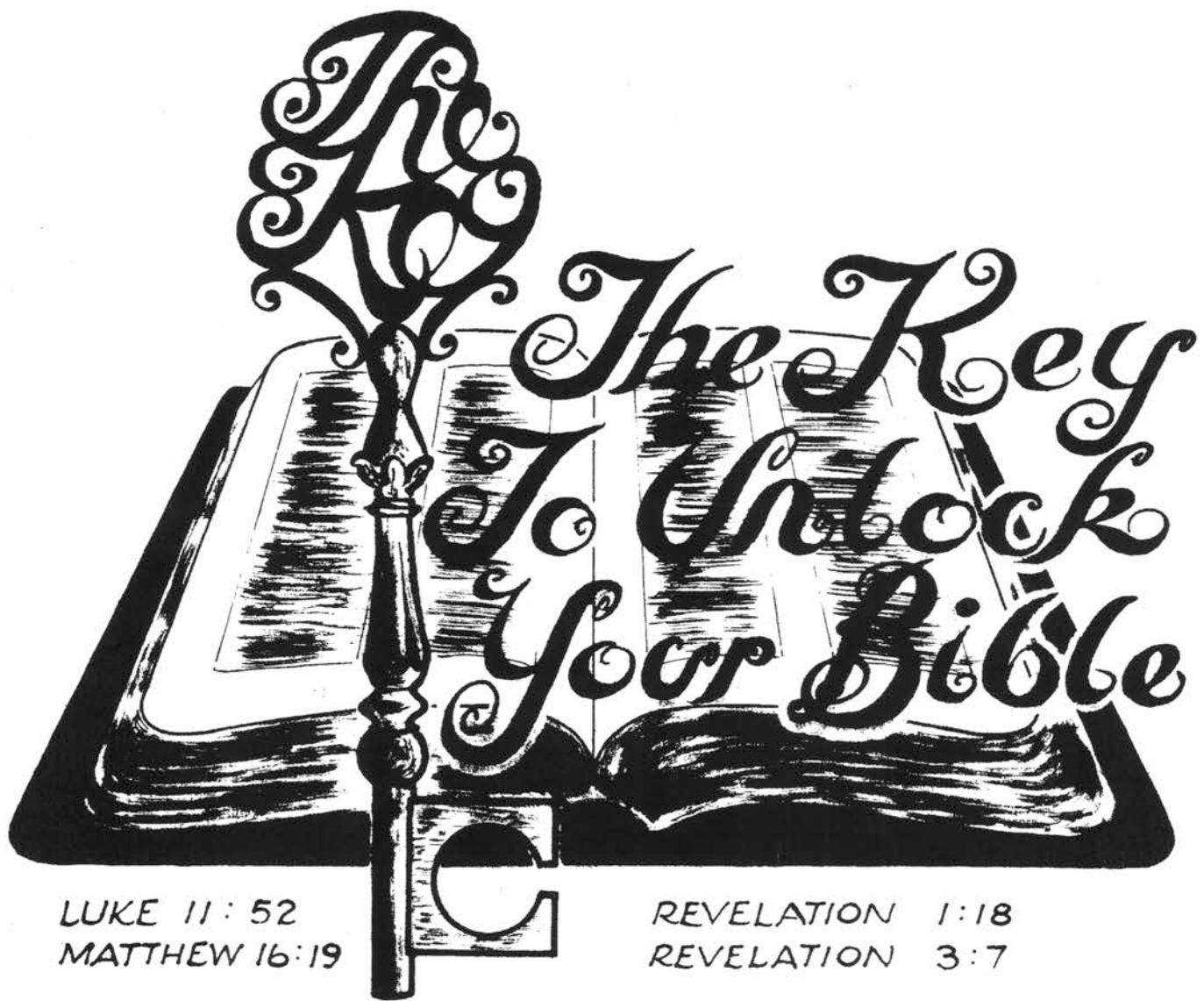


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LUKE 11: 52

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**TWENTY ONE KEY LESSONS
TO UNLOCK YOUR BIBLE**

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GOD'S PURPOSE WITH THE EARTH



