God had made for the coming of our Eternal High Priest. This brings us to a very important truth about our need of an Eternal Great High Priest. Nothing in the Godhead is done on the spur-of-the-moment or the need for a change of plans. God is absolute and knows the end from the beginning. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. The Eternal Son of God was always and always will be from everlasting to everlasting and is 100 % God and from before the foundation of the world will always be 100% man. He is the Incarnate Son of God, who was provided by God to be our eternal high priest.

### **III. GOD THE FATHER DEMONSTRATES A NEED FOR A HIGH PRIEST.**

We will not go into the various offerings of the Old Testament at this time, for we only wish to consider the limitations of these priests in the following chapter. What we want to consider at this time is the importance of God's Eternal High Priest, as both King and Priest. All of these Old Testament offerings and sacrifices could only cover the people's sins, being offered by faith that God would eventually send forth both the sacrifice and the Sacrificer to remove the sin problem forever. *"Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek, by so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they, truly, were many priests, because they were not allowed to continue by reason of death; But this Man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable Priesthood."* Hebrews 7:21b-24. These Old Testament priests were necessary to demonstrate the various sin offerings and also the offerings of thanksgiving, so that God the Father could prepare mankind for a permanent and

ultimate priesthood, which would cover every offering necessary to approach God. This could only be demonstrated and fulfilled by God Himself. *"But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the Mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."* Hebrews 8:6. It is of great importance that we understand through shadows and types God's requirements to communicate with Him. The Old Testament high priest and his duties were but an example to be followed until the eternal High Priest was sent forth by God the Father. Let us study God's Word and consider some of these types. These various offerings under the Levitical laws were very importance as a school master to teach us God's statutes and ordinances. In order to completely cover every possible failure in the life of mankind, it took a variety of sacrifices to cover the offenses against our Holy God.

#### **A. THE OLD COVENANTS WITHIN THE SANCTUARY AS TYPES.**

The first ordinances and covenants concerning the Sanctuary were given as types, demonstrating the futility of man and the necessity of God. The first tabernacle was a mere type of the Holy of Hollies of Heaven. The high priest of the earthly could only approach the Holy of Hollies once each year, making offerings for his own sins and then for the congregation. *"The Holy Spirit thus signifying that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while the first tabernacle was yet standing;"* Hebrews 9:8. This first tabernacle was only a typical demonstration and not the real sanctuary. The usage of this first tabernacle ended when the Lord Jesus Christ became both the sacrificer and the sacrifice. *"Jesus, when He cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the spirit. And, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks were split; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints that slept were raised, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."* Matthew 27:50-53, The demonstration through the earthly sanctuary had served it's purpose and God rent the veil from top to bottom, making known to all that there was no longer a need for the earthly high priest, for His Eternal Son became the High Priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. *"It was, therefore, necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;"* Hebrews 9:23-24.

We are in constant need of an eternal High Priest who is impeccable to sin and equal to the holiness of God. One can search the whole world for such a one, and such a one cannot be found. God Himself had to provide His Eternal Son to satisfy His eternal holiness. God's choice could only become God's provision and propitiation. *"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His*

*blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" Romans 3:25. God has provided His Eternal Son to become the sin bearer for the sins of the whole world. "And He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2. Every mouth has been stopped and all mankind is without excuse, and all the ungodly will have to stand before the Great White Throne and be judged and cast into the Eternal Lake of Fire. God can only be satisfied with absolute perfection and anything less than that will bring rejection. Our eternal high priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, is God the Father's choice. By faith, we accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, who has already entered the heavenly temple of God and presented His blood as a ransom for our sins, once and forever. There will never be another necessary occasion for the Lord to enter the Holy of Hollies in our behalf. We have taken upon ourselves the righteousness of our high priest through His precious blood and we have become blameless forever before God the Father. The blood which was shed upon Calvary's Cross was presented by our Eternal High Priest in the heavenly temple. It will never have to be repeated, but has settled the sin account once and forever, to the praise and glory of God.*

## **B. GOD THE FATHER'S CHOICE OF AN HIGH PRIEST.**

In order for the Eternal High Priest to satisfy God the Father, he must have an eternal existence, and the only three who could qualify would be, God the Father, the Eternal Son of God and God the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ was chosen to fulfil the wishes of the Triune God. A body was prepared before the foundation of the world, like unto mankind to become both the Sacrificer and the sacrifice for the redemption of those who would believe. It is very essential that the Lord Jesus Christ is given this rightful place in the lives of mankind. *"Giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son; In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;.....For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell;" Colossians 1:12-19.*

Since the blood of sacrificed animals could only temporarily cover sins, therefore it was necessary to find a sacrifice that would remove the sin barrier. The Triune God was aware of the tremendous cost and predicted the terrible agony involved. (Psalm 22; and Isaiah 53.) God the Father was willing to give His Eternal Son to settle the sin question once and forever. To cover the sins, it was necessary to offer many sacrifices, but with the perfect sacrifice of the Eternal Son of God, once was sufficient. *"Nor yet that He should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world. But now*



*once, in the end of the ages, hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” Hebrews 9:25-28.*

The need for an eternal high priest is therefore verified, making God justified in expressing His marvelous grace through our loving Lord. As Christ hung upon the Cross, He was aware that He was there to pay the debt of the sins of the whole world. *“After this Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, I thirst.....He said, It is finished; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.” John 19:29-30.* The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of sins and within the heavenly temple, His blood was offered once and forever, to God the Father’s satisfaction. *“For the law, having a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make those who come to it perfect.” Hebrews 10:1.* With this supreme sacrifice by the Eternal Son of God we have a continual access into the very presence of God. The Lord Jesus Christ suffered once and forever! He cannot be crucified again, if it were possible for some to fall away. (Hebrews 6:6.) God’s Divine purpose has been accomplished, as He dealt with sin once and forever at Calvary’s Cross.

Christ as our great High Priest has suffered once and it will never have to be repeated again! His blood was offered in the Holy of Hollies once and forever, because His blood removed the sin barrier forever. The ministry of Christ goes on, as He is now seated at the right hand of God the Father as our Advocate. *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” 1 John 2:1.* Christ offered His blood which was shed for our sins and He being impeccable, and thus, removing our condemnation before God the Father: His precious blood was once and forever offered in the heavenlies, removing the barrier of sin forever.

### **C. THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR MANKIND.**

In God’s eternal economy, He has given all of the angelic hosts, as well as mankind the freedom of choice. God always leads and does not drive or compel. As we become believers, He expects us to reciprocate with our desire to love Him. But the natural man desires *“To do his own thing”* but he must also be ready to suffer the consequences, which amounts to an eternal living death in the Lake of Fire. This is a separation from God forever! God never takes advantage of any of His creation, but will always do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think. It is true, the world gives temporary pleasures for a season, BUT GOD gives pleasures forever more as we trust Him! The choice is to be made by

each individual regardless of race, language or color. There is but one whom God the Father respects and that is His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Divine purpose for an eternal High Priest is to give His creation security and continual access into His very presence. It is through our Eternal High Priest that we have confidence, entering into God's "Faith Rest". The Holy Angels have achieved this heavenly rest and we of the saints of God, through faith enjoy a continual rest, amidst earth's turmoil and strife. (Hebrews 4:9-11.) One day when we receive that glorified body, when the Rapture takes place we will be free from the presence of sin forever as well as these temporary earthy bodies. We shall have that eternal new glorified body like unto the Lord Jesus Christ. That is why we should be content, waiting upon that adoption, regardless of the present suffering with trials and tribulations.

As we draw to the close this chapter of introduction to the necessity of our great high priest, may we thoroughly understand that this has been provided 100% by God, and we must accept it by the grace of God. God has not left us to try to solve our own problems, which would be useless, but He has given His very best so that we can enter into that "Faith Rest". *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:18-19. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:8-10.*

It is a marvelous thing that God desires close fellowship with His creation, which has been used to deal sin a final blow. This earth has been separated from all of God's creation so that total sin could be dealt with once and forever! I praise God for making me a new creature in Christ Jesus, and one day I will get that eternal glorified body where sin will never ever be the issue. I thank God for our Incarnate high priest who has presented His own blood in remission of our sins. I thank God that He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, interceding in our behalf, as our Mediator before God the Father. I thank God for the Holy Spirit who has given us a new birth, making us new creatures in Christ Jesus. I thank God for the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit who is our continual help and guide, leading us into all truth. As we launch out with this wonderful study of Christ our Eternal Great High Priest, may our thoughts be lifted up into the heavenlies, knowing it is well with our souls.

*It is Well With my Soul*

*"Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control -  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed His own blood for my soul.*

*And Lord haste the day, when the faith shall be sight -  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll -  
The trumpet shall re-sound and the Lord shall descend, -  
Even so - It is well with my soul."*

### **QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER ONE.**

1. What is God's aim in establishing a priesthood? Scripture please.
2. Why was it necessary for a change in the earthly priests?
3. Why did God the Father demand a high priest? Scripture please.
4. Write an essay on Exodus 33:18-23.
5. Explain Leviticus 4:21.
6. Write an essay on Hebrews 1:1-3.
7. Explain 1 Timothy 2:5-6.
8. Why does God the Father desire a high priest in our behalf? Scripture please.
9. When was a body prepared for the Eternal Son of God so that He could become both sacrificer and sacrifice? Scripture please.
10. Explain John 5:21-24.
11. Write an essay on, "After the Order of Melchizedek".  
(Psalm 110:4-5.)
12. Who was the greater according to Genesis 14:18 and Hebrews 7:1-5. (Abraham or Melchizedek)?
13. What was the purpose of the priesthood of the Old Testament? Scripture please.
14. How did these offerings in the Old Testament effect the sin question? Scripture please.
15. Explain Hebrews 7:21-24.
16. How is Christ's ministry "More Excellent"?

17. Why did the veil in the temple have to be rent (Torn)?  
Matthew 27:50-53.
18. Explain Colossians 1:12-19.
19. Explain Hebrews 9:25-28.
20. Write a Thesis on the subject, "It Is Finished".
21. Explain 1 Peter 1:18-19 and Ephesians 2:8-10.
22. Why did our Eternal High Priest only have to offer His blood once in the heavenly temple?
23. What was the difference between the Old Testament high priests and Christ as the High Priest?
24. What is Almighty God's ultimate aim and key verse of the Bible?
25. Explain the Old Testament covenants within the sanctuary as types.
26. Why was it necessary for God the Father to provide a Redeemer for mankind?
27. What is the difference between the angelic's sin and man's sin?
28. List some of the duties of the priesthood of the Old Testament.
29. Why was it necessary for God the Father to make a choice of an eternal High Priest?
30. What is the importance of John 3:17?

## CHAPTER TWO



### **THE DIVINE PROMISE OF THE HIGH PRIEST**

As you will study the Old Testament laws and ordinances, you will discover the holy character of God and what is required in order that mankind might be in communication with the Living God. You will understand that the True God is not a mere idol to be worshipped or approached. Religions of the world admonish you to do something spectacular, to try to impress their dumb idols that you are worthy of special attention. May I remind you that all your human efforts would be in vain, and Satan would have you completely brain washed. The gospel of Christ would be no effect in your life. *"But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."* Romans 5:8-10. Christ is God the Father's promise to mankind for our reconciliation, and through His death our regeneration. Since all flesh is totally depraved, so these earthly priests, in themselves are also totally depraved. Therefore, while we were dead in trespasses and sins, God has promised to provide an eternal High Priest from the heavens above. This has been accomplish by our living God and we can now come boldly to the throne of grace without any fear. The total sin has been paid for at the Cross and by faith we accept the supreme sacrifice by our High Priest. *"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His Cross. And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."* Colossians 2:14-15.

## I. THE AUTHORITY OF THE HIGH PRIEST.

All earthly high priests had to first offer sacrifices for themselves, hoping to be acceptable and capable of offering sacrifices for the people. This was only acceptable to God for a temporary covering of the sins. There is nothing of this world that would satisfy God the Father's requirements. *"For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your vain manner of life received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, who raised Him up from the dead and gave Him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God."* 1 Peter 1:18-21.

Christ as our eternal High Priest is supreme and final with God's dealing with mankind. *"For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that He Himself doeth; and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and giveth them life, even so the Son giveth life to whom He will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son."* John 5:20-22. God has given to His Son as the Eternal High Priest the authority over all! You may recall how the Lord Jesus Christ gave that great commission to the disciples. *"And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying all authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen."* Matthew 28:18-20.

The old order of priesthood had to be removed and dissolved, for it was but a temporary provision by God the Father until, in the fullness of time He sent forth His Son. *"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."* Galatians 4:4-5. Our High Priest is impeccable and holy and intercedes in our behalf, before God the Father. *"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* Romans 8:3-4. Christ, as our High Priest, ever liveth, having entered into the Holy of Hollies for us, and now seated at the right hand of God the Father, being given all power and authority. *"But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore, He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"* Hebrews 7:24-26. Our Lord Jesus Christ is supreme and has complete authority over all and is forever established in the presence of God the Father. The Eternal Son of God has entered into the Holy of Hollies once, presenting His blood as an offering for sin,

satisfying the Father. The Old Testament saints were only a temporary type, and were never permanent, because of several reasons.

1. They constantly changed due to a limited life
2. They had the sin nature, imputed upon them due to Adam's sin.
3. They had to constantly offer sacrifices for their own sins.
4. Their services as high priest only covered the worshippers sins until our Great High Priest would come and remove the sin barrier forever.

## II. THE LIMITATIONS OF THE LEVITICAL HIGH PRIESTS.

We have discussed and considered the earthly priests as a temporary arrangement by God the Father to cover the sins of the Old Testament saints until our eternal High Priest came down to this earth with the glory of God the Father. The Old Testament priests had a limited service in the temple by reason of death. (Hebrews 7:23.) There was a constant change of priesthood which made temple worship uncertain and often with many faults. *"But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. 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.....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."* Hebrews 8:6-10.

What God has promised to Israel as His chosen people, we as the body of Christ have already received. *"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* 2 Corinthians 5:17. The levitical order was very limited and could not make new creatures out of the people but merely gave them a continual hope of better things to come. God's mercy could not be manifested until the sin barrier could be removed. This was impossible to be accomplished through the old order of the priesthood because of the depravity of mankind. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,"* Romans 3:23. The Lord Jesus Christ has provided mankind with a new covenant that will continue forever and ever. God's provision of the Supreme High Priest brings eternal life to whosoever believeth. *"For God so loveth the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."* John 3:16-17.

No one could be found absolutely perfect and without sin in every generation, and the Lord God and Father had to allow His Eternal Son to become the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world (John 1:29.) *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,..... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," 1 Peter 1:18-19.* The old order of priesthood could not provide a perfect sacrifice, which would take away the sin barrier from the people. Since the day of Pentecost God the Holy Spirit is gathering a body of believers which is called "The True Church", which is in preparations of becoming the bride of Christ. We are already made new creatures, being born of God the Holy Spirit, who also indwells us forever. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. *"That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; That He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."* Ephesians 5:26-27. This required grace and mercy by means of The Lamb of God, which removes the sins of the whole world. May we now consider, more in detail, the limitations of the high priest according to the specifications of God the Father.

#### **A. BORN WITH A SIN NATURE.**

Every human being that will ever be born in this present world has a sin nature and is totally depraved. This was inherited from Adam and is imputed upon all of his progeny. So the Old Testament high priests were inflicted with the same sin nature and had to annually come before the Holy of Holies, with an animal sacrifice, for personal forgiveness, before they could present a blood sacrifice for the people. His ministry as a high priest was a temporary position and merely covering total sin, until our Great High Priest appeared. These Old Testament saints were covered by these sacrifices as they exercised their faith, that someday the Lord himself would provide the supreme sacrifice. Abraham had to assure Isaac that the Lord would provide, but he had to be willing to trust the Lord to provide that sacrifice in due time. There is nothing that we could offer that would satisfy God's requirements, because of our sin nature.

#### **B. BORN WITH A LIMITED SERVICE.**

The Old Testament priesthood was only a temporary measure, until our Great High Priest would appear, in the fullness of time. This occurred when Christ removed the barrier of sin by becoming both the sacrifice and the sacrificer for total sin upon the Cross of Calvary. All other priests could only offer a limited service until the Divine sacrifice would occur. However, even though the Old Testament priesthood was on a temporary basis, there were certain requirements necessary for this office.



### III. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HIGH PRIEST.

According to the Old Testament requirements, even the temple and all the vessels of the ministry and the people had to be sprinkled with blood. *“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover, he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.”* Hebrews 9:19-21. This was necessary for these earthly vessels to be sprinkled with blood because of the imperfection. This sprinkling included all of the people, including the priests because of the depravity of man, regardless of position in life. Atonement had to be made according to the levitical order. *“And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar; and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.”* Leviticus 16:33. These were merely a pattern and shadow of the heavenly things, therefore they needed to be sprinkled with blood, being imperfect.

#### A. THE PRIESTLY ORDER.

The heavenly sanctuary, in which the earthly priests are not represented has been purged by the precious blood of Christ, our Eternal High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek. This has taken place once and forever and never will need to be repeated. *“It was, therefore, necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world. But now once, in the end of the ages, hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”* Hebrews 9:23-26. This is entirely different from the old order of priesthood, as Christ became the High Priest as both the sacrifice as well as the Sacrificer. *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;”* Hebrews 9:28a. Our Great High Priest was more than just the priests after the Levitical order, for He was of the kingly tribe of Judah. His qualifications were, therefore, *“After the order of Melchizedek”*. This *“King/Priest”* of Salem was very unique and had to be very God, with the description which we have in the Bible. It was Melchizedek who blessed Abram, rather than visa versa. *“and he was the priest of the Most High God.”* Genesis 14:18b. As with Melchizedek, so with Christ, it was a priesthood of both heaven and earth. ( Isaiah 14:13-14; Matthew 28:18; Deuteronomy 32:8; Psalm 9:2-5; Psalm 91:9-12.)

## B. GOD'S ANOINTING.

The requirements for the permanent high priest were far beyond that which a natural birth could attain. That is why God himself had to supply one who could fulfil all requirements, and anointed by God. These requirements were so rigged that only God to qualify! The Levitical order was insufficient and that is why it was necessary for the new order which would be both priestly and kingly. *"So Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten thee. As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."* Hebrews 5:5-6. This is an eternal anointing by God the Father upon His Eternal Son, who became Incarnate for the purpose of becoming the Redeemer through the shedding of His own blood upon the Cross. This anointed one, after the order of Melchizedek, was in no way a mere human being. *"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of ALL; First being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace."* Hebrews 7:1-2. This could only refer to the Eternal Son of God, as we read- *"Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."* Hebrews 7:3. Here we have a clear case of God's special envoy, as the everlasting King/Priest, as God the Father's anointed Son. Yes, God did have others anointed, but only for a limited time. Christ, after the order of Melchizedek, was given a continual priesthood, as well as the King of kings and Lord of lords. God's ways are past finding out, and we need to take special note, in studying the Bible. May we also remember that before the world, God created the first human body, prepared for His Eternal Son. Only the Godhead had the capacity to be incarnated. We as Christians are indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, but cannot be incarnated. Satan and his demons can indwell the ungodly but they cannot be incarnated. This is an important factor as we deal with this subject. Christ is the only one incarnated and chosen by God the Father to become an High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek.

May we consider, briefly how Christ became our High Priest, anointed by God the Father;

1. A special sinless human body prepared before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4.)
2. The High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:5-10.)
3. The perfect incarnation, 100% God and 100% man (Philippians 2:6-7.)

4. Priestly sacrificer and sacrifice, acceptable to God the Father. (Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 7:27; Hebrews 9:14.)
5. Our Great High Priest offered Himself the supreme sacrifice, once and forever, presenting His shed blood before the throne of Grace. This alone was acceptable to God the Father, for the remission of total sin. (Hebrews 9:11; Hebrews 9:28.)