"For thus saith Yohweh that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited" Isa. 45:18

- **GOD IS GOING TO FILL THE EARTH WITH HIS GLORY**

"But as truly as I live all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD" Num. 14:21 cf Isa 11:9 Hob. 2:14 Psa. 72:19

- **WHAT IS GOD'S GLORY ?**

- God's Glory revealed to Moses Ex. 34:5-7. cf Ex 33:18-19
- God's Glory or Name or Character can be divided into two sections. (1) GOODNESS (2) SEVERITY Rom. 11:22

(1) **GOODNESS**

"The LORD the LORD God" Ex. 34:6

"The LORD" (Heb. YAHWEH = HE WHO WILL BE)

"God" (Heb. EL = STRENGTH)

THE GLORY OR CHARACTER

OF THE NAME Ex. 34:6-7

YAHWEH IS "MERCIFUL" = compassionate cf Psa. 78:38

YAHWEH IS "GRACIOUS" = divine favour cf Eph. 2:8

YAHWEH IS "LONGSUFFERING" = patient, slow to anger cf 1Pet 3:20

YAHWEH IS "GOODNESS" = kindness, goodness, beauty cf Psa. 33:5

YAHWEH IS "TRUTH" = trustworthiness, stability cf Psa. 119:160

THE NAME OF YAHWEH
EXPRESSES HIS PURPOSE
WITH THE EARTH THAT HE
WILL BE MANIFESTED IN A
MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE

(2) **SEVERITY**

"I will by no means clear the guilty" Ex. 34:7
cf Det. 5:9 "of those that hate Him" eg. Gen. 6:5-8

- **CHRIST MANIFESTED THE FATHERS NAME**

"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world..." John 17:6 cf John 1:14 see. 1Cor. 4:6

- **GOD IS CALLING US FOR HIS NAME :-**

So that the earth through us may be filled with his glory.

"God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name." Act. 15:14

- **THE EARTH FILLED WITH GOD'S GLORY**

God's purpose with the earth will be completed when all sin and death is removed. This will be when Christ hands the Kingdom back to God at the end of the 1,000 year reign and then :-

"GOD WILL BE ALL IN ALL" 1Cor. 15:28



HOLY : Separate }
BIBLE : Book } THE SEPARATE
BOOK

- **INSPIRED** By INSPIRED we mean that God was its author 1Tim.3:16
- **INFALLIBLE** By INFALLIBLE we mean it is true in all its parts
- **A LIBRARY** The Bible (book) is not one book, but a library of 66 books. Six is the number of sin and man. Rev.13:18
By having 66 books we are reminded that the Bible is God's message to sinful man.

OLD TESTAMENT 39 Books

NEW TESTAMENT 27 Books

Both old and new testament divisions are only man made and the Bible should be treated as one revelation from Genesis to Revelation.

- **BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT ARE OF EQUAL VALUE**

see 1Tim 3:16, Rom. 15:4, 1Cor 10:11

- **HOW THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN**

- God moved men to write by his Spirit. 1Pet.1:21
- Written over a period of 1,600 years.
- Various writers from all walks of life.

KINGS Dovid, Solomon

PHYSICIANS ... Luke

PROPHETS Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel

SHEPHERDS Dovid

PRIESTS Samuel

FISHERMEN Peter, John

STATESMEN Daniel

- Written from different places and countries

ARABIA Moses

ASIA Paul

BABYLON Ezekiel, Daniel

ITALY Paul

PALESTINE Matthew, Mark

PATMOS John

- Written in two different languages.

THE OLD TESTAMENT - HEBREW } The Bible as we know it today is
THE NEW TESTAMENT - GREEK } translated from these languages.

- DESPITE ALL THESE FACTS THE BIBLE DOES NOT CONTRADICT ITSELF.

- **HOW TO READ THE BIBLE**

- The main substance of the Bible is LITERAL
- Some places are SYMBOLICAL Rev.1:1 of Rev 12
- Some places contain PARABLES Matt. 13:34
- Some places are PROPHETICAL Psa. 22:18 of Matt. 27: 35
- Some places contain TYPES Matt. 12:39-40
- Some places contain METAPHORS Det. 4:20
- Some places contain PERSONIFICATION Prov. 3: 13-16
- Some places contain METONYMY 1Cor. 5:21

- **WHAT THE BIBLE CAN DO**

- Purify our character 1Pet 1:7, Psa. 119:9
- Encourage us Hab. 10:24-25
- Give us peace of mind Col. 3:15
- It offers us more abundant living now and immortality in the age to come 1Tim. 4:8

- **THE BIBLE REVEALS HUMAN NATURE AS IT REALLY IS.**

- Dovid committed adultery - 1Sam. 11

- Peter was a traitor - John 18:16-17

- **THE BIBLE PROVEN TRUE**

No man has ever shown the Bible to be at fault in its historical detail. Only God could so accurately foretell the future.

● 2,500 years of world history Dan. 2

● Babylon is a waste Iso. 13:19-20

● Ninevah lies empty Nahum 2:8-13

● Egypt a base nation Ez 29:14-16

● Tyre submerged and a place for drying nets. Ez 26:4-6

● Israel scattered and returning Det. 28:63-68 Jer 30:10-11

CREATION

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● CREATION

- The act of bringing into existence at the command of God over a period of six literal days.
cf. Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24 "God said" and it was created
- All things are made by and of the spirit of God. Psa. 104:30 Rom. 11:36 Job. 34:14-15

● EVOLUTION

- Is a scientific theory according to which the higher forms of life have gradually evolved, over a period of thousands of years, developing from the simple.

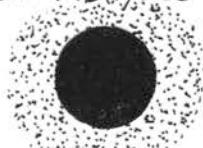
BOTH THESE VIEWS CONTRADICT EACH OTHER AND ONE CANNOT ACCEPT THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION AND ALSO BELIEVE THE BIBLE.

● "IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND EARTH" Gen. 1:1

- These words summarise the creation of Gen 2:4
- And give the glory unto the creator (God) of Psa. 19:1

● BEFORE THE CREATION

"... and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep" Gen. 1:2



- NOTE
- The earth was in existence before creation
 - being much older than 6,000 years
 - having no form and void
 - engrossed in darkness
 - water covered the earth.

The state of the world before creation can be likened unto the state of man before the light of God's word does shine. He is engrossed in darkness, his life has no form, and all he does is void.

● THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

The creation was accomplished within a period of six literal days each of 24 hours.

- cf. Ex. 31:15-17 "Six days may work be done, but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest..... for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed".

● EACH DAY'S WORK IS CLEARLY DIVIDED

Each day's work began with the words "And God said" Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24. And ends with the words "And the evening and morning were the first day" see Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31

● THE CREATION WAS "VERY GOOD"

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold it was very good" Gen. 1:31 cf. Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25

● "THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD" Psa. 19:1

"When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained, what is man, that thou art mindful of him" Psa. 8:3-6

● THE EARTH

The Bible describes God as he that "hongeth the earth upon nothing" Job 26:7

- It has a diameter of 7,926 miles
- Weighing some 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons
- Revolving upon its own axis at a speed of 1,037 m.p.h. at the equator
- Hurting through space, on its orbit around the sun at a speed of 66,600 m.p.h.
- Traveling through space each year, 584 million miles.

● ALPHA CENTAURI

The closest star to our solar system.

- 4 1/3 light years away or 26,000,000,000,000 miles.
- If the rocket that landed on the moon was directed to Alpha Centauri, it would take 741,500 years at a speed of 4,000 m.p.h. or 118,600 years at 25,000 m.p.h.

● SIRIUS

Sirius is called the Dog Star, is the brightest star we see.

- Its light takes 9 years to reach us.
- If this star was in the position of the sun, our oceans and even the polar ice caps would boil away and life would vanish from earth.

● BETELGEUSE

Betelgeuse is one of the biggest stars, being many times bigger than our Sun.

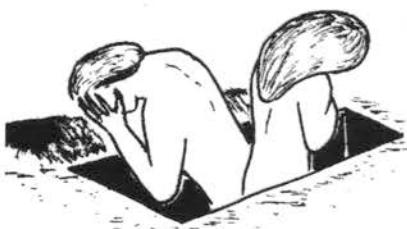
- It is 350,000,000 miles in diameter.
- If this giant star was in the position of our Sun, it would engulf the planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars.