God the Father had anointed His Eternal Son to become the everlasting High Priest, and there will never have to be another sacrifice necessary for the remission of sins. Our security is in God Almighty with His complete provision for so great salvation. God himself meets all requirements to be our Mediator, and the second person of the Trinity was appointed to be the redeemer of those who, by faith would accept Him. *“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.” John 20:31.*

#### **IV. OUR HIGH PRIEST FULFILLED THE LAW FOR US.**

As we consider God's eternal laws, they are never by passed, ignored or changed for any reason whatsoever. In the case of His Eternal Son, becoming the High Priest, the Levitical order could not be ignored. Let us examine the Scriptures concerning what preparations were made to fulfil both the kingly aspect as well as the priestly aspect of Christ.

##### **A. THE LEVITICAL BIRTH.**

The Book of Leviticus gives us the various types of offerings to be rendered by the priests of the tribe of Levi. The theme of the Book is holiness to be maintain for Israel through the Levitical order. The various types of offerings were for specific cleansing, indicating the total depravity of man, but the total grace of God toward man. These offerings were to cover every aspect of sin, which was temporary, until the Lord Jesus Christ came to offer himself, which covered every type of sin, once and forever. However, He did not take upon himself a form of man after the Livitical order, nor of the order of Judah, to become the order of the Great High Priest. Somehow the two aspects had to be combined and that is why Christ became the King/Priest “after the order of Melchizedek”. God by passed the Levitical birth, and maintained the Judaistical birth by combining both of them under a new order of both King and priest.

## **B. THE LEVITICAL CHOICE.**

The Levitical order was sufficient for the temporary priesthood. Moses had the first order from God to set aside his brother Aaron and family for this office. Let us note just a few of the recorded requirements for the high priest and the priests. Leviticus 8:1-36.

1. The necessity of the consecration of the priests. (Leviticus 8:1-6; Ephesians 5:25-27; John 13:3-10.)
2. The clothing of the high priest and anointing and sanctifying him with oil. (Leviticus 8:7-12.)
3. Consecration of the priests as well as their temple clothing. (Leviticus 8:13-22.)
4. The blood sacrifice applied to the high priest and the priests, placing it upon , 1.The right ear, 2.The thumb of the right hand, 3. The great toe of the right foot. (Leviticus 8:23-26.)
5. The anointing oil and sprinkled all the temple vessels, and the anointing oil is to be poured upon the high priest's head, to sanctify him. (Leviticus 8:10-12.)

The law is of great importance, as it gave us an insight into the character of God and what He required of those of faith. The law was introduced as our school master with the perfection which was necessary for fellowship with God. *"Wherefore, the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."* Galatians 3:24-25. The law is God's perfection, but since the flesh is weak, it was unable to accomplish the perfect law of God. *"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* Romans 8:3-4. We in ourselves cannot fulfill the law of God and that is why Christ as our High Priest had to come and fulfill the law for us. Here is what Christ himself has to say about the law. *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."* Matthew 5:17.

Our joy is in knowing that it is well with our souls, all because of our great High Priest who has entered into the Holy of Hollies for us, and presented His own blood as a ransom for our souls. *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."* 1 Timothy 2:5-6. The barrier of sin, having been

removed, we now have direct access into the presence of God. *“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh, and having an High Priest over the house of God, Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water, Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful that promised), And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* Hebrews 10:19-25.

As we draw to a close our studies of God the Father and His fulfillment of His promise to send His Son as our High Priest, may we rejoice in the Lord for so great salvation. The Triune God has given us as human beings, the freedom of choice, as to where we will spend eternity. We can take our future into our own hands and reap whatsoever we sow, which is eternal separation from the Godhead. Or, we can accept God’s provision as an escape route from the results of sin, by accepting God’s grace through our Eternal High Priest. The Mosaic law was given by God on Mount Sinai as the requirements of God’s righteousness. Note what the Bible has to say about this. *“He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses; Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.”* Hebrews 10:28-31.

The laws of God are permanent, and cannot be by passed in any way. It was necessary for one who was impeccable to come in the likeness of mankind and fulfil the law for us. *“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.”* John 3:17. God’s eternal character and laws had to be satisfied, and it took very God to fulfil that for us, who believe.

As we conclude this phase of our study of the Great Eternal High Priest, may we consider our personal obligations to God’s fulfilling His promise to us. God is immutable and will always be consistent being the same, yesterday, today and forever! *“Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begot He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore, put away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, and receive*

*with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” James 1:16-21. Remember that there is “no shadow of turning” with Almighty God, and a day of recompense will come to those who reject God’s promises and provisions. God has made the promise, and the Eternal Son of God has provided as we will study in this next chapter. The Bible gives us a crystal clear picture and examples of God’s faithfulness with every promise. There are countless witnesses to the saving grace of our loving Lord. “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, Looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews. 12:1-2. Student of the Bible, whoever you are and wherever you live, have a great responsibility to warn sinners and the self righteous of the coming judgement day. “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.” Ezekiel 3:18-19. “Now thanks be to God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?” 2 Corinthians 2:14-16.*

## **V. THE TRIUNE GOD KEEPS THEIR PROMISE FOR US.**

God’s promises are always kept, for this is according to the personality and character of God. God never changes, for He knows the end from the beginning. We will consider two phases of this issue, An eternal order of a high priest is necessary as well as the provision through the High Priest.

### **A. AN ETERNAL ORDER OF AN HIGH PRIEST IS NECESSARY.**

Since God has set the rules of life according to the attributes of God, everything has to be of an eternal nature. This is an necessary procedure in God’s eternal plan for eternity to come. Our Great High Priest has entered into heaven itself and presented His blood to God the Father in the Holy of Hollies. Any temporary arrangement would never suffice Almighty God. Therefore, it was necessary for God himself to send His Eternal Son, for the eternal priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek. *“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For*

*then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:" Hebrews 10:1-5.*

## **B. THE ETERNAL ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIEST IS PROVIDED.**

God always promises to provide the needs for His very own, the Bible gives us ample evidence of the results of Philipians 4:19. The temporary priesthood of the Old Testament was all preliminary as a guarantee that the eternal Great High Priest would be provided. *"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat to offer. For if He were on earth, He should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle; for, See, saith He, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount. But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the Mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."* Hebrews 8:1-6.

The earthy priests were as a shadow and type of that which was to come from heaven by God the Father. God provided His Eternal Son to be that Great High Priest from above, where the real temple is established before God. We do not have to wait for continual high priests to become our mediator before God, but we have our Eternal Great High Priest, who entered once and forever before the Father in our behalf. *"Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."* Hebrews 4:14. This has been God's provision for the saints of all ages for eternity. Our sins have been removed as far as the East is from the West and will never be remembered against us again, because of our Great High Priest who ever liveth, making intercession for us. *"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works;"* Hebrews 10:19-24. God has not only made provision within the heavenlies for us, but has sent forth God the

Holy Spirit to dwell within us forever! This enables each of us as the saints of God to express the Divine love that sent Christ to the Cross, as well as the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we can manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The Divine promise of the Great High Priest has been granted and we can praise God for this better covenant, through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ was willing to come and to fulfil the will of God the Father. *"Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God: From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."* Hebrews 10:9-18.

As we conclude this very important doctrine, may we realize that Almighty God has accomplished this forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Great High Priest. He went to the Cross willingly, bearing total sin with total forgiveness, for "Whosoever believeth". The Old Testament saints will receive a new heart, and we of the New Testament have received God the Holy Spirit, who will dwell within us forever. The sin barrier has been removed, giving believers access into the Holy of Hollies having become new creatures in Christ Jesus. We are awaiting the adoption of our glorified bodies which shall be like unto the Lords. (1 John 3:1-3.) I thank God for His total provision, through Christ, for those who believe.



## **QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER TWO.**

1. What is God's aim in establishing the Old Testament priesthood? Scripture please.
2. Why was it necessary for the continual change in earthly priesthood?
3. Why did God the Father require a high priest? Scripture please.
4. Write an essay on Exodus 33:18-23.
5. Explain Leviticus 4:21.
6. Write explaining Hebrews 1:1-3.
7. Explain 1 Timothy 2:5-6.
8. Why is it necessary for New Testament saints to have a High Priest in the heavenlies?
9. When did the Eternal Son of God receive that human body without sin, to become both the Sacrificer and the sacrifice?
10. Explain John 5:21-24.
11. Write an essay on, "After the Order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4-5.)
12. Who was greater, Abraham or Melchizedek? Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1-3.
13. What was the purpose of the Old Testament priesthood? Scripture please.
14. How was the sin question dealt with in the Old Testament?
15. Explain Hebrews 7:21-24.
16. How is the ministry of Christ, "More Excellent?"
17. Why was the veil in the temple rent (torn)? Matthew 27:50-53.
18. Explain Hebrews 10:19-31.
19. Explain James 1:16-27.

20. Write an essay on, "Running The Christian Race"  
Hebrews 12:1-2.
21. Explain 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. and Ezekiel 3:18-19.
22. What is your personal reason for studying the Bible?
23. Why is it necessary confess our sins unto the Lord, so that God will hear our prayers? Example Psalm 66:18.
24. Explain what changes were made by God from the Levitical priesthood to the heavenly priesthood by Christ Jesus.
25. Why was this new priesthood necessary to completely remove the sin barrier forever?
26. Give us some important doctrine that we obtain from the Book of Hebrews.
27. Explain Hebrews 10:16-18.
28. What does "After the Order of Melchizedek" mean to you?
29. Why did the Old Testament priests have to continually offer sacrifices?
30. Why was the earthly temple veil rent from top to bottom, when Christ went to the Cross of Calvary?

## CHAPTER THREE



### **THE DIVINE PROVISIONS THROUGH THE HIGH PRIEST.**

It is of a great importance that we understand the Divine viewpoint in the light of the Bible. Our identity as New Testament saints of this age were hidden in the Old Testament. That is why it is called "A *Mystery Age*". The reason for this "cover up" was not to interfere with God's promise to Israel of a kingdom. God in His omniscience knew that Israel would reject her Messiah and had prepared the mystery age until, the fullness of time. The total depravity of mankind was the cause of their blindness to God's revelation. Therefore, God could not depend upon finite man to accomplish His infinite plan! God the Father demanded absolute perfection in the substitutionary position! Before the grace of God could be provided, the laws of God had to be regarded. Let us now examine the requirements necessary for God's Divine provision.

#### **I. THE OMNISCIENCE OF THE GODHEAD.**

As I continually emphasize, there is nothing hidden from the Godhead. The personal characteristics of all three persons in the Godhead are equal and identical. Time and knowledge of the Triune God is unlimited and forever. "*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. The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*" 2 Peter 3:8-9. However, may I remind you that the Triune God has set up a channel through which one must be willing to travel. That channel is through the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Supreme Great High Priest. God the Father knew that we as finite creatures needed an infinite High Priest to wash away our sins in His own blood and intercede for us before Him. That He has done and the

victory has been won! This has all been accomplished once and forever at the cross of Calvary. We now want to see what the Bible says about the part that each person in the Godhead contributed toward, making possible so great salvation. We must also remember that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are co-equal in power and glory, and had settled on a plan to deal with sin, before the foundation of the world, having full knowledge of things to come.

#### **A. GOD THE FATHER.**

According to the Scriptures, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit had by themselves, settled on a plan to deal with any opposition to their character before it expressed itself. They were willing to give both the angelic hosts and human race a freedom of choice, rather than a mere instinct as with animals that they would create. They also knew exactly how some would react with their freedom of choice. Therefore, they purposed within their total wisdom, to counteract this rebellion with a provision to judge total sin once and forever. They could not rely upon a created creature, so the plan had to be within the Godhead. The Father no doubt sat as chairman, and since no one could look upon Him and live, the redeeming power had to be with the Eternal Son and the Holy Spirit. One had to be seen and felt, while the other would not be seen, but felt. So the Father sent forth His Eternal Son, who could be seen and felt, to become the Mediator between God and man. *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."* 1 Timothy 2:5-6. We also have several Scriptures which declares that God the Father sent forth His Son, into this world to deal with the sin question. *"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."* Galatians 4:4-5. The Lord himself had testified in His prayer to the Father that He was sent to this earth to be the Redeemer. *"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."* John 17:18. We could also refer to John 3:16, how that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Now let us examine as to what the Bible says concerning the Eternal Son of God.

#### **B. GOD THE SON.**

The Lord Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to become a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. That means that Christ came to pay the total debt of sin, removing it as a barrier between God and man. As Christ was getting ready to return to His Father in heaven, He was mindful of His disciples, knowing that Satan and his demons would play havoc with them, if they did not have some spiritual help. Since the day of Pentecost would be 10 days away from His ascension to the Father, something had to be done to protect them. After the crucifixion and the disciples were gathered in the upper room, Christ appeared to

them. *"Then said Jesus unto them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit:"* John 20:20-21. This was important that the disciples would have the protection of the Holy Spirit for those 10 days until Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them, giving them the new birth and dwell within them forever. Christ reminded the disciples before He went to the Cross, *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8.

### **C. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

God the Holy Spirit being the third person of the Trinity is very important in the eternal plans of God. The Divine spark of life is transferred to us through the Holy Spirit. Although the disciples did not understand the new birth which Christ explained to Nicodemus, until after Pentecost, God had it recorded by John some 20 years later, when he wrote the Gospel of John. Let us examine some Scriptures relating to this miracle of God. *"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."* John 14:16-17. This marvelous miracle happened on the day of Pentecost, which became the birth of the body of Christ, called "The Church". God the Holy Spirit was sent, making us new creatures, and will abide within us forever. *"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."*

*John 14:16-17.* That is why we can rejoice and know that it is well with our souls, because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who is greater than , principalities, and powers and rulers of darkness. (1 John 4:4.)

One of the most important factors in our Christian life, the Holy Spirit, who is our comforter, protection against the wiles of the devil and our guide into the Word of God. We cannot do without Him for He is necessary for us to have that special discernment against false teachings. May we also remember that He will be indwelling the saints forever in our glorified bodies. God has given this Divine assistance, by the grace of our loving Lord, our Great High Priest.

## **II. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GODHEAD.**

With the Triune God, time is but a moment, but to us we are limited to time and become impatient. We live in a very wicked surroundings and often say, "Why doesn't God do something about it, if He is sovereign"? May I remind you that according to the

eternal plan of God, He is allowing, under His sovereignty, the cup of iniquity to be filled to overflowing and then in the fullness of His time, will remove the sum total of evil once and forever. God's complete creation is under His authority and nothing can happen contrary to God. The Eternal Son of God has become our great High Priest and ever liveth in our behalf making intercession for us as our Sovereign God. May we pause for a moment and examine the sovereignty of God which is superior to all creation.

## **A. THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD SUPERIOR TO ALL CREATION. HEBREWS 1:1 - HEBREWS 5:10**

1. Superior to all the prophets. (Hebrews 1:1-3.)
  - a. God the Father sent His Son personally. (John 3:16.)
  - b. All authority given to Him. (Matthew 28:18.)
  - c. all judgement given to Him. (John 5:22.)
  - d. The Father's Son the Creator of all. (John 1:3.)
  - e. The Father's Son the only possible Redeemer. (Isaiah 60:16.)
2. Superior as the Eternal Son of God. (John 20:31.)
  - a. Christ the Incarnate One (John 1:1-2,14.)
  - b. Christ is heir of God the Father (Romans 8:17.)
  - c. Christ is equal with the Father in attributes. (John 1:18; Romans 9:5.)
  - d. Christ is in full authority of Universe. (Colossians 1:17.)
  - e. Christ removed the sin barrier. (John 1:29; John 19:30; Hebrews 5:7; 8:12; 12:2.)
3. Superior to all the Angels. (Hebrews 1:4-14.)
  - a. The Eternal Son is the Creator and not created. (John 1:3.)
  - b. The Eternal Son given a name above all names. (Philippians 2:9.)
  - c. The Eternal Son called "My Son" by God the Father. (Hebrews 1:5.)
  - d. The Eternal Son of God worshipped by the angels. (Matthew 16:27; Matthew 25:31; Hebrews 1:6.)
  - e. The Eternal Son always existed and equal with the Father. (John 10:30.)
  - f. The Eternal Son of God, seated at right hand of God the Father. (Psalm 110:1.)
  - g. The Eternal Son of God has pre-eminence over all. (Colossians 1:15-29.)

4. The Eternal Son of God is superior to all creation.
  - a. The Eternal Son of God is the only way, the only truth and the only life. (John 14:6.)
  - b. The Eternal Son of God is superior to all names. (Acts 4:12; Ephesians 1:21; 5:20; Phil. 2:9-10.)
  - c. The Eternal Son of God is declared as King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16.)
  - d. The Eternal Son of God is impeccable. (Matthew 4:1-11.)
  - e. The Eternal Son of God is 100% God and 100% man. (John 10:30.)
  - f. The Eternal Son made possible renewed communication by His Incarnation. (John 1:14.)
  - g. The Eternal Son of God made possible the new birth. (John 3:6-8.)
  - h. The Eternal Son of God conquered death, sin and the devil and his fallen angels. (1 Corinthians 15:54-57.)
  - i. The Eternal Son of God became the Sacrificer and the sacrifice, fulfilling the promise of the Godhead. (Genesis 3:15; Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Sam. 7:16; Hebrews 5:5-10.)

As you study God's precious Word, always bear in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ has been given the supreme position as Creator and Savior. It was Christ who dealt with total sin as the Great High Priest. Jesus paid it all and all to Him we owe. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."* John 1:1-5.

#### **B. THE GRACE OF THE GODHEAD.**

May I remind each of you of the marvelous and amazing grace of our loving Lord. *"Oh the love that drew salvation's plan; Oh the grace that brought it down to man; Oh the mighty gulf that God did span; At Calvary!"* We have been partakers of God's infinite love through the merits of our loving Lord. Let us just quote a few references that rule out any personal works toward our salvation. *"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."* Romans 4:5. *"And if by grace, then it is no more of works: Otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: Otherwise work is no more work."* Romans 11:6. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: Not of*

*works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9. "Not of works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit: Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:5-7. These are mighty statements from God's own word and we are reminded also from God's Word. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Romans 6:1-2.*

We have been greatly blessed with our High Priest who is established forever before the throne of God. *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16.*

God has provided a shadow of the real thing in the Old Testament priesthood in order that we may understand the need of the Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. Those of the seed of Aaron were all under the curse of sin and therefore had to first of all make atonement for their own sins. *"For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an High Priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art my Son today have I begotten thee. As He said in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Hebrews 5:1-6.* Since the Incarnate Christ was of the tribe of Judah, He could not claim the priesthood from the kingly tribe, for He would have to be of the tribe of Levi for the priestly ministry. Therefore God in His omniscience arranged another order of both king and priest by the order of Melchizedek. This is but another example of the grace of God.

The kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ had to be maintained, as to the promise of the Messiah. The priesthood of Christ had to be arranged, so that Christ could become the Redeemer, though offering His own blood as an offering upon the altar. That is why it was necessary for the order of Melchizedek to take priority over the Levitical priesthood.



### III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE GODHEAD.

Righteousness is one of the attributes of the Triune God and God can never be unrighteous. As we study the righteousness of God, we have ample evidence of this within the Scriptures. The various manifestations of the Son of God in the Old Testament reveals His righteousness, and one day, when all things are created new, there will be everlasting righteousness throughout God's vast domain. Let us turn to the Bible for evidence of God's righteousness manifested in His creation. We will briefly deal with this, but give you many references for you to study apart from this textbook.

#### A. GOD'S ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED.

Since God is no respecter of persons but deals with each of us in His abundant love, His righteousness is available to us. God's eternal love toward mankind has always been manifested, through His grace. God's grace is made available because the sin barrier has been removed by our Great High Priest when He went to the Cross. God wishes to share His eternal righteousness with mankind, as we trust Him individually. Abraham is a good example of God's grace. *"And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness."* Genesis 15:6. Because of our trust in the Lord, we become partakers of God's righteousness. *"But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face."* Psalm 5:7-8. The righteousness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, and He wishes to share this with the saints of God throughout eternity. *"For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; His continence doth behold the upright."* Psalm 11:7. The righteousness of the Lord endureth forever, and His judgements shall be according to His righteousness. *"Before the Lord: for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth."* Psalm 96:13. The Lord who knows the end from the beginning, needs not that anyone teach Him, for He is in himself, "all in all"! *"I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right."* God's righteousness is superior to all, His judgements are absolute truth and is always immutable. This righteousness of God is being offered to all who will accept Christ by faith and receive full atonement and cleansing from their sins. *"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins."* Romans 3:25a.