● THE MILKY WAY

Our Sun is only one of the many billions of stars that make up the Milky Way.

- Such a group of stars is known as a Galaxy, from the Greek word "galaxy" meaning milk.
- The distance from one rim to the other of our galaxy is 100,000 light years.

HOW SIN ENTERED THE WORLD (4)



"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12

● THE THREE NATURES OF MAN

- VERY GOOD - Adam and Eve were created VERY GOOD Gen. 1:31 cf Ecc. 7:29 They were not mortal or immortal, but in a state capable of death, but not under the sentence of death.
- MORTAL - Mortal means - death-full or subject to death. Adam and Eve became mortal when God said to Adam.... "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" Gen. 3:19 From that time on, Adam and his descendants possessed a nature that would end up in death. cf Rom. 5:12
- IMMORTAL - Immortal means - to live for ever - to have eternal life. Adam & Eve were driven from the garden, (after they had sinned) & forbidden to eat of the tree of life (immortality). It is our hope to one day eat of "the tree of life" in a symbolical sense, by having our nature changed from mortality to immortality. Rev. 2:7, 1Cor. 15:53

● WHAT IS SIN ?

- The Heb. word for sin - "choto" means "to miss the mark". The mark to which we strive is the glory of God and to fall short or miss that mark is sin. cf "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Rom. 3:23
- Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1John. 3:4

● GOD'S LAW TO ADAM & EVE Gen. 2:17

- COMMANDMENT - "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it."
- PUNISHMENT - "for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die" (see margin - dying thou shalt die)
- This one simple law was given so that their faith and loyalty to God might be tried and proved by the keeping of the law.

● WHY GOD PERMITTED THEM THE EXERCISE OF FREEWILL

God desires in mankind the development of such virtues as faith, love, voluntary obedience, mercy & forgiveness etc. cf Heb. 11:6

● THE SERPENT TEMPTED EVE

- THE SERPENT :-
 - Was a beast of the field Gen. 3:1
 - Having the power of speech Gen. 3:4
 - A subtle creature Gen. 3:1
 - Created very good Gen. 1:31
- EVE :-
 - Created very good Gen. 1:31
 - No sinful inclinations as in man to-day. cf 1John 2:16

● THE TEMPTATION FIRST EXTERNAL

The serpent being more subtle than any beast of the field, reasoned upon the law of God and implanted his reasoning into the mind of Eve.

● THE TEMPTATION INTERNAL

Eve conceived upon the serpents reasoning, and her natural lust, became a "deceitful lust" for the forbidden fruit.

- cf 1John. 2:16
- The lust of the flesh Gen. 3:6
 - The lust of the eyes Gen. 3:6
 - The pride of life Gen. 3:6
 - good for food
 - pleasant to the eyes
 - a tree to be desired to make one wise

● SIN ENTERS THE WORLD

Eve being deceived by the serpent (1Tim.2:14) ate of the forbidden fruit. She then enticed Adam to eat also, who was not deceived. Thus man had fallen from the VERY GOOD state, and suffered the consequences of sin - some a defiled conscience (Gen. 3:7 cf Gen. 2:25) and mortality (Gen. 3:19 cf Rom. 6:23)

- DEFILED MENTALLY - When she heeded the teaching of the serpent. Gen. 3:6
- DEFILED MORALLY - When they ate of the fruit. Gen. 3:6
- DEFILED PHYSICALLY - When mortality took hold of them. Gen. 3:19



THE COVERING FOR SIN (4/2)

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" John 1:29

• MAN COVERS HIS OWN NAKEDNESS (SIN)

'And they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons' Gen. 3:7

• Nakedness is a symbol of sin. of Rev. 16:15

• The fig leaves covering was man's invention and not the covering provided by God. - Thus man was saying, I will provide my own covering for sin.

• THE WAGES OF SIN - Rom. 6:23

• GOD PUNISHED THE SERPENT - Gen. 3:14-15

- The serpent cursed
- The EDENIC PROMISE

• GOD PUNISHED THE WOMAN - Gen. 3:16

- Multiplied conception
- Pain in child birth.
- Subjection to husband.

• GOD PUNISHED THE MAN - Gen. 3:17-19

- The ground cursed eg. thorns & thistles
- Work hard
- Sentenced to return to the ground.

• GOD'S MERCY

Man had sinned and disobeyed the command of God. God's justice was upheld and man was punished ...

But what was God to do now?

He could :-

- Destroy sinful man and start again...
But with the same result!
- Allow sinful man to roam the earth ...
But this would not bring about his purpose with the earth!
- Provide a means of redemption for sinful man ...
This God did - In his mercy he made the EDENIC PROMISE!

• THE LAMB OF GOD

After Adam and Eve were given the "EDENIC PROMISE", they were stripped of their fig leaf covering and an innocent animal slain, the skin of that animal was wrapped around their nakedness (or sin) thus covering them.

"The Lord God made coats of skin, and clothed them" Gen. 3:21

The slaying of this animal pointed forward to the sacrifice of Christ.

- The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" Rev. 13:8
- 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world'

John 1:29

Adam and Eve would realize that the slain lamb could not take away sin, but by their faith, looking forward to the sacrifice of Christ they gained forgiveness.

Today we look back in faith to God's sacrifice for sin and by putting on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:27) we also gain a covering for sin.

• THE ATONEMENT

The Heb. word for Atonement is "kophor" meaning "to cover" (cf Gen. 6:14 where "kophor" is translated "pitch" - Thus the pitch was) the atonement or covering for the ark.

The atonement is "the covering" provided by God, in the sacrifice of Christ for our sins.

The Greek word "katalloge" translated "atonement" in Rom. 5:11 should be translated "reconciliation".

By our own sins we become sinners and alienated from God. Forgiveness and reconciliation God has provided, "by the death of his son" Rom. 5:10

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" 2Cor.5:19

THE EDENIC PROMISE

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- God said to the serpent :-

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it (he) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15

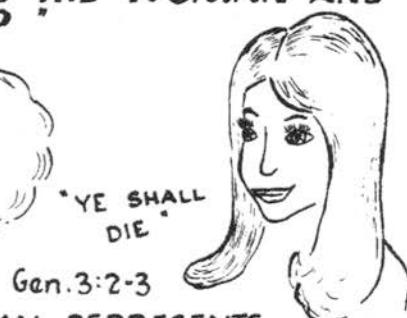
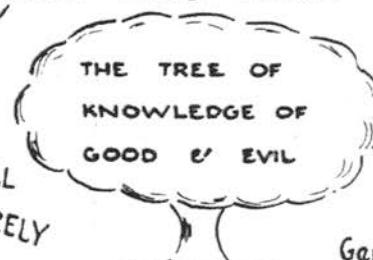
By Adams own disobedience he became biased to sin and judged by God, and sentenced to return to the dust. Thus man had fallen from his VERY GOOD state and become MORTAL. God in his mercy provided the EDENIC PROMISE, which promised LIFE in contrast to MORTALITY.

see Gen. 3:20 "Adam called his wife Eve"

Eve = living or life

Adam understood that the EDENIC PROMISE, promised LIFE in contrast to MORTALITY, and that LIFE was to come through the seed of the woman. Therefore Adam called his wife Eve (= life) cf II Tim. 1:10

- "I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN THEE AND THE WOMAN AND BETWEEN THY SEED AND HER SEED"



- THE SERPENT REPRESENTS

In the declaration of Gen. 3:15 the serpent is used to represent that which he manifested and produced. He gave expression to the thinking of the flesh, and spoke error. Which led to SIN and finally resulted in DEATH. - So the serpent represents SIN and DEATH.

- ENMITY EXTERNAL

THE SERPENT & ITS SEED :-
Those governed by the lust of the flesh. John. 8:44

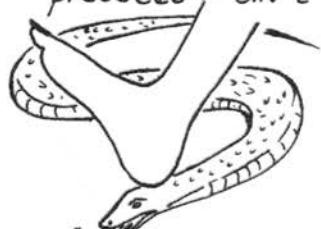
Eg. the world
the mind of the flesh
the sons of men.