#### B. GOD'S ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS PROVIDED.

We are reminded that our personal human righteousness does not compare to the righteousness of God. We must not depend upon the best that we can do to gain merit before God, but rather accept His righteousness as final. *"But we are*

*all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Isaiah 64:6. Therefore, it is important that we accept God’s righteousness in our daily walk as believers. “Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even in Him shall men come;” Isaiah 45:24a. It is through Christ that we are able to be declared righteous before God the Father. “Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:” Romans 3:22. Before the world, you are praised according to what you personally can accomplish, and they give you honor for a day, but we are reminded from the Word of God, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 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. And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:” Philippians 3:7-9.*

God’s righteousness has been provided through the Lord Jesus Christ and may we thoroughly study God’s Word, declaring God’s righteousness to our fellow man. (Romans 10:3-6; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Galatians 3:6; Ephesians 6:14; Philippians 1:11; Titus 3:5; James 2:23; 2 Peter 1:1; Revelation 19:8.)

### **C. GOD’S ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS ESTABLISHED FOREVER.**

May I constantly remind you as a teacher of God’s Word that, “*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’s sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power be of God, and not of us.” 2 Corinthians 4:5-7.*

Since God is from everlasting to everlasting, and God is righteous, therefore we know that His righteousness will abide forever. God will bring in to His everlasting kingdom, everlasting righteousness as written in Daniel 9:24. God is allowing iniquity to run it’s full course, and has already judged total sin at the Cross. God’s eternal plan has never needed to be altered, and the sentence of total sin will take place, as God has revealed in the Bible. The Lake of Fire, will be the final place for all workers of iniquity. (Revelation 20:10-15.)

Since God is from everlasting to everlasting and there is no other God but Him, we can be assured that His righteousness will endure forever! “*Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.” Psalms 119:142-144.* How wonderful it is that through our faith in the

Lord Jesus Christ that we are included in God's everlasting righteousness. It will be a glorious day, when the Lord will bring in absolute perfection! *"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."* 2Cor 5:1

There is a glorious day coming, when God's righteousness shall reign forever and ever. It all is according to God's plans and it will stand the test of eternity. God has given us a glimpse into the future, through the prophets and through the Epistles. The New heavens and the New Earth, will be so wonderful that these present beauties will not even be remembered. *"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son"* Revelation 21:4-7.

We can thank God for His wonderful provision for His creation. We have a message to tell to the nations, and as you rightly divide the Word of truth, share it with others that they may be partakers of the abundant life that is in Christ Jesus. We are ambassadors for Christ, and His policy never changes, for our God is the same yesterday, today and forever! Only one life, will soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9.* As Christians we have been commissioned by Almighty God to share the Gospel with others. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:13-14.* You must answer those questions as a Christian, for someone, some how, you heard the glorious Gospel message. As ambassadors for Christ, we go forth, with the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, who is our ever present help. There is nothing or no one greater than our Eternal God, who knows everything! The Son of God who is our Great High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of God the Father has the following message for those who believe. As Christ spoke to God the Father in that tremendous intercessory prayer. *"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."* John 17:18. You and I as Christians are no longer of this world system, but are Pilgrims and so-journers, as Christ's representatives. Christ continually is speaking to each of us. *"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:*

*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20.* This is a command from our Great High Priest, who has removed the barrier of sin that we might be adopted into the Royal family of God.

### **QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER THREE**

1. What two Books in the Bible give us a good understanding of priesthood?
2. Why do we not have a continuation of prophets today?
3. Why do we not have high priests in these New Testament days as they had in the Old Testament? Scripture please.
4. Explain “The Order of Melchisedec”. Scripture please.
5. Why is the age of grace called “The Mystery Age”? Give some Scripture references.
6. Why do we need an Infinite High Priest? Scripture please.
7. Write an essay on “The Sovereignty of God”.
8. Why are God’s “Grace Principles” so important? Scripture please.
9. Explain Romans 11:6.
10. Explain Titus 3:5-7.
11. Name some of the differences between Christ as High Priest and the Levitical high priests.
12. Explain Hebrews 5:1-6. and Hebrews 1:1-3.
13. How has God revealed His righteousness to us? Scripture please.
14. Upon what do we base the eternal righteousness of God?
15. How has God shared His righteousness with mankind? Scripture please.

## CHAPTER FOUR



### **THE DIVINE PRIORITY OF OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST**

Leadership in the spiritual realm is of the utmost importance as believers gather together. From the very beginning of time, God has ordained it so. It helps keep the unity among the worshippers of God. A master of ceremonies is very important, especially in the spiritual life. Throughout the Old Testament God had the prophets priests and kings to take the responsibility of caring for the people. Leadership is a gift from God and is very important that our leaders are God fearing and filled by the Holy Spirit. We will examine the Scriptures as to three important phases for which the high priest is responsible. Since there could be no continual earthly high priest, we can praise God for the Divine authority of our Great Eternal High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **I. THE NECESSITY OF COMMUNICATION WITH GOD THE FATHER BY THE HIGH PRIEST.**

Sin has been the barrier, between God and mankind and the earthly high priests were essential to communicate with God within the Holy of Hollies. This required animal sacrifices both for his depraved nature, as well as all of the people. This kept the communication between God and man open, as their sins were covered, until our Great High Priest came and removed the barrier of total sin at the Cross. The earthly priest would intercede, once every year within the Holy of Hollies, before the mercy seat of God. This process was temporary, but essential, until the Eternal Son of God stepped into the breach, to completely cleanse, those who believed, from all sin.

## **A. CLEANSING FROM SIN.**

Since all of mankind is totally depraved, regardless whether under the law or without the law, someone who is impeccable had to be available to completely remove sin from their life. The earthly high priests were God's arrangements until the fullness of time, when our Great High Priest would be forth coming to take away sin by paying the penalty of total sin, with His own blood. Now that He has already pay the debt of sin, we must accept this by faith, and seek a continual cleansing by confessing our sins on a personal basis. This retains our fellowship within the family of God. *"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:6-9. This should be a continual life style of every believer, but I am sorry to say, that many Christians fail to keep in that sweet fellowship with God by neglecting to use this promise from God.

## **B. MAINTAINING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.**

It is so easy for a believer to rely upon himself or others in the Christian walk, when they need to continually come to the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. Our Savior is at the right hand of God the Father interceding for us, and we have God the Holy Spirit within us, who is also praying for us. Why do we allow unconfessed sin to break our fellowship before Almighty God? (1 John 2:1; Romans 8:26.) I admonish each of you, not to let sin build up in your Christian walk. Study God's Word, by the help of God the Holy Spirit. However, there are some precautionary measures that we need to understand in our Christian life.

1. Confess one's sins before God to maintain fellowship with God. (1 John 1:9.)
2. Do not allow sin to control you. (Romans 6:14.)
3. Unanswered prayers are due to regarding sin in your heart. (Psalm 66:18.)
4. Study God's Word. (2 Timothy 2:15.)
5. Make God's Word a part of your life. (Psalm 119:11, 105.)

6. Keep on being filled by the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18.)

7. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30.)

## II. THE SPECIAL POSITION WHICH THE HIGH PRIEST OCCUPIES.

This truth is very important, in order to maintain a continual communication with God the Father. The earthly high priests contacted God directly, once every year, and they continually changed, making it more difficult to keep that divine fellowship. But praise God for our Great High Priest who has that constant communication with the Father, forever! Remember that the veil in the earthly temple has been rent from top to bottom, making the earthly Holy of Holies void. Now we have constant access into the very presence of God the Father, through God the Son. *"Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* Hebrews 4:14-16. From this wonderful statement, we can rejoice greatly, because of that continual access that we now have through our Great High Priest in the heavenlies. He has become the source of communication between God and man. (Hebrews 1:3.)

### A. THE SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

Since the Lord Jesus Christ has become our "Ever Present Help" in the very presence of God the Father, we can have the assurance of a continual help. We are absolutely dependant upon Christ as our Advocate and Mediator, before the Father. He is always acceptable to the Father, who is well pleased with His Son. We do not have to approach God by an earthly priest, but can come directly to God through His Son. *"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."* 1 Timothy 2:3-6. This is certainly all inclusive, which shows the eternal love that God has toward all men. The only reason why many shall be cast into the Lake of Fire is because they have rejected Christ as the Son of God, who has become our Great High Priest. May we constantly remind ourselves - *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9.

## **B. HE INTERCEDES FOR MAN TO GOD.**

The Eternal Son of God had to take upon himself a form of man so that He could communicate with men as a man. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* *Philippians 2:5-11.* This one called Jesus who some day will be glorified above all, has become our Advocate before the Father, interceding in behalf of the saints of God. One day, the Son of God will come forth from the right hand of God the Father, and descend in a cloud, to receive us unto himself. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.)

The Incarnate Son of God has taken on this human body, before the foundations of the world, so that He could become our Redeemer. This was all in the plans of God, because we were loved with an everlasting love. All preparations for the Son of God to redeem us from the slave market of sin, was before the foundation of the world. *"According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."* *Ephesians 1:4.* The Lord loves His own and even before He went to the Cross He prayed for His own. *"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."* *John 17:9.* God has been calling out the body of Christ ever since the day of Pentecost, and will continue to gather together the future bride of Christ until the Rapture takes place. Let us now examine the results, through that continued work of our Great High Priest.

## **III. THE RESULTS THROUGH THE WORK OF THE HIGH PRIEST**

What ever the case may be, we like to see the results of the situation which we face. So, with our Great High Priest, we desire to see the purpose and the results that are available through the wonder working power of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our previous mode of life, we were dead in trespasses and sins, but now there is new hope, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **A. THE REMOVAL OF THE BARRIER OF SIN BEFORE GOD.**

Iniquity of all sorts is foreign to God and since we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23.), a barrier of sin has come



between God and man. We deserved death because of this sin, BUT GOD in His great love for us, was not willing to bring those who would believe, into condemnation. This required a Divine Incarnate sacrifice to pay the penalty of sin. The second Person of the Trinity was chosen, and given the first human body, before the foundation of the world. This was God's omniscience at work, not only to pay the debt of our sin, but to eradicate total sin from the new creation to follow. God the Father knew that He would have to turn His back on His beloved Son, as He would bare the sin of the whole world upon Calvary's Cross. It was the only way in which the barrier of sin could be removed.

The barrier of sin has been removed, giving us full access into the very presence of God, with our sins forgiven and a place being prepared in heaven! This has given us a peace within our souls which passes all understanding. *"And having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouceable in His sight:"* Colossians 1:20-22. God the Father now accepts us in His Beloved, who has become our Great High Priest, and someday we shall be forever with the Lamb of God who is also the bridegroom. ( Revelation 19:7-10. The removal of the barrier of sin has taken place and we have 100% been accepted in the Beloved.

## **B. REGAIN AND MAINTAIN THE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.**

In Adam we lost that fellowship with Almighty God, but with Christ that Great High Priest, we have regained fellowship with God. God desires to share His eternal glory with His creation, which was part of the plan of God. The Lord Jesus Christ has taken us under His wings, to abide with Him forever. *"Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord."* 1 Corinthians 1:8-9. This was part of the plan of God from the very beginning, but was held as a mystery until the latter days. *"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him."* Ephesians 3:9-12. God the Father has made every provision for this eternal relationship in the heavenlies, through the Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.

#### **IV. THE CONTINUAL FELLOWSHIP OF THE HIGH PRIEST WITH GOD THE FATHER.**

Since the Son of God has always existed with God the Father and is the Alpha and Omega, we can rest assured that they are one. *"I and My Father are one."* John 10:30. We will explore this great statement from the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to show the existing great unity within the Godhead.

Communication is of great importance where there are differences as well as distances. We experience this in the earthly realm, among the various nations. Sometimes there is the language barrier, or cultural differences, as well as distances. Radio, Television and satellites have shortened time periods of understanding and helping where there are needs. So it is in the spiritual realm, we need direct communication with our Creator. The Bible says, *"God is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth."* John 4:24. In order for us to communicate with God we need to get on the right wave length. In other words, we need to approach God in the spirit. That is one reason why we need to be born again of the Spirit. (John 3:7) However, as a natural man, we have lost our contact with God, being dead spiritually. It is useless for us to reach God through a satellite but it is necessary for us to come to God the Father by His "Impeccable Son" who desires to become our High Priest. Since our new birth comes through the sacrificial death of the Eternal Son of God, access can be attained through Him, by the new life, given by God the Holy Spirit. There may be break downs in this communication with the High Priest, because of the weakness of the flesh, and it is for this reason that we must walk in the light of the Word, by God the Holy Spirit. Let us just name a few of the most familiar causes of this break down, between our High Priest and our way of living. You do not lose your sonship in the Lord, but there is danger of losing your fellowship. May each of us examine our Christian walk, confessing our sins, so that God can keep on cleansing us from all sins. (1 John 1:9.) Let us now look at some of these things that can interrupt our sweet fellowship with the Godhead:

1. Out of fellowship with Christ because of unconfessed sin. (1 John 1:8-10.)
2. Out of fellowship with Christ because of walking in darkness. (1 John 1:5-7.)
3. Being accused by Satan before the throne of God as falling short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23; 1 John 2:1-2; Revelation 12:10.)
4. Being conformed to this world system. (Romans 12:2.)
5. Grieving God the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30.)

6. Quenching the power of the Holy Spirit in one's Christian life.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:19.)
7. Not abiding in Christ and in what the Bible teaches.  
(John 15:6-7.)

## **A. THE UNITY IN THE GODHEAD.**

God has made every provision for us as members of the Royal family of God, and provides us with many warnings telling us to walk circumspectly and according to the teaching of the Bible. Since our Great High Priest has removed the barrier of sin, He is ready and willing to help us under all circumstances. We know that He ever liveth and is the Alpha and the Omega as well as our Great High Priest. *"And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens: Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins, and then for the peoples: for this He did once, when He offered up himself."* Hebrews 7:23-27.

There is no changing of priesthood necessary for us as believers, for the Lord Jesus Christ is our propitiation before God the Father. That is why we can come boldly before the throne of grace, knowing that our High Priest ever liveth, seated at the right hand of God the Father. Here is what the Father has to say about His Eternal Son. *"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 lightening upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."* Matthew 3:16-17.

God the Father has provided direct communication for us through His Eternal Son which assures us of a continual access into the very Holy of Hollies. However there are certain requirements for us as believers, so that our requests get through to our High Priest, without delay. Don't try to hide anything from the Triune God, for every thought and intent as well as deed are known to the Godhead. Dear believer, walk in the light of God's Word, to maintain that sweet fellowship with our Great High Priest.

Our High Priest has shed His blood once and there will never again be a necessity for Christ to become the sacrifice for our sins. Our High Priest is from everlasting to everlasting, being the Son of God. God the Father has declared Him as supreme over all. Christ is the identical image of God the Father and has been given all authority. *"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to*

*be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” Colossians 1:12-20.*

Our High Priest has the highest position throughout eternity and that position shall never change. We as members of the body of Christ are sealed by God the Holy Spirit and are secure under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ! *“What shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:31-39.* There is no greater protection that is possible than what our High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ has provided. May each of us as members of the body of Christ serve the Lord with all that we have, trusting in the Lord and leaning not upon our own understanding!

Our Great High Priest is also the Creator of the heavens and the earth and is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” John 1:1-5.* This is our Great High Priest who is also the King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16.) He is the one who will some day soon appear in the clouds when that trumpet sounds, and all the dead in Christ as well as those alive in Christ will be “Caught Up” together, transformed into our glorified bodies

like unto His. Our High Priest has not only made us into new creatures, but is seated at the right hand of God the Father, as our Advocate making a continual intercession for us. There is no greater guarantee, anywhere in all creation than what our High Priest has accomplished and provided for us who believe.

## **B. THE PROPITIATION OF THE SON OF GOD.**

The results from so great an High Priest are mighty and secured by the Creator of all things. We have been completely justified in Christ Jesus apart from any work that we could do. *"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* Romans 3:24-26. In order for us to get a clear picture of the results that we obtain through Christ Jesus, let me list some of the outstanding results accomplished by our Great High Priest.

1. The sin barrier has been removed forever. (Hebrews 9:26.)
2. Our sins past, present and future have been forgiven. (1 John 1:7.)
3. New birth by God the Holy Spirit has been provided. (John 3:6.)
4. We who have believed have become new Creatures in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17.)
5. We have become members of the Body of Christ. (Ephesians 5:30.)
6. We have been given a new name written down in the Lamb's Book of life. (Revelation 2:17.)
7. The dead in Christ are enjoying a place in the Heavenly Paradise. (Luke 23:39-43; Psalm 68:18.)
8. A place is being prepared for all believers in the Mansions of God the Father. (John 14:1-6.)
9. A glorified body is promised to the saints, when the Rapture takes place. (1 John 3:1-3.)

10. The members of the body of Christ shall become the bride of Christ. (Revelation 19:7-10; Revelation 21:9.)
11. The saints of God shall be a kingdom of priests and rule and reign with Christ during the millennium. (Revelation 1:6; 5:10.)
12. We shall share with the glory of the Godhead forever. (Romans 8:17.)

God the Father is perfectly satisfied with His Son's atonement for total sin and in the fullness of time, the final wrath of God will pour down upon total sin. This wrath of God will be continued forever and ever upon the sum total of all evil, in the Lake of Fire. There will be no escape what so ever and everlasting righteousness will rule and reign forever and ever. All the saints of God will enter into God's "Utopia" where sin will never occur again. God's perfect righteousness shall permeate the New heavens and the new earth which shall be created. This will cause all of the redeemed to rejoice for ever more

## V. CONCLUSION

According to the signs of the time, the Rapture of the saints of all ages will be the next great event. We have been told by the Bible, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affections, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."* 2 Timothy 3:1-5. This is a picture of this world of ours at this very moment. Governments are not run on the principles laid down by God, but they are now run on the basis of what advantages will our decisions be for us? It is what we call a pragmatic outlook.

The revival of the old Roman Empire is about to take place, as we see the common market of Europe gaining power. Perhaps the dictator of the world has been born, as Europe becomes powerful once again. Israel is gathering back in her land after being scattered for decades. These are two very important factors in these present days. We do not know just when God the Father will have the trumpet blown, and Christ shall appear in the clouds. We are admonished to live every day as though it was our last opportunity to witness for the Lord. Then, at the same time, we should look upon the harvest fields which are ready to be reaped for the Lord.

God in His great love is planning a marvelous future for all of the saints. It will be a glorious day when all things become new. We place great value upon our present possessions, but they will be as rubbish, compared to the things to come. Sin will never enter into God's new heavens and new earth, where righteousness, justice, peace and

tranquillity will reign forever. Sin will be no more and everlasting righteousness shall reign forever and ever! We can only say, *"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."* Revelation 22:20.

The continual need that believers have, before God the Father is so important, in order to keep a continual fellowship with the Triune God. There is no way that we, in ourselves could ever come to God the Father in our own righteousness. We know that our personal righteousness is as filthy rags before God. This requires, someone to stand before God in our stead. No earthly priest could do this for us, as they were of the sin nature as we are, therefore they too are unworthy. It took very God himself to provide, and that provision was made through the Lord Jesus Christ. God is satisfied with His Son, who was willing to take on a form of man, to become the Redeemer for those who would believe. It is Christ alone who is capable of saving us from the Lake of Fire. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"* Romans 3:23-24.

The burden of sin has been removed by the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross, it is no longer the sin question, but rather the Son question. God has provided that we might be reclaimed back into the family of God. *"But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Romans 3:22-23. God offers a free gift of eternal life, through His Eternal Son, which is a manifestation of Divine love. The new birth comes to those who believe, by God the Holy Spirit, who brings newness of life for eternity. *"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."* Romans 8:2-4. May the Lord Jesus Christ show us these marvelous truths through the guidance of God the Holy Spirit.