- ENMITY INTERNAL

The enmity, or conflict is also manifested within the mind of every individual who would seek to do God's will, for he finds the thinking of the flesh at enmity to the mind of God. Rom. 7:18-25

- "IT SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD"

In this promise, God announced his intention to provide a "seed" from the woman who would completely destroy what the serpent thinking produced - SIN & DEATH



CHRIST AS THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

- For Christ to be the seed of the woman he had to come in identically the same nature as us. Heb. 2:14; John 4:2 Gal. 4:4
- He was subject to the like temptations as us, but did not sin. Heb 4:15
- Sin nature was destroyed in his sacrifice. Heb. 9:26 Heb. 2:14
- Death was destroyed when he was raised from the grave and given immortality. cf 1 Cor. 15:25, 26; 54, 55

- "THOU SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL"

In this promise, God is telling the serpent that he is to have a temporal effect upon the seed of the woman. - Christ by being born of a woman, inherited the serpent nature. Num. 21:8-9 cf John 3:14



- If Christ was to destroy sinful flesh (the devil) he had to be a partaker of sinful flesh. 1 Cor. 5:21 Rom. 8:3
- If Christ was to destroy death he had to come under the sentence of death. Act. 2:24

THE DEVIL & SATAN

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- **DEVIL** : The word "DEVIL" has been used as a translation for two entirely different Greek words :- "DIABOLOS" & "DAIMONION".

- **DIABOLOS**

The Greek word "DIABOLOS" means "slanderer" or "false accuser". Diabolos is composed from two Greek words :- "dia" = across or over "bollo" = to throw or cast. Diabolos is therefore that which is "thrown across" or "cast over" hence a "slanderer" or "false accuser".

- **TRANSLATED SLANDERER ONCE**

"Even so must their wives be grave, not SLANDERERS (Gr. DIABOLOS) sober, faithful in all things" 1 Tim. 3:11

- **TRANSLATED FALSE ACCUSER TWICE**

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not FALSE ACCUSERS (Gr. DIABOLOS) Titus 2:3, 2 Tim. 3:3

- **TRANSLATED DEVIL 35 TIMES**

Used to describe :-

- Judas was a "devil" to Christ. John 6:70-71
- Persecuting civil authorities Eph. 6:11 Rev. 2:10
- Our sinful nature (flesh & blood) Heb. 2:14

The word Devil (Gr. DIABOLOS) has been used in many different ways, but never has it been used to describe a supernatural "fallen angel", who is supposedly responsible for tempting man to sin.

- **HOW IS MAN TEMPTED ?**

- **TEMPTATION COMES FROM WITHIN A MAN**

"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" Rom. 7:13-15

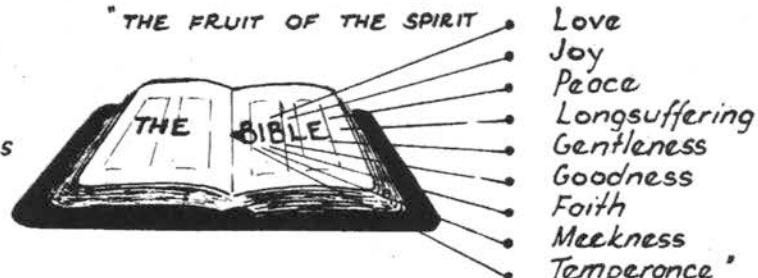
- **THE DEVIL OR SLANDERER IS IN US ALL**

Because our nature is so prone to "evil things" or "the works of the flesh", it is frequently styled, sin, sin's flesh, sin in the flesh or the devil.