## **QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER FOUR.**

1. What is the importance of leadership among the saints? Scripture.
2. What was the duty of the Old Testament high priests? Scripture please.
3. What was the purpose of the Old Testament animal sacrifices?
4. What is essential for the complete cleansing from sin?
5. Explain 1 John 1:6-9.
6. Name 7 things necessary in maintaining a continual fellowship with God. Give Scripture please.
7. What special position did the Old Testament high priest hold? Scripture.
8. Explain Hebrews 4:14-16.
9. Why was it necessary for Christ to come into this world as the Great High Priest?
10. Under what order was Christ both King and priest?
11. Explain 2 Peter 3:9.
12. How many times each year did the Old Testament high priest enter the Holy of Holies? What was his method?
13. When will Philippians 2:5-11 take place?
14. How are the living saints of God helped by Christ and the Holy Spirit?
15. What are the results that the saints enjoy through our Great High Priest?
16. Has the sin barrier between God and man been removed? When? Give Scripture.
17. How did Christ make possible the fellowship that was lost through Adam's sin?
18. Explain Ephesians 3:9-12.
19. Explain why our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ has a continual fellowship with God the Father.
20. Explain Hebrews 7:23-27.



21. Explain Romans 8:31-34.
22. Name 7 ways that the Christians can get out of fellowship with God. Give Scripture.
23. Is God completely satisfied with our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ? Explain your answer.
24. Why did God the Father have to turn His back upon His Son when He hung of the Cross?
25. Name some of the important things that has been accomplished at the Cross of Calvary.
26. How are we set free from the law of sin and of death?
27. Explain Romans 3:23-24.

## CHAPTER FIVE



### **THE ETERNALLY DIVINE POSITION OF THE HIGH PRIEST**

The Old Testament priesthood was but a shadow of the eternal priesthood which God was to provide. It was a type transferring from the temporarily known to the real, in the eternal realm of God. May we remember, *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17. The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation is for our learning and instruction, as God the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. The more that one studies the Bible, the more that one realizes that so little is understood of God's revelation. In this phase of our study, we wish to emphasize the importance of God's intervention and presentation of His eternal provision for those who will trust Him.

#### **I. THE NECESSITY OF AN IMPECCABLE LIFE OF THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.**

It would be impossible for the Godhead to do away with the sin problem if there was a possibility that the Redeemer could fall into sin. God could not leave such an enterprise in the hands of the most perfect creature. We have an example of Lucifer, who was full of all wisdom, and was perfect when created, and God appointed him the supreme cherub among all the angels. We know what happened to him from previous studies. As a creature he desired to be like his Creator and fell into sin, causing evil to spread throughout God's great universe. God made man in His own image and he too became susceptible to the wiles of the devil. So let us examine the Word as to this issue, of who would be capable of presenting the cause of man to God.

## A. CONTINUAL COMMUNICATION WITH GOD.

As we have often referred to the Old Testament priesthood, and its limitations due to being vulnerable to sin and a limited time of life. Mankind is in need of someone who could continually represent us before God the Father. These earthen vessels need a mediator who would continually be acceptable to God the Father. You may remember when Peter, James and John experienced the mountain top experience of the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ. *“And was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him. 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. 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.”* Matthew 17:2-5. God’s Eternal Son was supreme and above all creatures, because He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. He alone would be able to have a continual communication to the Father. He alone could fulfil all requirements necessary for a continual fellowship with our Heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus Christ has always been in the presence of God the Father and can plead our case as our Great High Priest.

## B. SUPREME SACRIFICE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

No creature in heaven or earth would be able to stand before God the Father and therefore we are dependent upon one of the members of the Godhead to become our mediator. The Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely perfect in all His ways and has the identical characteristics as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. A body like unto ours was created for Him before the foundations of the world and He became “The Incarnate Son of God”! All of the Old Testament sacrifices were but a shadow and type, but Christ was the Father’s supreme sacrifice “In whom He is well pleased”. Christ became the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the whole world, and by His death on the Cross was able to present His own blood to the Father. *“Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offerings for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* Hebrews 10:7-10.

All these animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were but a temporary covering for the sins of the Old Testament saints. They were not acceptable to God the Father on a permanent basis. It required the Divine Person of the Lord

Jesus Christ to remove the barrier of sin once and forever! Praise God for our Great High Priest, who ever liveth and is seated on the right hand of God the Father. We will never need another to plead our case before the Father.

## II. THE ETERNAL STABILITY OF THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.

The Old Testament priests were susceptible to sin just like the people in the congregation. They too had to make sacrifices for their own sins before they could represent the people. They were in no way perfect and this took a continual offering of these various sacrifices, both for themselves and for the people. Our Divine High Priest, being very God and 100% man, offered himself once and forever for total sin.

### A. THE ONLY SOURCE OF ETERNAL SECURITY WITH GOD.

The Lord Jesus Christ was the only source acceptable before God for eternal security in the presence of God. It was Christ alone who could say, *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."* John 10:27-30. This is the only security that we need, because Christ is our representative before God the Father. No other high priest could achieve what Christ has already accomplished for us. The Saints from Pentecost until the Rapture are very special to the Lord, for we are His future bride, being members of the true church which is His body. At present, He is our Great High Priest, who is well pleasing to God the Father. In order for us to be assured of our security for eternity, we have a guarantee sent to us from the Father, by the request of God the Eternal Son. This guarantee is the third person of the Trinity, even God the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us forever.

### B. PROVIDING THE INDWELLING OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The true church of Christ has been given a special baptism by God the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13. On that great day of Pentecost the followers of Jesus became new creatures. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* 2 Corinthians 5:17. This was something unusual, and is but part of this mystery age. The question may arise, How do we become new creatures? Jesus Christ explained this to Nicodemus, when he came to Him by night. *"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."* John 3:3. This was not understood by the disciples, until after Pentecost. That is one reason why you do not read about it in the first three Gospels which were written earlier than John's Gospel. Previously to the day of

Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit would come upon various individuals, but now He has come, not only to give a new birth, but also to indwell the saints forever. (John 14:16-17.) Now with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we have the capability to discern the true spirits from the false spirits. By the indwelling of the believers, He becomes our guarantee and security in Christ Jesus. This also gives us a special access to the Father, being partakers of the Divine nature, through God the Holy Spirit. Our Great High Priest, is our representative before God the Father and the Holy Spirit is our guarantee to an eternal glorified body like unto our Great High Priest. (1 John 3:1-3.)

### **III. THE ETERNAL SATISFACTION THROUGH THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.**

God the Father is well pleased with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and is perfectly satisfied with His offering, in removing the barrier of sin. The plan of God is being completed with no corrections necessary. *"For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead."* Colossians 2:9-12.

#### **A. AN ETERNAL GLORIFIED BODY BY THE GRACE OF GOD.**

The Lord Jesus Christ as our Great High Priest is the sum total of our glorification, as the sacrificer and the sacrifice. As the Lord spoke to the woman at the well, *"But whosoever drinketh of that water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* John 4:14. This living water within those that believe, comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which occurred at Pentecost. How do we prove this statement? Listen to what the Lord spoke on the great day of the feast. *"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (but this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.)* John 7:37-39.

We may also mention concerning the Triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and passing through the golden gate, which was sealed after He had gone through it as the King of kings and Lord of lords. (Ezekiel 44:2.) *"These things understood not His disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things unto Him."* John 12:16. May we further add, as these various events

led up to the crucifixion of our Great High Priest, as the disciples took of the passover, and Christ was betrayed. *"He (Judas Iscariot) then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God be glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in himself, and shall straightway glorify Him."* John 13:30-32. The Cross was not a defeat but rather a victory, as our Great High Priest went to the Cross to pay the debt of total sin. In this we have God the Father being glorified in the Son. Christ now could come before God the Father with all of our petitions. *"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."* John 14:13.

As our Great High Priest was glorified by the way of the Cross, so we are glorified in the Lord, by the grace of God. We are to *"Take up our cross and follow Him"* as His children and joint heirs. *"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint - heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."* Romans 8:17. God's provision for us is beyond any description. *"Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom he called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified."* Romans 8:30.

As we consider the glorification that the Father had in the Son and the glorification that the Father gave to His son, as He became our Great High Priest. Christ gave himself a ransom for our sins, making possible our glorification in Christ Jesus, by the grace of God. *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."* 1 John 3:2. This assures us of a glorified body like unto the glorified body of the Lord Jesus Christ. This change will take place when the Lord comes in the clouds to receive us unto himself. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.

There is another aspect of this glorification and that is, we as the saints of God have the privilege of glorifying our Great High Priest during our present life span. *"When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power; That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you. and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."* 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12. What a privilege that Almighty God gives to us, that we can rejoice in the Lord and glorify Him "In That Day"! May this remind us that in this very life, our bodies are the temple of God, with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

## **B. THE FINAL BLOW TO SIN.**

The Triune God had something more in mind than just giving us eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ. In those eternal plans of God, as God gave to the angels and mankind, the freedom of choice, He desired to dwell with them, who would choose to obey Him. However, our Almighty God had a unique plan as He allowed sin to express itself, so He made arrangements to judge total sin, and remove it forever from His new creation. The evil forces under the leadership of Satan have been trying their very best to defeat God's plans and destroy His creation. God in His omniscience knows every thought, word and deed of all creation, and nothing can be hidden from Him. All evil forces have been judged and defeated at the Cross, by our Great High Priest. It was Christ who gave the final blow to sin and the Lake of Fire will be its destiny. No evil thing shall escape God's mighty power. When Christ cried out, "*It is Finished*"! that was the final blow against all ungodliness. Yes, sin is running its course, but it has been thoroughly judged at the Cross. The victory is the Lord's and the separation will take place in God's own time. The final destiny of total wickedness and sin will be the Lake of Fire that will burn forever and sealed off from all of God's new creation, forever and ever. There will be no escape route or parole whatsoever. This will be the final blow to any opposition to God and it will never ever enter into God's new heaven and new earth. That is why we can joyfully say that:

- All transgressions will finish.
- Sin will come to an end.
- There will be reconciliation for iniquity.
- Everlasting righteousness will rule forever.
- Every prophecy in the Bible will be completed.
- Christ our Great High Priest will receive a special anointing and glorification.

### **1. THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE & THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET.**

The first ones who will be cast into the Lake of Fire will be the beast and the false prophet of the Great Tribulation. "*And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*" *Revelation 19:20.*

## **2. THE DEVIL AND ALL OF HIS DEMONS.**

After the final battle that will take place around Jerusalem, as the evil forces led by satan attempt to attack Christ and all of the saints, God pours out fire from heaven and destroys the human beings, and satan and all of his demons are gathered together. *"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."* Revelation 20: 10 The demons in chains of darkness, those from the bottomless pit, and from under the Euphrates, plus all the billions of demons will have their final judgement day and night forever in the lake of fire.

## **3. THE UNGODLY OF ALL GENERATIONS. & THE GREAT WHITE THRONE.**

These will be the final billions of unbelievers from all generations and will be raise from the dead, which is called the second resurrection. *"And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away: and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. .... And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* Revelation 20:11-15. Christ shall sit upon the great white throne and we are told that all of the ungodly shall have to confess that He is the Eternal Son of God, and bow before Him on bended knee. *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Philippians 2:9-11. This will be their final confession before they all are cast forever and ever into the Lake of Fire.

## **4. DEATH AND HELL.**

In God's new heaven and new earth there will be no more death or no more hell. God's new creation will be an everlasting "Utopia" with everything so wonderful that the beauty that we have enjoyed in this present world will not even be remembered. I cannot fathom what God has



in store for the holy angels and the saints of all generations. Praise God that death and hell will be gone forever! *"And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire." Revelation 20:14.*

#### **IV. CONCLUSION.**

As we bring to a close this chapter which has dealt with our Great High Priest, and the many aspects of His wonder working power, we thank God for the peace that we have been given, knowing it is well with our souls. We will be dealing more with outstanding characteristics of our Great High Priest in the following Chapter. May I remind you that the glory which the Triune God has had in the past cannot be added to or taken away. However, their eternal glory is being shared with the Holy angels and the saints of all ages. From Pentecost until the Rapture, we are among those who are specially blessed, being born again and have God the Holy Spirit dwelling within us forever and ever.

It is wonderful to know that we have an Advocate with the Father, who loves us with an everlasting love. One day, perhaps in the near future, He will be appearing in the clouds with all of His glory, to lead us through space into the very presence of the heavenlies. It will be a glorious day to be gathered together with all of those of like faith. Many of our loved ones, who have gone on before, are waiting in Paradise, to come with the Lord and receive their glorified bodies along with us. We have a sure hope in the Lord who is from everlasting to everlasting, and the Alpha and Omega! Fellow students, *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15.

There is work to be done, both within us as the servants of God, and the fulfilling of that great commission. We have been sent to tell the glorious Gospel message to the nations. *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith."* Romans 1:16-17. It is high time that we as Christians realize that we are to practice faith in our every day living. God has promised to supply all of our needs, according to the riches that are ours in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19.) We may want more than what we need, but may we be content with that which God has for us, as we live by faith. God has made every provision for us for time and eternity, and He desires that we make full use of our Great High Priest, so that the communication channel is never interrupted because of sin.

The ungodly of all ages will be dealt with by God in His own time, for it is written in God's Holy Word. *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from 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: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as*

*God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” Romans 1:18-25.*

As we conclude this chapter, we who have become Christians are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, our Great High Priest. (Ephesians 1:3-23. These blessings are already sealed by God the Holy Spirit, within these present lives of ours. God the Holy Spirit is our ever present help, who has given us this new birth and maintains us as we allow Him to keep on filling our lives with himself. (Ephesians 5:18.)

## QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER FIVE.

1. What was the purpose of the Old Testament priesthood? Scripture please.
2. Name the benefits that we can learn from the whole Bible.
3. Why didn't the Old Testament priests qualify for a continual priesthood?
4. Why is it necessary for us to continually be in touch with God?
5. Explain Matthew 17:2-5;
6. Hebrews 10:7-10.
7. Name as many advantages as possible that the Divine Great High Priest has over all others.
8. Explain John 10:27-30.
9. Explain Colossians 2:9-12.
10. How does one obtain the continual indwelling of the Holy Spirit?
11. Why is the grace of God necessary for an eternal glorified body?
12. Explain John 4:4.
13. Explain John 7:30-32.
14. In what way was Christ glorified when the betrayal took place?  
(John 13:30-32.)
15. Can we ask God the Father all things through Christ?  
(John 14:13; & John 15:7-8)
16. Explain what it means to be joint heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:17.
17. Does 1 John 3:2 refer to the glorified body that we are to receive?  
Explain with Scripture.
18. Explain 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Can we as Christian use our bodies any way that we like? explain.

20. **When was or when will be the final blow that God will give to sin? Explain with Scripture references.**
21. **Give the sequence of those who will be cast into the Lake of Fire, with the Scripture references.**
22. **Why does death and hell have to be cast into the Lake of Fire?**
23. **Why was the veil of the temple in Jerusalem torn from top to bottom?**
24. **How often does our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, present His blood in the temple of heaven? Explain your answer.**
25. **How we maintain our communication with God the Father?**
26. **Give your conclusion to chapter five of this textbook.**

## CHAPTER SIX



### **THE PERSONIFICATION OF THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST**

Personalities among human beings do vary, sometimes due to their particular environment, sometimes through their knowledge and sometimes due to their heritage. However, many of the less desirable characteristics in one's life do change, when we become new creatures in Christ Jesus. However, Christ being the Eternal Son of God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes, so we will be able to evaluate, through the Bible, the personality of our Divine high priest. There are many things which we as finite creatures do not know about the Triune God, but we are told, "*For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as I am known.*" *1 Corinthians 13:12*. May we remember that our Great High Priest is 100% God and 100% man, and that His characteristics are the same as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Christ is God the Father's expression of the Godhead to His creatures. Since the Bible is the source of God's revelation, we therefore must search the Scriptures, for a better understanding of Almighty God.

#### **I. THE GRACE OF GOD MANIFESTED IN THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.**

The Lord Jesus Christ through His incarnation has become our Great High Priest. His priesthood is not according to the Levitical lineage, but according to the order of Melchizedek. When Christ went to the Cross, He went as the Lamb of God in order to take away the sins of the whole world. He bore it all alone as the sin bearer, so that it became possible for the Triune God to manifest Divine grace toward those who would believe, "By Faith". God the Father and God the Holy Spirit were in complete control

over total sin and by their mighty power were able to bring the Lord Jesus Christ from among the dead, because of the shed blood of the everlasting covenant. (Hebrews 13:20.) Our Great High Priest endured the shame of the Cross in order that the grace of God might burst forth to the glory of God. It was God's way of reclaiming His creatures who were dead in trespasses and sins. Being already dead and totally depraved, we had to depend upon God's grace and mercy to make us alive forever more. That is why the Lord himself could say, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and my burden light."* Matthew 11:28-30. Our Great High Priest had suffered Spiritually as well as physically, but because of who He is, He alone is able to continually intercede for us. The Christ of the Cross is also the Christ of the Crown! *"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."* 1 Corinthians 15:54-58.

#### **A. THE BARRIER OF SIN REMOVED.**

The barrier of sin has been removed and we now have free access into the very presence of God, through our Great High Priest! It cost God the Father a great price to reclaim His creation, and proclaim us as His new creation! It is glorious that we now can come boldly to the Throne of grace, in the name of our Great High Priest. I marvel at this continual access that we have into the Holy of Hollies, all because the Lamb of God was able to remove the barrier of sin. The only problem that we face as we come before Almighty God is our own fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."* Psalm 66:18. We cannot blame this upon God in any way, for often it is that besetting sin that prevents God hearing our petitions. *"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, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."* Hebrews 12:1-3. Christ endured the shame of the Cross that you and I might be delivered from the shame of our sin. God has removed the cause of our separation, now let us glorify God through our restoration! You cannot pretend to be something that you aren't before God, who knows every thought and intent of the heart.

May we remember from what we have been delivered and to what we have been brought, even the eternity to which is ours through Christ. *"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."* Hebrews 12:28-29.

## **B. MERCY AND PEACE PROVIDED THROUGH THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.**

God has been merciful, fulfilling His laws in our stead, otherwise we would never be able to receive His mercy. Praise God for our Great High Priest who provided peace that passes all understanding. God the Father sent His Eternal Son to fulfil the law for us by suffering and dying upon the Cross. *"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Nor yet that He should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."* Hebrews 9:22-28.

This Scripture is a striking contrast between the earthly high priest and our Divine High Priest. There can be no question about it, that Christ our Great High Priest has entered into the heavenly temple and presented His blood for the remission of sins, in order that He might plead mercy for us who believe. By so doing this but once it was sufficient as all inclusive forever! His sacrifice did not cover our sins, but praise God it removed our sins, to God's praise, as far as the East is from the West. This is what has made Christianity a relationship rather than a religious gimmick, like the religions of the world. That is why we must come to Almighty God through His provision rather than our imagination. "To God be the Glory, great things He has done"! That is why we glory in the Cross upon which total sin was fully paid.

## **II. THE GLORY OF GOD PORTRAYED THROUGH THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.**

God never lets anything to chance, but being immutable, He has revealed to us through the Bible His eternal plans and completely provided every detail of it by His own hands! May I constantly remind you that the glory of the Triune God cannot be

added to or taken away. However, through the Divine High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, that eternal glory is being shared with the Holy angels and the saints of all ages. Through our Great High Priest we now have liberty and freedom from the bondage of sin and brought into the glory of God. *"Now the Lord is Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."* 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. What a revelation from God through His precious Word! Let us examine what God has revealed through our Great High Priest.

## **A. THE GLORY OF GOD REVEALED.**

It is impossible to imagine what it will be like to share with the Lord's glory in our glorified bodies. We do know that we shall be like the Lord and let us just itemize some of the glory that will be ours, through our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Made new creatures in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17.)
2. Born again by God the Holy Spirit. (John 3:6-7.)
3. Indwelt by God the Holy Spirit forever. (John 14:16-17.)
4. Given a new name reserved in heaven. (Revelation 2:17.)
5. Join heirs with Christ our Great High Priest. (Romans 8:17.)
6. A glorified body like unto the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 John 3:1-3.)
7. Members of the body of Christ our Great High Priest. (1 Corinthians 12:27.)
8. Our bodies are the temple of God the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 3:16.)
9. Baptized by God the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13.)
10. The future bride of the Lamb of God. (Revelation 19:7-10.)
11. A kingdom of priests forever. (Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:10.)



## **B. THE GLORY OF GOD PROVIDED.**

As we have just reviewed some of the glories revealed and promised to us, they are ours not because we have earned them, but because our Great High Priest has provided them. All of our provisions for time and eternity have become available by the Lord Jesus Christ. *"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* *Philippians 4:19.* These provisions are all in Christ Jesus, who has made them available through His death upon the Cross. *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."* *1 Corinthians 2:9-10.* God's provision of these marvelous eternal glories, is based upon our love and trust in His Eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The way that we know what God has provided, is our constant study of the Bible, being led and guided by God the Holy Spirit. That is why we assemble together to fellowship with each and grow in the knowledge and admonition of our Lord. We, with one accord need to await these marvelous things that God has provided. *"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."* *Romans 8:18-19.*

These things that are written in the Bible are hidden from the unbeliever, but are only revealed, to the believer, through the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. *"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* *1 Corinthians 2:5.* *"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, the things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh shall glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."*

*1 Corinthians 1:25-31.* May we close this portion, *"Christ in you the hope of glory."* *Colossians 1:27b.*

## **III. THE TRIUMPH OF GOD MAINTAINED BY THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST.**

There was but one way that God could triumph eternally, and that was through His Eternal Son, becoming the Great High Priest. This alone secures an eternal triumph,

with total sin once and forever removed from God's creation. It is God's plan as written in the Bible, to make all things new because of the contamination of His first creation by sin. It is true that God allowed His creatures freedom of choice, but warned them of the consequences if one departed from God's provision. As we study God's Word we realize in the "Over All Plan of God" that in God's omniscience, sin will eventually be eliminated from the total of God's "New Creation". God is dealing with every possible sin and evil practice and will accomplish complete and total judgement upon all. This required that the Triune God would make a Divine sacrifice, as we have already study, removing the barrier of sin completely from His vast domain. May we review how God gained victory over total sin, so that in the fullness of time, the total eradication of sin will take place.

## **A. VICTORY OVER TOTAL SIN.**

God the Holy Spirit has recorded sufficient examples of sacrifices in the Old Testament, to show the awfulness of sin and the price that was necessary to remove it forever. We will deal with a few of these as types and shadows, which existed before the Great High Priest would be sent. As we study the entrance of sin into this world, may we be mindful that the first sin occurred in heaven by Lucifer and 1/3rd of the angelic hosts, fell with him. We have dealt with this in our previous writings, and it is not necessary to repeat it as we study, "Christ Our Great High Priest". Christ is our victory over total sin, and as we accept Him as our personal Savior, God the Holy Spirit gives us a new birth, and then indwells us forever and ever. This enables us to personally have victory over personal sin in our lives as Christians. The Lord Jesus Christ has been triumphant over total sin and provided us with the Holy Spirit to defeat the devil as he tries to harass us personally. Now let us examine a few Biblical sacrifices, as examples in the Old Testament. Through these examples, the Lord was preparing those of the Old Testament to make full use of the covering of their sins, until our Great High Priest would become the supreme sacrifice and the sacrificer, to take away total sin. They looked forward to the Lamb of God, who would take away their sins, and we look back to the finished work on the Cross, when our sins were removed forever. Let us check some of these examples and types in the Old Testament.

### **1. ADAM AND EVE.**

Before God drove Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden, by His grace, He offered sacrifices and clothed them with garments of skins. *"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."* Genesis 3:21. This became the first type of "The righteousness of God". We have many examples of garments in the Scriptures, which refer to the righteousness provided by the Lord to His saints. *"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we*

*might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor 5:21. The supreme sacrifice had to be made to make possible the clothing of the believers with the righteousness of our Great High Priest.*

## **2. NOAH AND HIS ALTAR**

It is of great importance that we understand the Old Testament covering for their sins, until the coming of our Great High Priest. Noah and seven souls were delivered from the floods and thanksgiving by burnt offerings were made. *“And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt - offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord in His heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake; for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” Genesis 8:20-22.* This happened on Mount Ararat, which my son Roger had the privilege of climbing as Dr. Morse’s group looked for the Ark. They did find likely places where Noah sacrificed burnt offerings unto the Lord.

## **3. ABRAHAM AND ISAAC**

Abraham was put to an extreme test when God spoke to him and commanded him, *“Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovedst, and get thee into the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. ....And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; And Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest*

*God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked; and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.”*  
*Gen 22:1-13.*

This is an outstanding type of God the Father offering up His only Son, who became obedient unto death. (Philippians 2:5-8.) Isaac a type of Christ and Abraham a type of God the Father. He spared not His only begotten Son but willingly delivered Him up as a sacrifice for total sin. (John 3:16-17; Romans 8:32. The Lord Jesus Christ as both our Great High Priest and the burnt offering, bearing our sins. (Hebrews 10:5-10.) As Isaac carried the fire wood upon which he would be laid, so Christ bore the Cross upon which He was nailed. God the Father so loved us that He gave His Son a ransom for our sins. As the ram was caught in the thicket, so Christ was crowned with a crown of thorns, for you and for me. God the Father spared not His Eternal Son, that He might become both the sacrifice and as our great High Priest the sacrificer as well. This is but another manifestation of God's love, toward you and me, as we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **4. MOSES AND THE SERPENT OF BRASS.**

*“And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?....And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people: and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.”* Numbers 21:5-9.

This is another outstanding type, with direct implication to the Cross of our Great High Priest. May we constantly be aware that all of mankind is totally depraved, apart from the new birth in Christ Jesus. They inherit imputed sin and they practice the same within! Here with the children of Israel, rebelling against Moses and God, as they journeyed through the wilderness, presents an outstanding lesson, referring to the Cross of Calvary. Christ himself referring to it. *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”* John

**3:14-15.** Our Great High Priest had to shed His blood in order to present it before the throne of Grace for you and for me. The sin barrier had to be removed before God the Father could accept us in His Beloved Son. Total sin had to be paid for before God could include us with the perfect righteousness of His dear Son.

## **B. THE ENTRANCE OF ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Because the Triune God had permitted a freedom of choice among both the angels and mankind, God knew that opposition to His character would occur. But, nevertheless, God is allowing total sin to run its wicked course, which was totally judged at the Cross, by our Great High Priest. This was the only way that the Godhead could guarantee the eradication of sin and the entrance of eternal righteousness. The Bible tells us that total sin will be removed forever from God's new creation. We will be free from even an evil thought forever and ever! As I emphatically say in all of my Bible teaching that the key verse to the whole Bible is Daniel 9:24. God will "*make an end of sins*" and will "*bring in everlasting righteousness*". God said it and we better believe it! When will this happen? That is an important question. God has a set time to bring in everlasting righteousness and has recorded it in several places throughout the Bible.

### **1. THE KINGDOM AGE**

This present creation has been contaminated and must be completely removed before a perfect creation can appear. The last trial run of God's righteousness will appear, during the kingdom age. Our Great High Priest and King of kings and Lord of lords shall reign with a rod of iron from Jerusalem in righteousness. But please note, that during that "kingdom Age", mankind will still have their sin nature, and will have to be forced to accept an outward righteous mode of life. God will set up that "Kingdom Age" with all of nature restored and there will be no poverty, no wars and all of the governments of the nations shall be practicing righteousness. There will be no excuse for individuals to suffer wrongfully, as all courts will be under the supervision of the saints of God of all generations. "*And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*" *Revelation 5:10.* Even though all races of people throughout the earth will be forced to adhere to God's righteous rule, nevertheless they will still have freedom of thought. There will be total righteous judgements in all of the earthly courts, and there may be corrective prisons, where they will be further instructed in God's righteousness. However we know from the Bible that when Satan is released from the bottomless pit, where he will remain for the duration of the thousand year kingdom age, he shall,

deceive the earthly people at the close of the kingdom age. *“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” Revelation 20:7-8.* One can hardly believe such would happen after such a glorious kingdom for a thousand years. Nevertheless, the Bible tells us that it will happen and we need to realize this, as students of the Bible. The world will not get better as some of these false teachers try to convince all the nations. God will prove through nature being restored and under the best governments, and without war, that man being totally depraved will reject God’s righteousness. May we now turn to the Scriptures that reveals just when eternal righteousness will be established forever. As we do look into the Bible for the answer, we must not confuse the Millennium with the Eternal Kingdom of Righteousness. The latter will occur within the New Heavens and the New Earth. (Revelation 21-22.)

## 2. THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

God has told us in Daniel 9:24 that sin would eventually come to an end and everlasting righteousness would occur. *“His work is honorable and glorious: and His righteousness endureth for ever.” Psalm 111:3.* Yes, praise God for the righteousness of God which will be established and endure for ever! *“Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.” Psalm 119:142.* Before everlasting righteousness can come to God’s great domain, the old heaven and old world order must come to an end. *“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” 2 Peter 3:12-13.* This Scripture gives us the clue as to the new creation of the future. *“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.....And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:1-4.* It is therefore inferred that the old order of evil will not exist any more. We know that God is going to bring in everlasting righteousness, and all this has been made possible because of our Great High Priest. We who have put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ will have access to the new Paradise which will be part of the new creation which God will create. We have a hope which is secure and steadfast, because God has planned it, and God himself has provided it. The curse of sin will be forever destroyed. *“And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of*

*God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him; And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:3-5.*

As we draw to a close this special study of our Great High Priest, may we rest assured that, *"And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up himself, For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore."* Hebrews 7:23-28.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

As we conclude this chapter, may I remind you that we serve a living God, who can be reached on a personal basis. God has taken upon himself a form of man and has gone through all the trials and dealt with the removal of sin, paying the full price, and yet without sin, being impeccable. To bring everlasting life to mankind, it took our everlasting God to provide eternal life. Also, in order to maintain security, it took the eternal security of the Godhead to furnish such a guarantee. We as human beings were dead in trespasses and sins, and it required God himself, who ever liveth, and is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, to make us alive and free from the bondage of sin.

It was God's grace, manifested in Christ our Great High Priest, to deliver us from eternal death. Because of His great love, He adopted us into the Royal Family of God. This would have been sufficient, but through His marvelous grace, we have been made "Joint Heirs" with the Lord Jesus Christ. God so desires to dwell with His creatures that a great marriage feast is planned in the heavenlies. *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints."* Revelation 19:7-8. What could we ask for more than this? We have become Christians by faith and have accepted the Bible as God's Word, and God will fulfill every promise that He has made.

We have become secure by being sealed by God the Holy Spirit, from whom we have received a new birth. We are protected from the evil forces because God the Holy Spirit dwells within us. As we keep in sweet fellowship with the Triune God, we have

the assurance that full protecting power will keep us from the evil forces. One day we shall be removed from the world, the flesh and the devil and enter into the eternal righteousness of God. There are battles to be won and witnessing to be done! Let us press on toward that great prize, being faithful to Him that has called us out of darkness and his marvelous light. I do not know how long it will be before that trumpet sounds, but I do know that we are very close to that great "Air Lift", when Christ himself shall come in the clouds. This ungodly world shall face the greatest tribulation, ever to occur. Praise God, we will be taken out from the wrath to come! (1 Thessalonians 1:10.)



## QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER SIX

1. What happens in our lives when we become new creatures in Christ Jesus?
2. Explain 1 Corinthians 13:12.
3. In order for the Godhead to show Grace toward us, what barrier must be removed?
4. When will total death be destroyed?
5. Explain 1 Corinthians 15:14-58.
6. What is the difference in Old Testament sacrifices and the New Testament sacrifice for sin?
7. Explain Psalm 66:18.
8. What are those besetting sins that can occur in the Christian life? (Hebrews 12:1-3.)
9. Since God gives us His grace, how can we as Christians show our grace?
10. How can we claim "Mercy" and "Peace"? (Hebrews 9:22-28.)
11. How can we show the glory of God in and through our Christian lives?
12. What kind of liberty is mentioned in 2 Corinthians 3:17-18?
13. List 11 ways in which God has given and will give us His glory, as Christians.
14. Why must we depend upon Our Great High Priest?
15. Explain Philippians 4:19.
16. Why do Christians suffer? (Romans 8:18-19.)
17. Upon what do we base our faith?
18. How does God claim to maintain His triumph over total sin?
19. How do Christians get victory over sin?

20. Name and explain some types of Old Testament sacrifices.
21. Write an essay on "Abraham and Isaac on Mt Moriah".  
(Genesis 22:1-14.)
22. What lessons can we learn from Numbers 21:5-9? (Moses and the brass serpent)
23. Explain John 3:14.
24. Why will many of those born during the Millennium be ready to follow Satan when he is released from the bottomless pit? (Revelation 20:7-8.)
25. During the kingdom age of one thousand years, who will Christ appoint to do the teaching of righteousness?
26. Why is it necessary for both the present heaven and earth to pass away?
27. When will all curses be removed from God's domain?
28. Explain Hebrews 7:23-28.
29. When will eternal righteousness be established?
30. How does our Divine Great High Priest differ from all other high priests?

## CHAPTER SEVEN



### **THE EVERLASTING EFFECT OF THE DIVINE HIGH PRIEST**

The Godhead being from everlasting to everlasting, their one plan is to so create things to come, in order to share with their created beings, who have put their trust in Christ, the most glorious eternity. This is the Divine viewpoint, which we obtain from the Word of God. In order for the Godhead to obtain such creation, there had to be a Divine spark to accomplish such a situation. There also had to be a unity in the Godhead concerning this, which was so planned. Our attention must be draw to God's rules and regulations, based upon the attributes of the Godhead. In God's perfection and holy character, all hindrances must be removed. As we conclude this teaching on the necessity of a Great High Priest, may it give us confidence in the promises of God.

#### **I. THE UNIFICATION OF THE CREATION OF GOD.**

Since there are three Persons in the Godhead, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, it is essential that there is absolute agreement, concerning all issues. Since the three Persons in the Godhead are "One", there should be no conflict whatsoever! *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."* Deuteronomy 6:4-5. In this passage you both have the plural for God as well as the singular, which confirms the three in one personalities. God intends in the fullness of time to unify everything under His control. *"There is one body, and one Spirit, even ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."* Ephesians 4:4-6.

Since sin has entered God's creation, this unity of the Godhead has been disrupted, and God alone is able to not only restore this unity of the past but bring a

unity, which will last! We have been studying concerning the necessary steps for an absolute perfection, which can only be obtained by the very God. Nothing opposed to God can be covered over, but must be entirely dealt with from divinity alone. That is why we have this special study on our Great High Priest, who has been appointed by God the Father and God the Holy Spirit to remove forever, every obstacle that would hinder.

### **A. EVIL REMOVED FOREVER.**

In our study of the Bible, we learn that sin had become a barrier between God and His creation. That has been thoroughly dealt with, knowing that - *"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* Romans 3:21-26. In order for God's creatures to be restored and cleansed, there had to be life given, conquering sin and death. The life of a human would not be sufficient, but the life of the Incarnate Son of God would bring victory over sin and death. The question may be asked, "How can the God/Man remove all evil by dying?" As has been pointed out, the Old Testament sacrifices of animals, could only cover the sins until God by the resurrection power could remove total evil forever.

To remove total evil, we then could conclude, total righteousness, of which God has so ordained. This meant that God would have to accomplish this without the help of a mere earthen vessel. Consequently, before the foundation of the world, God prepared a body for the Eternal Son of God. *"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."* Galatians 4:4-5. This redemption had to be with blood, for, *"without the shedding of blood is no remission."* Hebrews 9:22b. We also know that the blood of animals did not remove the punishment for sin, but merely covered sin until "The Great High Priest" would come from heaven above and take away the penalty of sin forever! This was accomplished upon the cruel Cross of Calvary, when the Divine High Priest gave His life a ransom for many. We were not only purchased "out from" the slave market of sin, but "into" the kingdom of righteousness. May we remember that God has declared that sin will be done away with forever, and there will be an eternal kingdom of righteousness come into existence. There is no doubt as to the everlasting righteousness of God being establish, according to the Bible. (Daniel 9:24.) It will be a matter of time, as

God allows sin to run it's wicked course. God's judgement fell upon total sin at the Cross of Calvary.

## **B. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD ESTABLISHED FOREVER. & THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM PRIOR TO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM**

Their remaineth more than one thousand years before God's righteousness will be established forever. For one thousand years, during the Millennium, God will demonstrate His righteousness, as our Great High Priest and King will rule with a "Rod of iron". (Revelation 19:15.) That will be the final test that this old world will have, as to their capability of choosing who they would serve. The kingdom age will be heralded by Elijah, according to the Scriptures, during the last part of the Great Tribulation. (Malachi 4:5-6; Revelation 11:3-6.) Both Moses and Elijah will witness during this time for 42 months or for 3 1/2 years, which will be called "The Abomination of Desolation". There will be a great revival during The Great Tribulation according to Revelation 7:9-14. However, they will be slain for their testimony, and will be listed as "Tribulation Saints", Those who will begin the Millennium kingdom will be those from The Great Tribulation, which will flee to the hills to the city of refuge. (Matthew 24:15-21; Matthew 25:31-34.)

### **1. THE SHEEP OF THE KINGDOM SEPARATED FROM THE GOATS.**

It is very important that we "Rightly Divide the Word of truth" as reminded from 2 Timothy 2:15. *"When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: .....Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"* Matthew 25:31-41. Do not mistake this for the everlasting Kingdom of righteousness, of the New Heavens and the New Earth. This refers to the Millennial kingdom, which will be for one thousand years. This kingdom will end and Satan shall be loosed and deceive many who will be born during the kingdom age to follow him. *"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of*

*whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from heaven, and devoured them.” Revelation 20:7-9.* This will be the final battle that Satan will have before he and all the demons are cast into the Lake of Fire forever and ever!

This all takes place before the eternal kingdom of God. The reason I describe these events is to show the difference between the Kingdom age of one thousand years and the eternal Kingdom of God which will be established forever and ever. This can only be established when the New Heavens and the New Earth are created by God. It is God’s way of removing sin forever from His coming eternal kingdom, where sin will never ever appear again.

## **2. GOD’S ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS ESTABLISHED FOREVER**

God’s ultimate purpose is to do away with all opposition forever, and this will be accomplished when the New Heavens and the New Earth are created. By then, sin will have run its course and righteousness will be the predominant force! God is using the very earth which Satan has stolen from God to bring in His everlasting righteousness, when sin will be no more. (Daniel 9:24.) *“And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new.” Revelation 21:5a.* From that appointed time onward and forever, sin will never appear again, but will be sealed off forever in the Lake of Fire, with the fallen angels and the ungodly of all generations. The Lord Jesus Christ our Great High Priest will be established forever and ever before God the Father. *“For it pleased the Father that In Him should all fullness dwell;” Colossians 1:19.* The heavenly saints will shout out for joy with the angels when sin shall be no more and the living God will rule and reign forever. *“And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats fell upon their faces, and worshipped God. Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.” Revelation 11:16-17.* *“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which was in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four*

*beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth for ever and ever." Revelation 5:11-14.*

God the Father has wonderfully provided us with His Eternal Son, who became our Great High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek, We will never have to look for another Mediator, as Christ ever liveth. *"But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. and made higher than the heavens;"* The blood of the Lord Jesus is sufficient and complete, having been presented to the Father once and for ever! This gives the saints of all generations a security beyond everything! Since we have our Eternal Great High Priest interceding for us, we can know that it is well with our souls for ever and ever.

Since the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Great High Priest is our perfect righteousness, we need not look for anything greater. God's righteousness is established for ever and ever in and through His Eternal Son, in whom He is well pleased. We cannot ask for anything more than this, and will forever stand before God the Father as blameless and perfective in the righteousness of our wonderful Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we need to study concerning our justification. Is it based upon our works, or word of faith?