● **CHRIST SAID :-** "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man, for from within out of the heart of man, proceed : -



THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE THOSE EVIL THINGS WHICH COME NATURALLY FROM WITHIN MAN. THEY ARE IN CONTRAST AND AT ENMITY TO THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. Gal. 5:16-21



- **CHRIST DESTROYED THE DEVIL THROUGH DEATH**

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (Christ) also, himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil" Heb. 2:14 cf 1 John 3:8

Christ destroyed "THE DEVIL" by his life of dedication and denial of the flesh. The crucifixion of Christ is a public example of what God requires of those who would follow his Son. They like him must crucify the flesh with all its affection and lust. see Gal. 5:24

- **DAIMONION**

The Greek word daimonion means "demons"

This word was used to describe certain diseases, or mental disorder from which a person suffered.

To "cast out a demon" was to cure that person of their sickness. see. Matt. 17:15-18 Matt. 12:22 John. 7:19-20

THE DEVIL & SATAN

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- **SATAN** : The word 'SATAN' is an untranslated Hebrew word meaning :- adversary, an opponent, withstand
- **A SATAN MAY BE GOOD OR EVIL**
 - **EXAMPLE OF A GOOD SATAN -**
An obedient divine angel - Num. 22:22;32 . This is the first occurrence of the Hebrew word "SATAN" in the Bible, and has been translated into English as "adversary" and "to withstand".
 - **EXAMPLE OF AN EVIL SATAN -**
Peter - See Matt. 16:23 - Peter was called SATAN, because he tried to prevent Christ from doing His Father's will.
- **THE FOLLOWING ARE REFERRED TO AS SATAN**
 - Hadad the Edomite 1Kings 11:14
 - David 1Sam. 29:4
 - The sons of Zeruiah 2Sam. 19:22
 - Adverse religious communities Rev. 2:9
 - The flesh being restrained under the disciplinary rule of Christ in the Millenium Rev. 20:2

BAPTISM

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- THREE STEPS TO SALVATION:- (1.) BELIEF

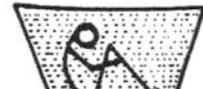
(2.) BAPTISM

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SALVATION

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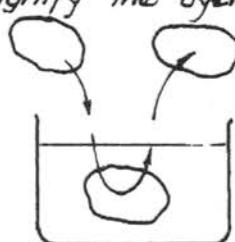
- BELIEF

- The gospel - Mark 16:16
Rom. 1:16 1Cor. 15:1-2 Act. 8:12-13
Act. 8:35-37
- Only one true gospel - Gal. 1:6-9
- Knowledge of God's word. John. 17:3 Rom. 10:17
- Re. Baptism when enlightened of the true gospel. Act. 19:4-5

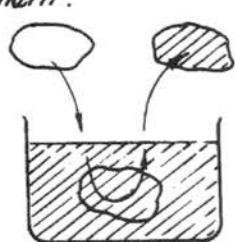
- BAPTISM

- The Greek word for Baptism, "BAPTIZO" means on immersion or washing in water.
The root word "BAPTO" = to dip. This word was used among the Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment.

IMMERSION
BUT NO
CHANGE



IMMERSION
AND A
CHANGE



TRUE BAPTISM IS A CHANGE AND NOT MERELY IMMERSION IN WATER.

- FULL IMMERSION - see John 3:23 "John was baptising at Aenon, because there was much water there"
- NOT SPRINKLING - The Greek word for sprinkling is "RHANTISO" used in Heb. 9:13 12:24, 19:21 1Pet.1:2
If Christ or the Apostles wished to imply sprinkling for the process of Baptism they would have used this word.
- WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO FOR ME?
 - Forgiveness of sins Act.2:38, 22:16
 - A seed of Abraham. Gal. 3:29
 - Hope of eternal life Tit.1:2, 3:7 1John 2:25
 - Covenant with God Eph.2:12
 - A mediator in Heaven 1Tim.2:5
 - A Father in Heaven. Mat. 6:9
- BAPTISM IS A DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION Rom. 6:3-13
In baptism we are baptised into Christ's death, burial and resurrection. We like Christ go to our death and with Christ declare the righteousness of God Rom 3:25 That God was just in requiring death to the flesh. cf Gen.3:19
 - THE OLD MAN DIES - We are crucified with Christ. Rom. 6:6
 - THE OLD MAN IS BURIED - We are buried with Christ. Rom. 6:4
 - THE NEW MAN IS RAISED - We are raised with Christ. Rom. 6:4-5
 - THE OLD MAN is put off, and THE NEW MAN is put on. Col. 3:1-10

- OBEDIENCE

Baptism alone does not save us, it only enters us into the race for eternal life. We have to live a life obedient to the commandments of Christ and then we are only saved by the grace of God.