## **II. THE JUSTIFICATION THROUGH SALVATION FROM GOD.**

We have divided this into two categories for our understanding. We are reminded over and over again that the just shall live by faith, and salvation from God is by the grace of God. In order for God to accept our faith and do this by His grace, God's righteous laws had to be maintained. God demands perfection and requires the absolute and our forgiveness must be based upon something that He gives us. That is what it is all about! God had to provide a Divine Redeemer who could pay the debt that we owe, due to our sin. As I have mentioned before, God could not depend upon any angel or human being to pay the debt, and that is why the Eternal Son of God became the Incarnate One. The debt of sin had to be paid by one who could not sin. Christ as the Incarnate is the only one who could fulfill that requirement. He was tested in all points like we are, yet without sin. Our Great High Priest went to the Cross as both the Sacrificer and the sacrifice. He alone removed the barrier of sin, giving us access unto the throne of grace by faith. It cost God the Father that supreme sacrifice of His Eternal Son, but having endured the Cross, He conquered sin.

## **A. THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**

It is imperative that we as Children of God continually practice obedience to our Father God. We must take God at His word and trust as well as obey. If one feels self righteous, he may think that he is good, but his goodness will not stand before Almighty God. *"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by faith."* Habakkuk 2:4. God's Word must be accepted above every feeling and personal thought. There are many things about God that we do not fully understand, but we accept them, knowing that God does all things well! *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."* Romans 1:16-17.

Faith in the Living God who is absolute and truth, is not a blind faith but a faith as the Bible says, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1. Our faith is based upon facts and not fiction. God's Word provides us with the substance upon which our faith is based. Time has verified our faith with substance and fulfillment of the promises of God. May I just mention a few reasons for our faith in the Almighty God.

1. God is truth and cannot lie. (John 1:14; 4:23-24; 14:6; 17:17; Romans 2:2.)
2. Fulfilled prophecy is evidence and substance. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 3:11; 1 Timothy 1:18; Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14.)
3. According to the plan of God with no alterations. (Galatians 4:4-5.)
4. The guarantee of the Holy Spirit, who gave us a new birth and dwells within us. (John 14:16-17.)
5. The power of the Gospel is evidence for encouraging us through faith. (Romans 1:16.)
6. The things which we see are only temporal. (2 Corinthians 4:18.)
7. Our prayers of faith which have been fulfilled. (Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 4:5; James 5:15; Ephesians 6:18.)

## **B. SALVATION GIVEN BY THE GRACE OF GOD.**

There was no reason whatsoever, that God needed to manifest His grace toward us, other than that He loved us with an everlasting love. Being dead in



trespasses and sins, there was nothing that we could do toward the salvation of our souls. God in His omniscience looked down the corridors of time and prepared so great salvation, which was an act of grace. Mercy and grace could not have been given unless the barrier of sin was removed, and that is what our Great High Priest do when He volunteered to go to the Cross of Calvary for us. It would have been impossible for any created being to have paid the debt of total sin. It took the very God himself to provide atonement, because of His impeccability.

### **C. TOTAL SIN TO BE REMOVED FOREVER.**

May I constantly remind you as a student of God's Word that God's plans included more than just our salvation. God allowed sin to express itself so that it could be judged and removed from the very presence of himself! The Lamb of God took away the sins of the whole world. Thus He removed the cause of separation so that He could provide regeneration! Although "Total Sin" was judged at the Cross, God is allowing sin to run its course and be finally cast into the Lake of Fire. God's grace has been fully provided and "Whosoever Will May Come"! We have many examples of God's grace throughout the Old Testament, which should give us great confidence in and through our Great High Priest. As I repeat many times over, God is eradicating sin forever from the New Creation which He has for the future. (Daniel 9:24.) Total sin will be removed forever to the praise and glory of God our Great Deliverer!

## **III. THE GLORIFICATION FOR THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD.**

God the Father desires to exalt His Eternal Son above everything, because He was obedient even unto death, to remove this sin barrier forever. It was no light thing, when the Eternal Son of God stepped into something He created and suffered, bled and died that through His incarnation we might become a new creation. As we look forward to those glorious days with the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His glory, may we exalt Him now in and through our lives. "*O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou has done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.*" Isaiah 25:1.

### **A. CHRIST THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.**

God the Father has declared His Eternal Son to be exalted over everything. Christ is to have the preeminence over all! "*For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell.*" Colossians 1:19. All of our blessings as saints of God are because of Christ who gave His all as a ransom for us. In the very near future that trumpet will sound and Christ will come forth in the clouds to meet us in the air. There will be a great resurrection throughout this whole world, the graves of the saints of all ages will open for that marvelous "Air Lift". We who remain

shall be changed. We all shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.) *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the same, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2.* Our Great High Priest is seated at the right hand of the throne of God, waiting for that exact time when the trumpet will sound. We are told from the Bible that the Lord will be glorified in the saints. (2 Thessalonians 1:10.) It is our privilege as saints of God to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in this present life. *“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever, Amen.” 1 Peter 4:11.*

When God wants us to exercise faith, He wants it to be without limitations, because His Eternal Son is the author and finisher of this true faith. We are, “By Faith” to trust the Lord for all things, regardless of the circumstances. This “True Faith” is based upon, being in fellowship with God and trusting Him according to His will. This limitless faith must be exercised according to the Divine viewpoint. When doing the work of the Lord, according to His will, we then can apply John 15:7. Study carefully my Biblical textbook on that very important subject of “Faith”. If your personal faith is not working as it should, then it is not the Divine faith from the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the author and finisher of the true faith.

## **B. THE GLORY OF THE SON OF GOD SHALL ETERNALLY BE PREEMINENT.**

The ultimate climatic end of this present struggle is the glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ. It will be a heavenly scene, as all the saints of all times are gathered together in the presence of the Eternal Son of God. We know that there will be many events to follow the Rapture, as God finishes this present course of the old world order. Perhaps it would be good to review some of these Biblical events that have taken place as well as those that will come to pass in the latter days.

## **C. IMPORTANT BIBLICAL EVENTS FULFILLED.**

1. The Creation of Heaven and Earth. (Genesis 1:1)
2. Disobedience to God’s command in both Heaven and the Earth. (Isaiah 14:12-14; Genesis 3:1-13.)
3. The Messianic Promise. (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4-5.)

4. The World Wide flood. (Genesis 6:1-7:24)
5. The multiplicity of languages at Tower of Babel. (Genesis 11:1-9.)
6. The Abrahamic Unconditional Covenant. (Genesis 15:1-18;17:1-13; Hebrews 6:16-17.)
7. The Unconditional Covenant with King David. (1 Chronicles 17:11-13; 2 Samuel 7:16,24; 1 Kings 8:23; 1 Kings 9:5.)
8. Israel's Title Deed to the Middle East. (Genesis 13:14; 15:18.)
9. Israel becomes God's People. (Deuteronomy 27:9; Matthew 24:32-33; Exodus 23:31; Joshua 1:4; Deuteronomy 11:24; 32:8.)
10. Israel's slavery because of sin. (Exodus 1:7-22; Judges 3:4-8; 4:3;6:1;10:8; 13:1; Jeremiah 25.)
11. One day lost in outer space as discovered by Astronomers. God did it. (Joshua 10:13; 2 Kings 20:10-11.)
12. The Four Great Empires prophesied and Occupied. Babylon, Medo Persians, Greece and Roman Empire. (Daniel 2:36-40.)
- 13.. The Messianic Hope fulfilled. (Galatians 4:4-5; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1-2,14.)
14. The Mystery Age exposed and fulfilled. (Matthew 16:13-19; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21; John 6:68-69; Acts 2:1-11); & The Epistles declaring the church as the body of Christ.
15. The Messiah Rejected as predicted. (Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-11; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-16; John 1:6-8,19-28.)
16. The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and the gate shut as predicted. (Ezekiel 44:1-2; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-9; Mark 11:4-11; Luke 19:29-38.)
17. The Crucifixion. (Daniel 9:26; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53:5-11; Matthew 27:33-56; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:17-24.)
18. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-23; John 11:25-26.)

19. The Regathering of Israel back into her Promised Land. (Deuteronomy 30:3; Ezekiel 37; Isaiah 43:5; Jeremiah 23:3; 30:11; 31:1-10; Ezekiel 11:17.)
20. Israel Re-instated as a Nation April 1948.

#### **D. IMPORTANT EVENTS PREDICTED FOR THE FUTURE.**

1. Perilous Times during the last days. (2 Timothy 3:1-5.)
2. Restraining Power of God the Holy Spirit. (2 Thessalonians 2:3; John 16:7-11.)
3. The Revival of the Roman Empire.(Daniel 2:40-43; 7:7.)
4. Israel to make a 7 year covenant with the Revival of the Roman Empire. (Daniel 9:27.)
5. The Rapture of the Saints of God, both the dead in Christ and the living. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.)
6. The Saints in their Heavenly Mansions for seven years, during the Great Tribulation. (John 14:1-6.)
  - a. The Judgement Seat of Christ for the rewards to be given to the Saints. (2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-17;)
  - b. The Bridal Chamber occupied. (John 14:1-6.)
  - c. the marriage of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:7-10.)
  - d. The Feast and the communion Table. (Revelation 19:9; Matthew 26:29.)
  - e. After 3 1/2 years in heaven a great battle will take place between Satan and his demons and Michael and his holy angels. (Revelation 12:7-12.)
  - f. At the end of the seven years in heaven we will ride into power with the Lord as He fights the battle of Armageddon upon the earth. (Revelation 19:11-21.)
6. The Great Tribulation, according to "Jacob's Trouble" of "Seven Years" (Jeremiah 30:7; Revelation 6-18.)

7. **Great revival will break out throughout the whole world. (Revelation 7:9-14.)**
8. **There will be 144,000 youth of Israel to witness about the kingdom of righteousness. (Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-7.)**
9. **The Abomination of Desolation will start upon the earth, when Satan and all of his demons are cast out of heaven., (Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15.)**
10. **Israel warned to flee to the hills to the City of Refuge in the middle of the Tribulation. ( Matthew 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-23.)**
11. **Moses and Elijah shall witness for a 42 month period, during the Great Tribulation in preparation for the thousand year Kingdom of righteousness. (Revelation 11:1-12.)**
12. **Christ will come forth to fight the battle of Armageddon, led by Satan and his demons under the command of the beast and the false prophet. (Revelation 19:11-21.)**
13. **Satan and all of his demons shall be cast into the bottomless pit for the duration of the thousand years. (Revelation 20:1-3.)**
14. **Christ shall separate the sheep from the goats in preparation for the kingdom of righteousness. (Matthew 25:31-46; Joel 3:11-16.)**
15. **The Reign of righteousness for a thousand years will begin, with the Lord and the saints reigning in righteousness. (Revelation 20:4-6; Isaiah 65; 35:3-10; Psalm 72:1-16; Isaiah 11:3-4; Revelation 5:9-10.)**
16. **The final battle of God against the evil forces, as Satan is loosed for a season from the bottomless pit. (Revelation 20:7-9.)**
17. **Satan and all of the demons are cast into the Lake of Fire, to remain there forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10.)**
18. **The Great White Throne Judgement of all the ungodly of all times. They all will be cast into the Lake of Fire and remain in torment for ever and ever.**
19. **The old heavens and the old earth will be burned with fervent heat in preparations for all things new. (2 Peter 3:4-10.)**

20. God will create a new heaven and a new earth, making all things new. (Isaiah 65:17; Revelation 21:1-8.)
21. A City four square called New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-21)
22. The New Paradise. (Revelation 22:1-6.)

#### IV. CONCLUSION.

As we conclude this Biblical textbook on "Our Great High Priest" the Shikinah glory of the Triune God is from everlasting to everlasting. However, we have beheld the Great High Priest in His wonder working power in and through these amazing events. As you see with just a few closing events of the future, the Triune God has planned great things in the future for those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. May we remind ourselves that there is no other name given among men whereby we can be saved. (Acts 4:12) Christ himself states it very clearly. *"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me."* John 14:6. Christ is the Great High Priest and His blood is the necessary atonement before God the Father. It was presented in the heavenly temple once and forever. It will never have to be repeated again. To God be the glory, great things He hath done, and will continue throughout eternity to come.

##### A. GOD'S PROMISES ARE DIVINELY SECURE.

Since the earthly veil within the earthly temple has been rent in two, we now have direct access into the heavenlies through our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. *"For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, it which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into the that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec."*

*Hebrews 6:13 -20.* God's unconditional covenants and promises are always based upon the immutability of the Godhead. There is no possibility of God ever breaking His pledge. We praise God for the security that has been given to all of the saints. Our Great High Priest, ever liveth at the right hand of God the Father,

continually upholding His own with intercession. To God be the glory great things He keeps on doing for those who put their trust in Him!

## **B. THE REALITY OF OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST.**

As we close these lessons, may I remind you that the Godhead is the same yesterday, today and forever and is consistent with all that He promises. The Old Testament priesthood was but a shadow of eternal. We will never have to fear that we will be rejected, for Christ is our all in all. *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."* Colossians 3:1-4. This is a blessed hope which we have, based upon God's Word. Let us work diligently for our soon coming Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end. That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."* Hebrews 6:10-12.

May we close with two very precious portions of Scripture, filled with admonishments for the saints of God. *"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. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* Hebrews 12:1-2. *"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* Hebrews 13:20, 21.

## **QUESTIONS ON CHAPTER SEVEN.**

1. Can you explain what is God's final aim concerning His creation?
2. What great hinderance must be removed from God's future creation?
3. Write an essay on , "God's Unification of His Creation".
4. How will God remove all evil from His new Creation?
5. Explain Romans 3:21-26.
6. Explain Hebrews 9:22.
7. What is the purpose of God's kingdom of righteousness for the thousand year Millennium?
8. Explain Matthew 25:31-41.
9. Write an essay on, "The Last Battle of Satan".
10. Explain Revelation 5:11-14.
11. Why is it necessary that we depend upon a Divine High Priest?
12. Can anyone be justified before God without a sacrifice? Explain.
13. Why was it necessary for Christ to have a body like ours to bring salvation?
14. Explain Habakkuk 2:4.
15. Why is the Christian faith not a blind faith? Hebrews 11:1.
16. Give seven reasons for our faith in God.
17. How has God shown His grace toward sinners like we are?
18. Write an essay on, "Christ Died for Total Sin".
19. Give some ways that Christ is glorified.
20. Explain Hebrews 12:1-2.



21. Explain 1 Peter 4:11.
22. Explain Colossians 1:15-19.
23. Name 15 important fulfilled prophecies in the Bible.
24. Name 15 important prophecies which are yet to be fulfilled.
25. Write an essay on, "The Everlasting Results of our Great High Priest."
26. Give us some of the benefits which you received from this study of the Great High Priest.
27. Why was it not necessary for our Great High Priest to present His blood every year like the earthly high priests had to do?
28. Why is it necessary for the saints to have the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit?
29. Why was the veil in the earthly temple rent from top to bottom?
30. Give us your view point of 1 John 3:1-3..

# In the beginning

Was the Word, and the Word was with GOD  
and the Word was GOD  
JOHN 1:1

## Eternity Past

THE ABSOLUTE GOD  
THE ABSOLUTE PLAN  
DAN. 9:24

**GOD** - THE FATHER planned it,  
JOHN 10:15-18 : HEB. 10:5b

**GOD** - THE SON provided it,  
JOHN 10:17

**GOD** - THE HOLY SPIRIT proved it.  
1 COR. 12:13

THE ABSOLUTE BLUEPRINT  
to achieve a PERFECT  
ETERNAL PARADISE-  
FREE FROM EVIL  
throughout Eternity to come,  
based on the Word of GOD

**GOD** created the  
Heaven and the  
Earth  
GEN. 1:1 : PSALM 19:1

The creation of  
the Angels

and the realm of their habitation

LUCIFER (Highest Position) ISA. 14:12; EZEK. 28:12-15  
MICHAEL (Arch Angel)  
GABRIEL (Mighty Angel) well informed

CELESTIAL CREATURES  
endowed with a choice

- CHERUBIM (Defenders)
- SERAPHIM (Worship)
- LIVING CREATURES  
(Glorious Majesty)
- ANGELIC HOST  
(Innumerable)

Restored Earth  
Six day creation  
GEN. 1:3

GARDEN  
OF EDEN

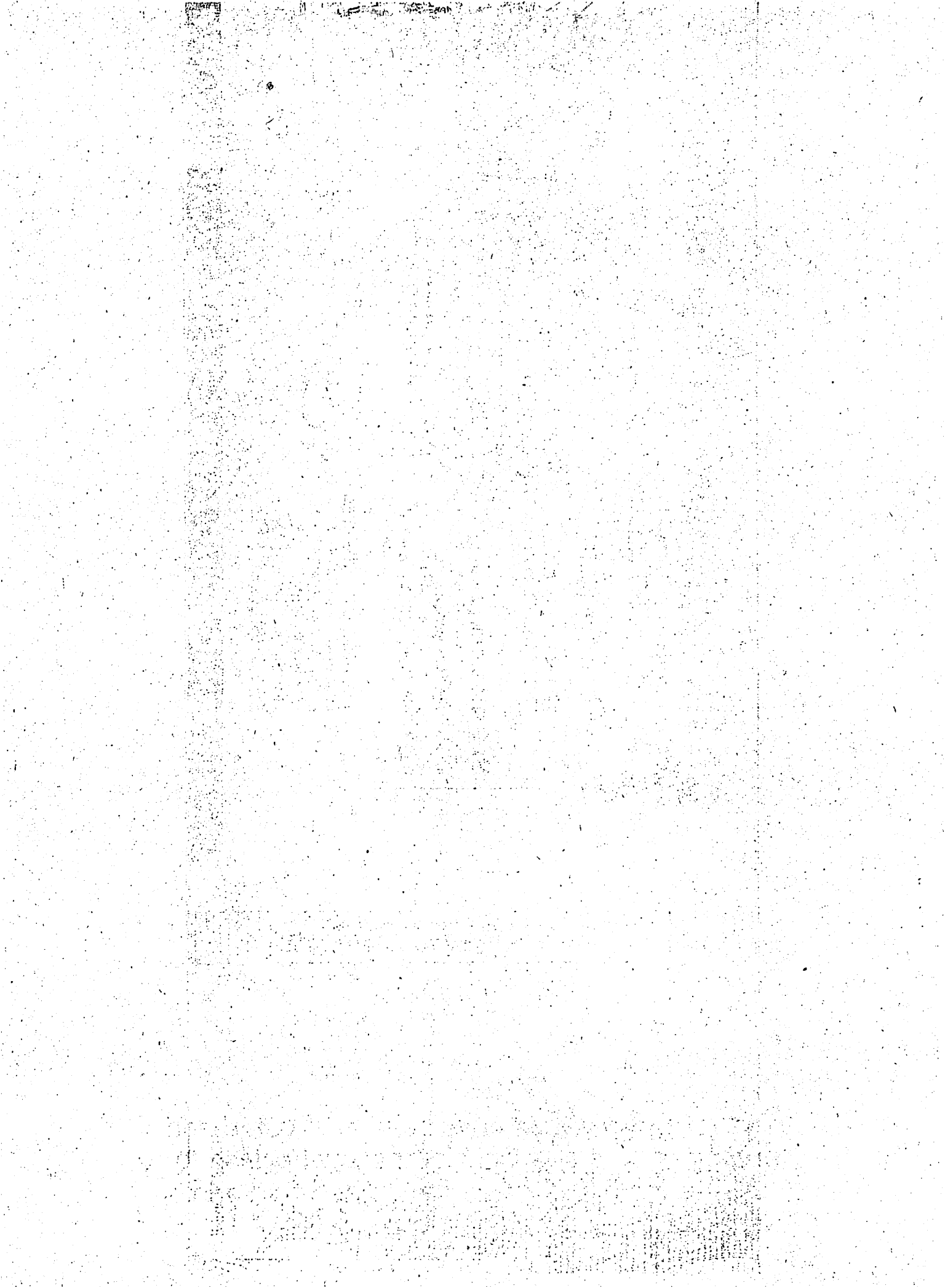


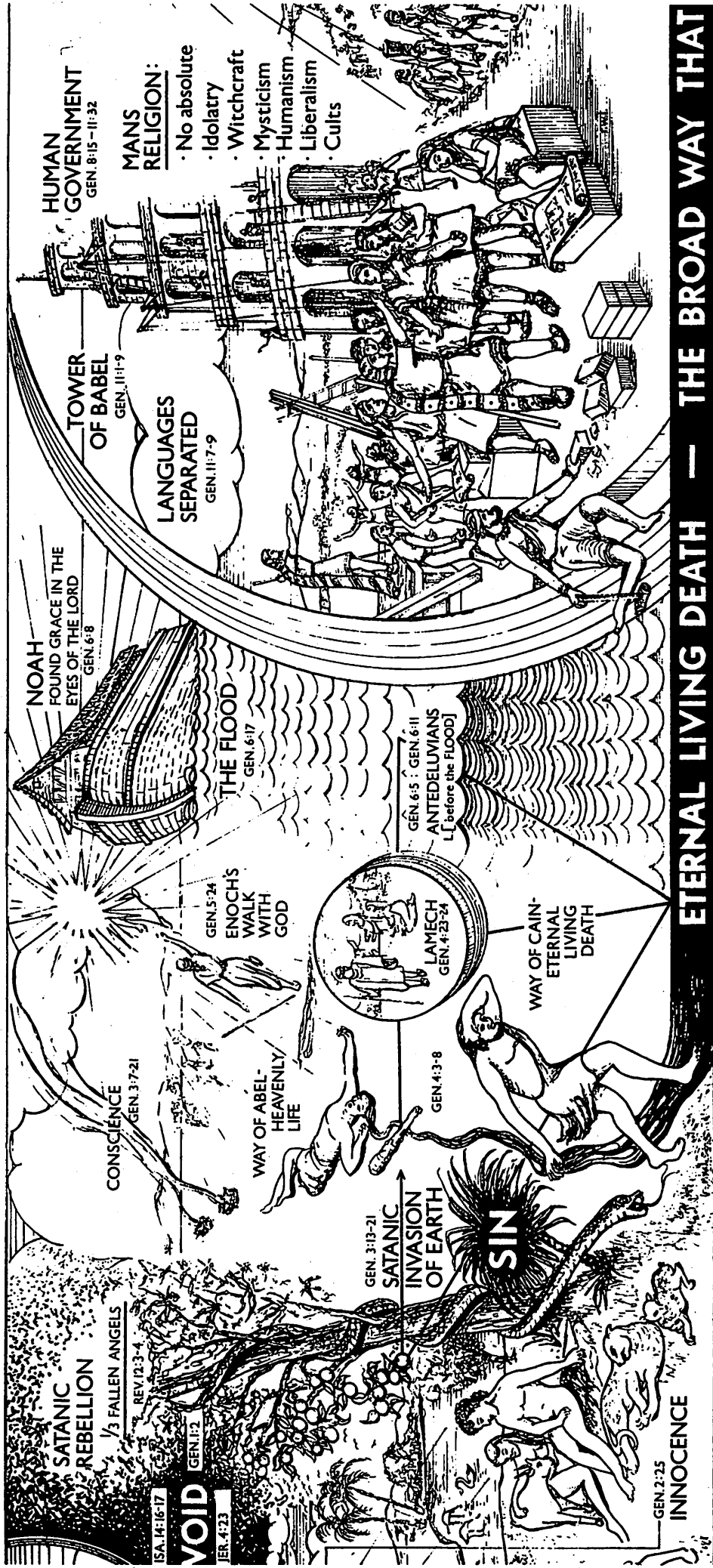
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**HUMAN GOVERNMENT**  
GEN. 8:15 - 11:32

**MANS RELIGION:**

- No absolute
- Idolatry
- Witchcraft
- Mysticism
- Humanism
- Liberalism
- Cults

**TOWER OF BABEL**  
GEN. 11:1-9

**LANGUAGES SEPARATED**  
GEN. 11:7-9

**NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD**  
GEN. 6:8

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GEN. 6:17

GEN. 6:5 : GEN. 6:11  
**ANTEDELUVIANS**  
[before the FLOOD]

GEN. 5:24  
**ENOCHS WALK WITH GOD**

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**LAMECH**

**WAY OF CAIN- ETERNAL LIVING DEATH**

**CONSCIENCE**  
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**SATANIC REBELLION**  
1/3 FALLEN ANGELS  
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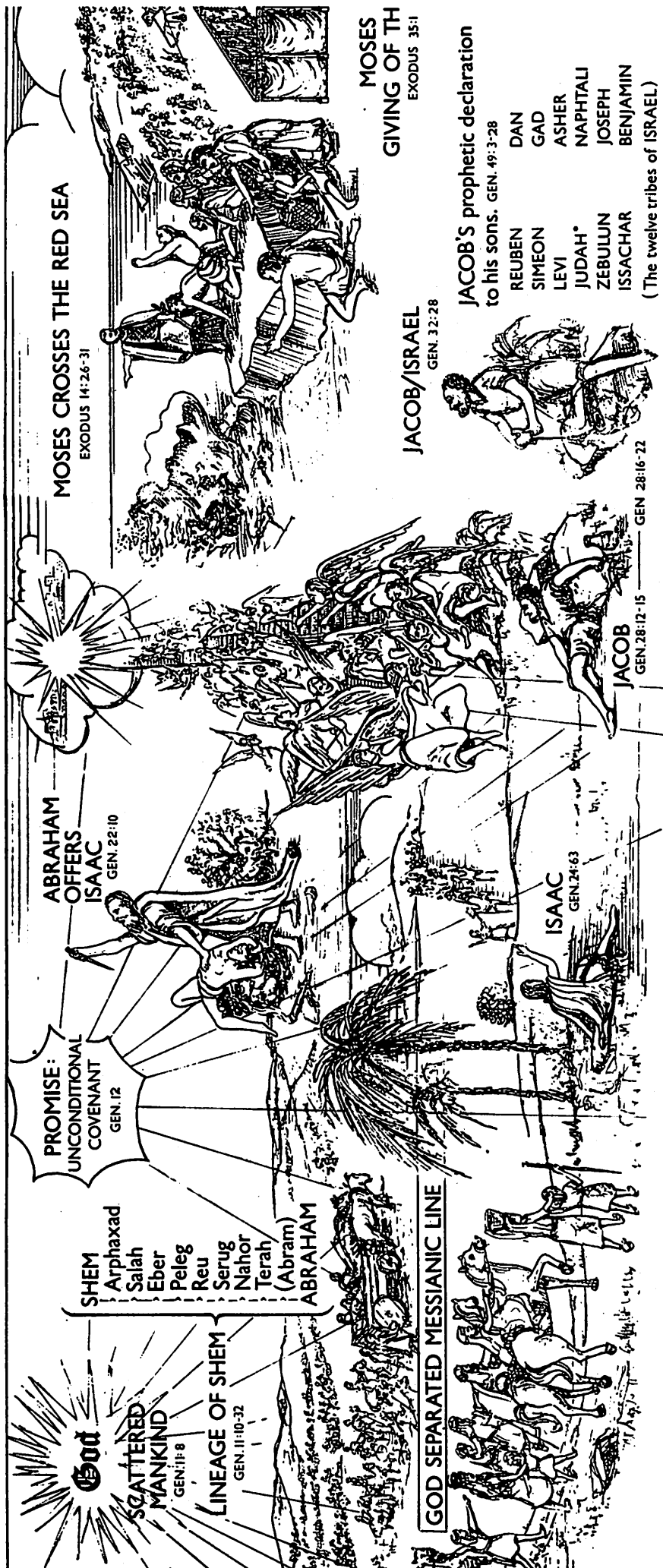
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**SATANIC INVASION OF EARTH**

**SIN**

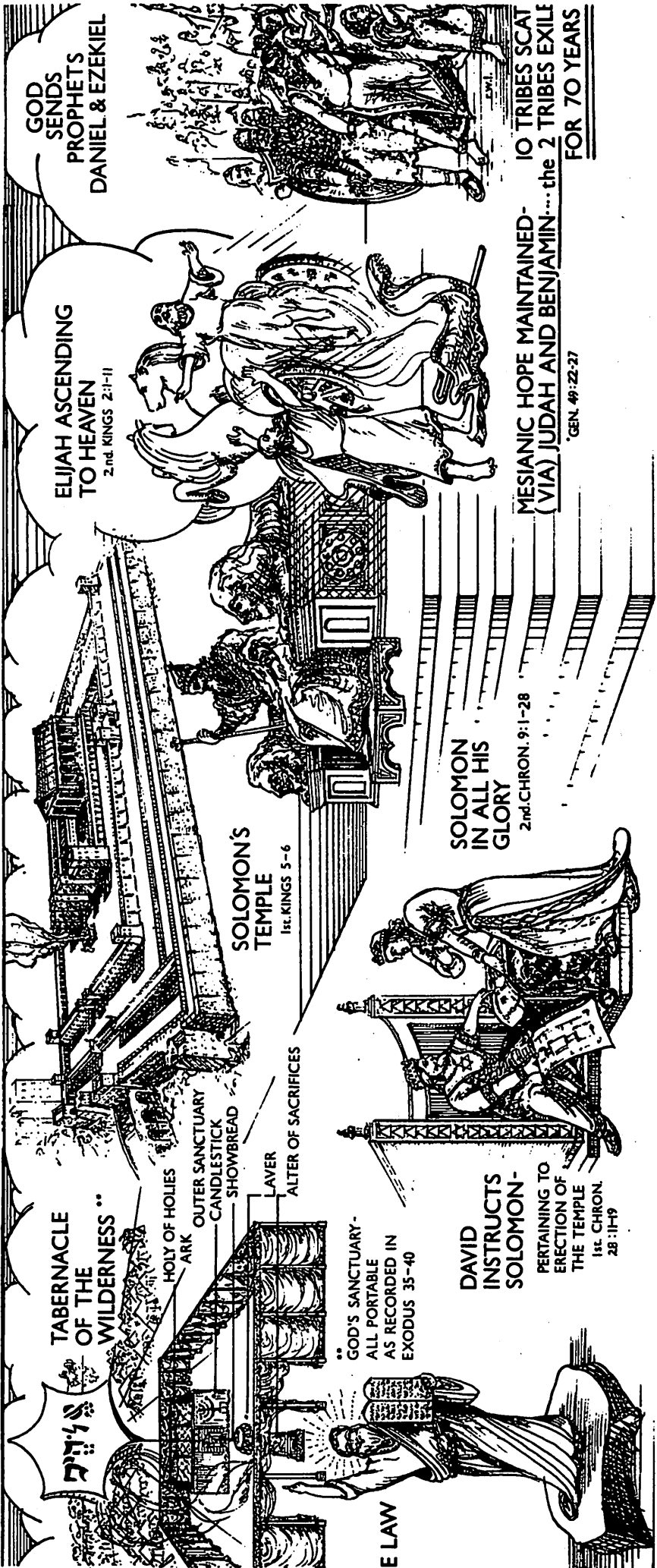
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**INNOCENCE**

**ETERNAL LIVING DEATH — THE BROAD WAY THAT**



**LEADS TO DESTRUCTION ..... GAL. 5:19-21; ADULTERY, FORNICATION, UNCLEANNESS**

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GOD SENDS PROPHETS DANIEL & EZEKIEL

ELIJAH ASCENDING TO HEAVEN 2<sup>nd</sup>. KINGS 2:11

TABERNACLE OF THE WILDERNESS

HOLY OF HOLIES  
ARK  
OUTER SANCTUARY  
CANDLESTICK  
SHOWBREAD

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE 1<sup>st</sup>. KINGS 5-6

LAVAR  
ALTER OF SACRIFICES

GOD'S SANCTUARY - ALL PORTABLE AS RECORDED IN EXODUS 35-40

DAVID INSTRUCTS SOLOMON - PERTAINING TO ERECTION OF THE TEMPLE 1<sup>st</sup>. CHRON. 28:11-19

SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY 2<sup>nd</sup>. CHRON. 9:1-28

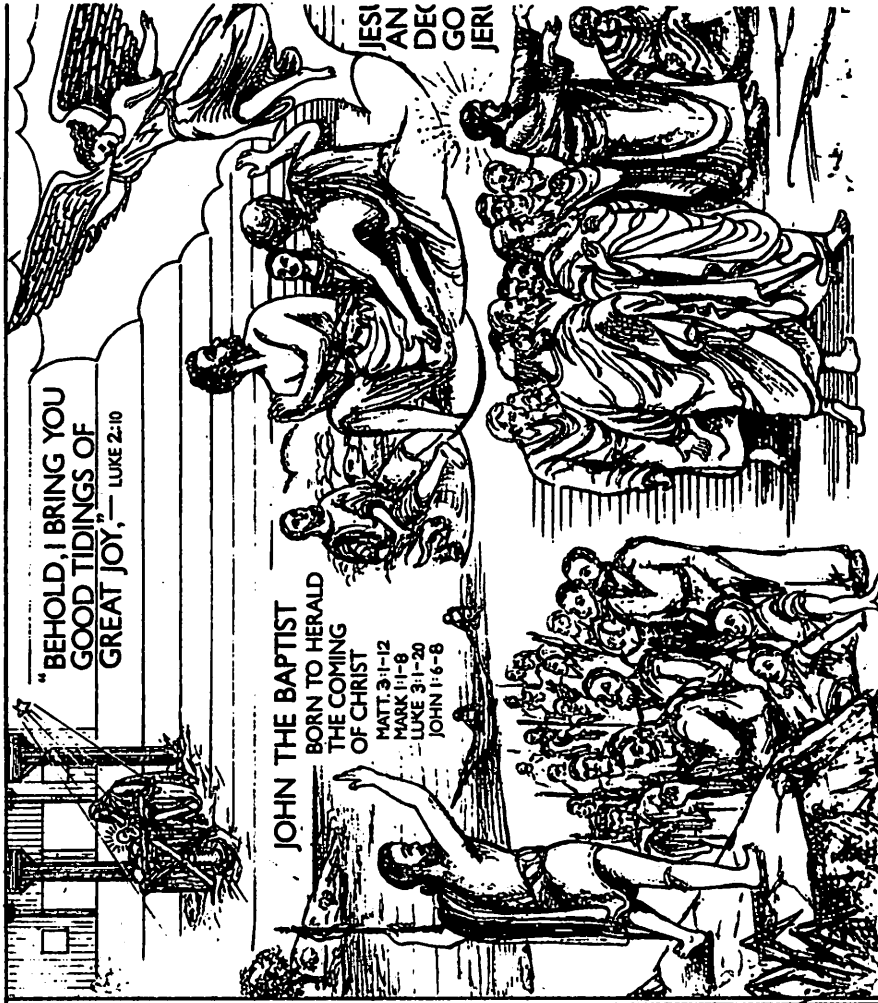
MESIANIC HOPE MAINTAINED - (VIA) JUDAH AND BENJAMIN...the 2 TRIBES EXILE FOR 70 YEARS GEN. 49:22-27

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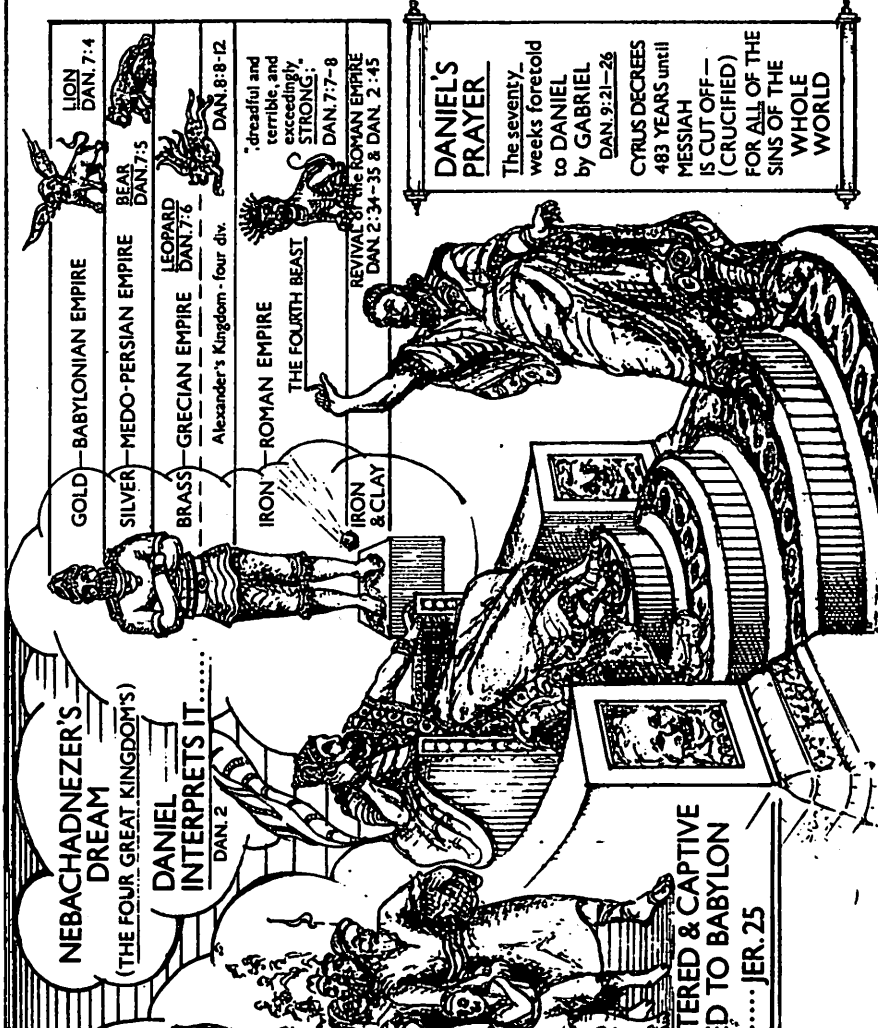


"BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY," — LUKE 2:10

JOHN THE BAPTIST BORN TO HERALD THE COMING OF CHRIST

MATT. 3:1-12  
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LUKE 3:1-20  
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NEBACHADNEZER'S DREAM (THE FOUR GREAT KINGDOMS)

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IRON & CLAY THE FOURTH BEAST

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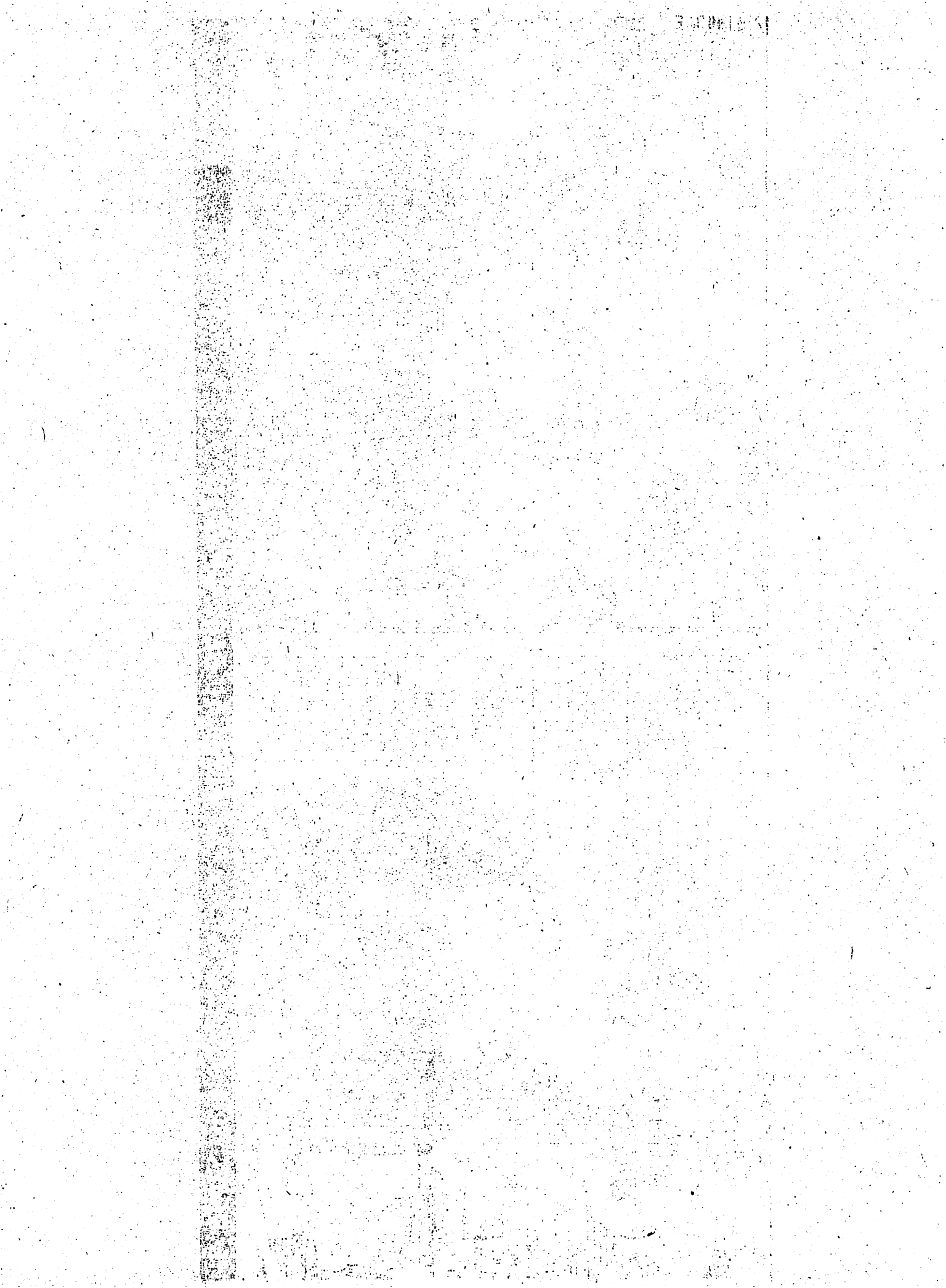
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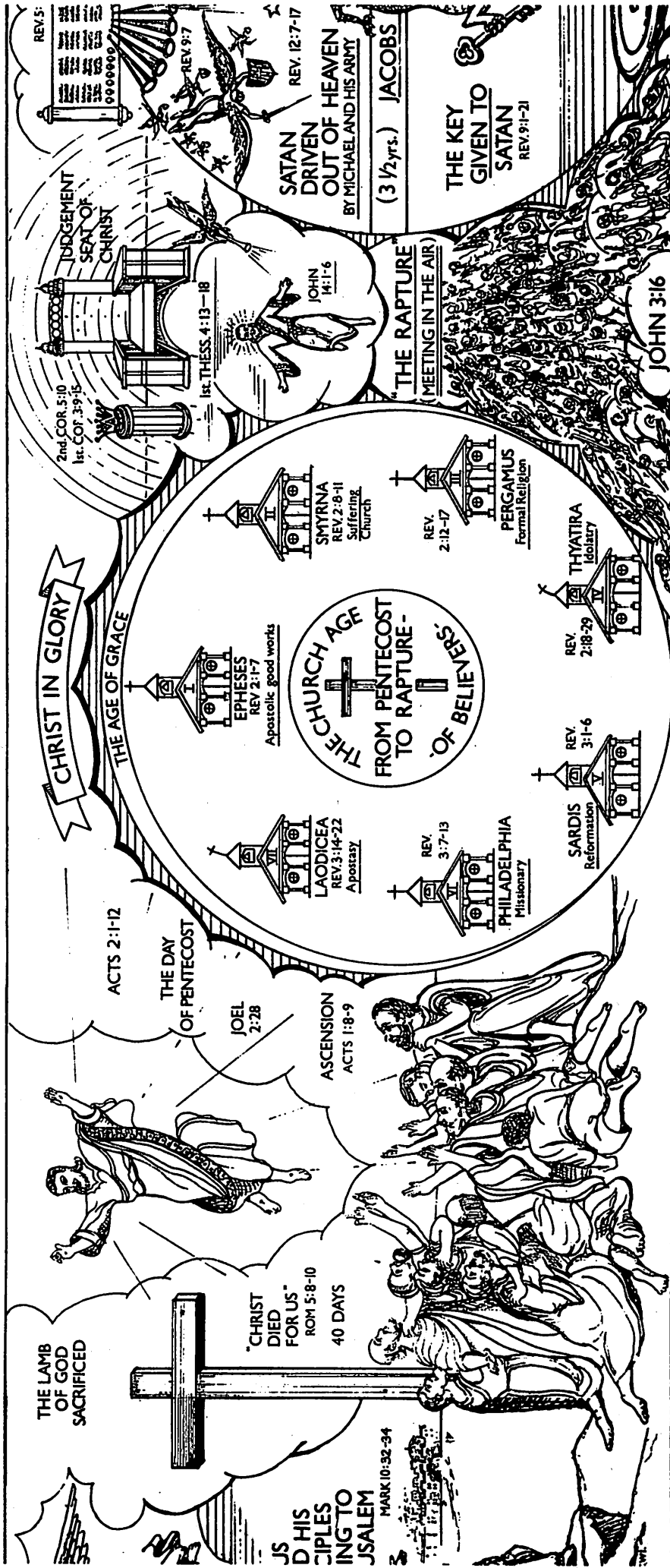
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FOR ALL OF THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION  
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HEAVENLY RIGHTEOUSNESS COMING DOWN UPON THE EARTH

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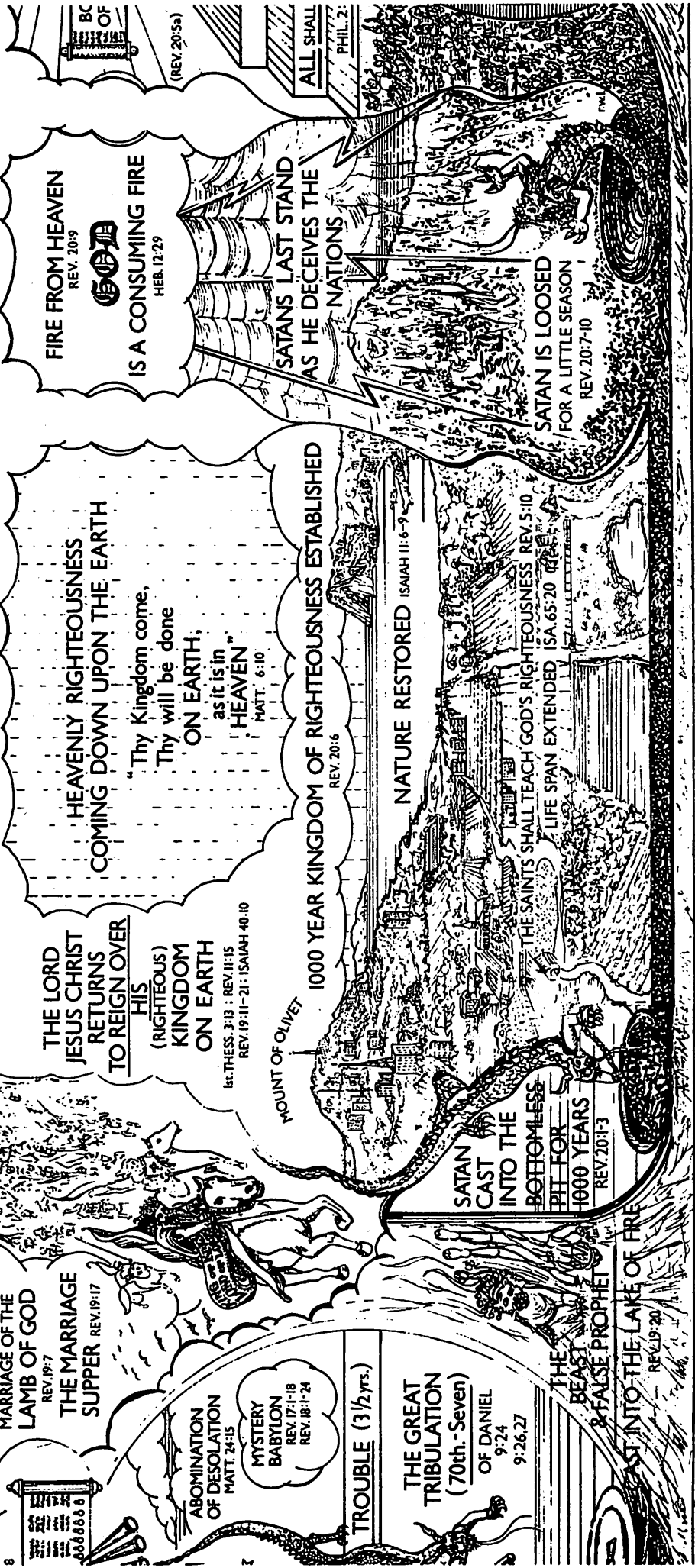
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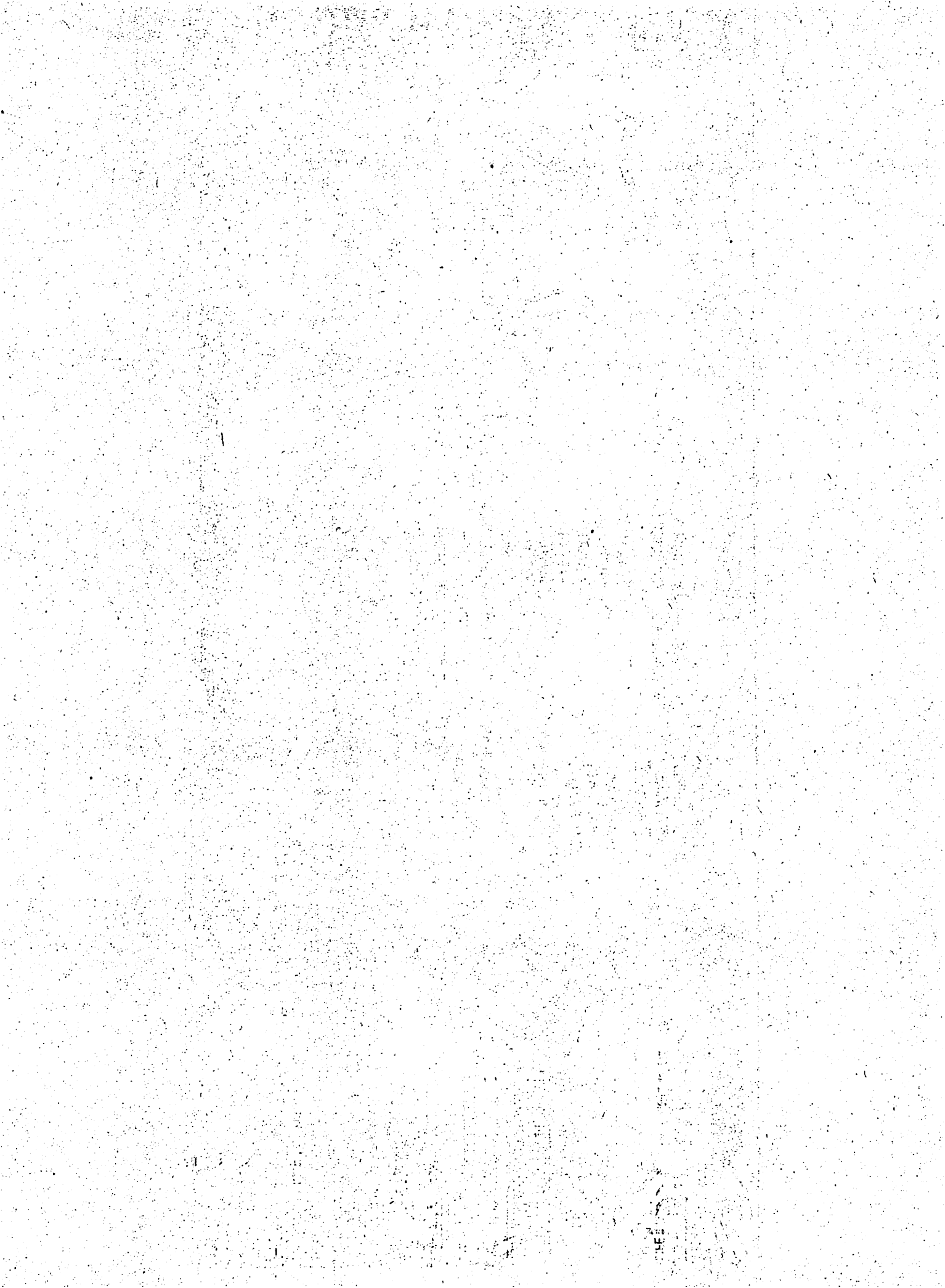
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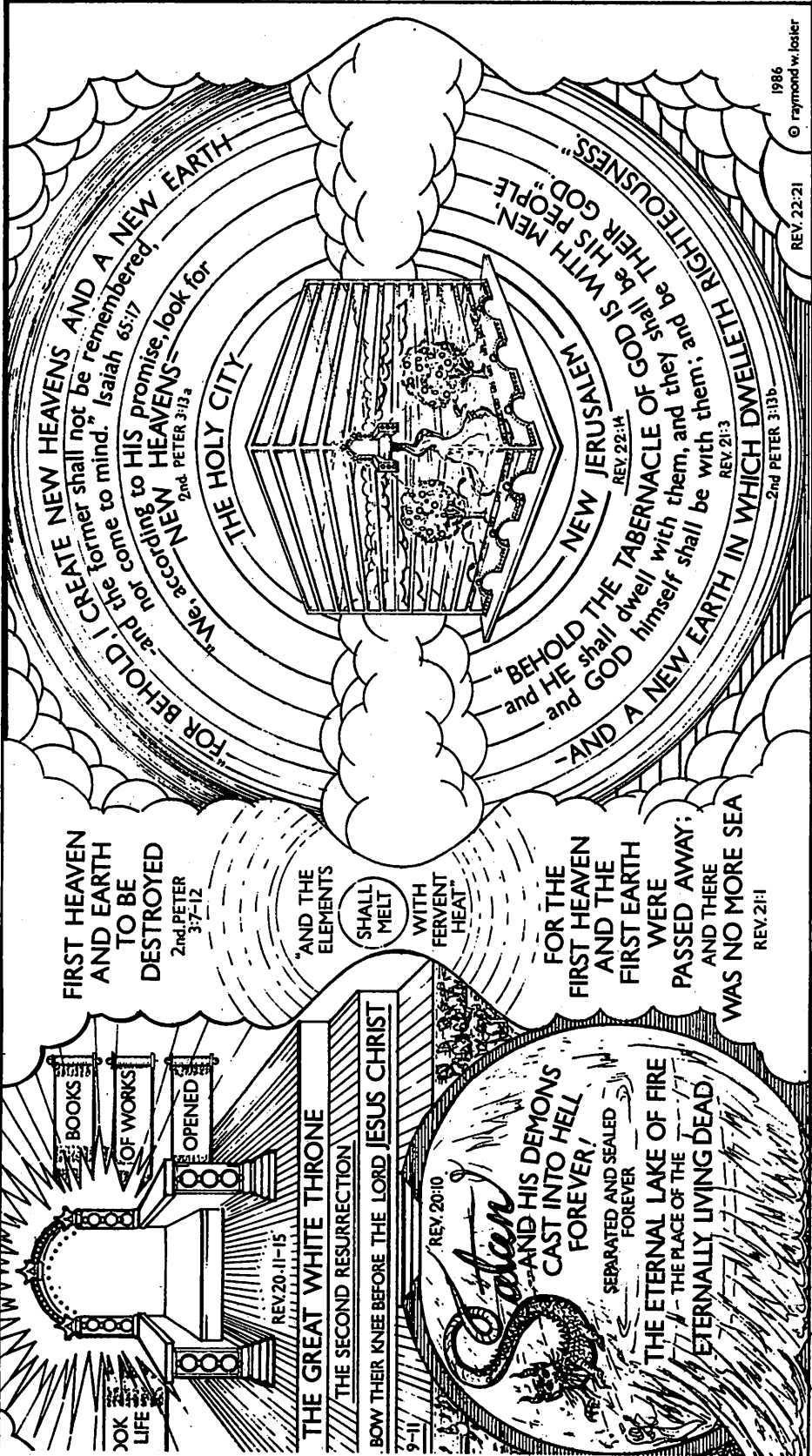
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FIRST HEAVEN  
AND EARTH  
TO BE  
DESTROYED  
2nd PETER  
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ELEMENTS  
SHALL  
MELT  
WITH  
FERVENT  
HEAT

FOR THE  
FIRST HEAVEN  
AND THE  
FIRST EARTH  
WERE  
PASSED AWAY;  
AND THERE  
WAS NO MORE SEA  
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OF WORKS  
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THE GREAT WHITE THRONE  
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AND HIS DEMONS  
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FOREVER  
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BEHOLD THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN,  
and HE shall dwell with them, and they shall be HIS PEOPLE  
and BE THEIR GOD.  
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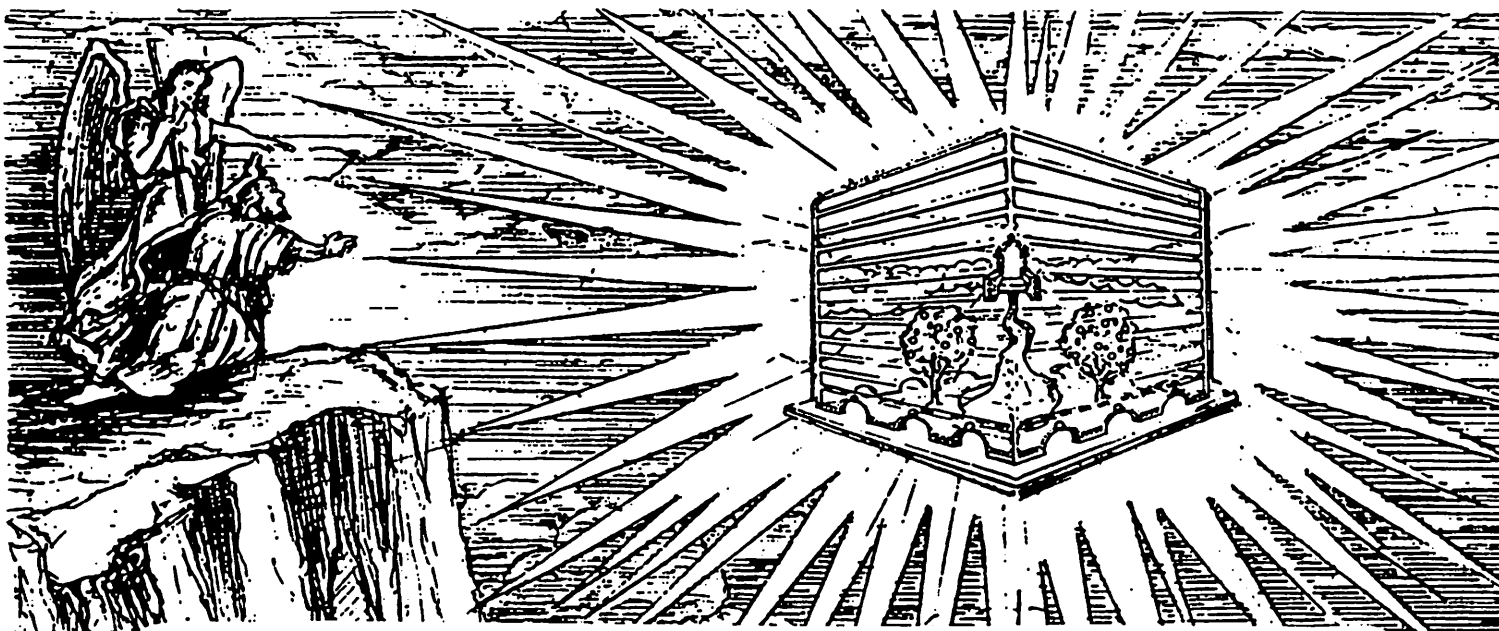
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**JESUS said "I am ALPHA and OMEGA"  
Revelation 1:8**