- "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" Matt. 10:22, 24:13 1Tim. 4:7-8
- "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8

DEATH

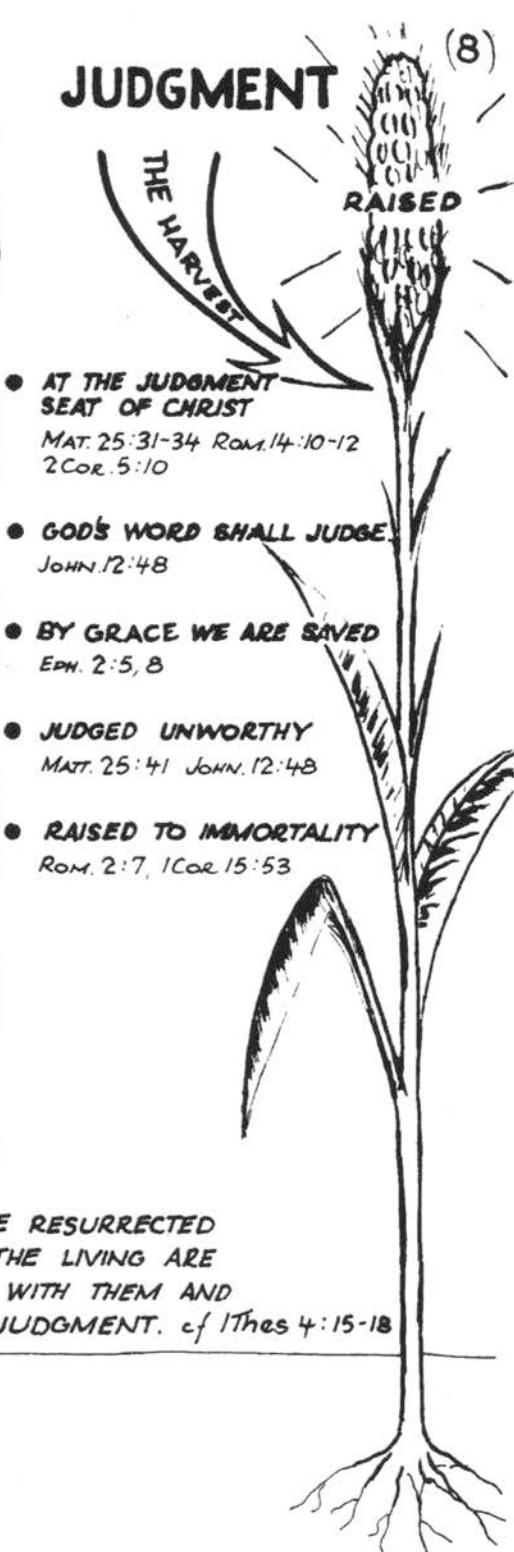
- SIN BROUGHT DEATH TO ALL - ROM. 5:12
2COR. 1:9 ROM. 7:24
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- THE SOUL IS MORTAL
EZ. 18:4, 20 GEN. 7:22
ISA. 53:12 1PET. 3:20
- HELL IS THE GRAVE
'SHEOL' - GEN. 37:35
EZ. 32:27
'HADES' - 1COR. 15:55
REV. 20:13
'GEHENNA' - MK. 9:47
- UNCONSCIOUS IN DEATH
ECC. 9:5-6, 10 ISA. 38:18-19
PSA. 6:5
- NO HOPE APART FROM RESURRECTION
1COR. 15:17-18 EPH. 2:12
- THE FAITHFUL ALL DIED WITH THIS HOPE.
HEB. 11:3

RESURRECTION

- THE ONLY TRUE HOPE.
1COR. 15:19-23
- AT CHRIST'S RETURN.
1COR. 15:23 1THES. 4:16
MATT. 25:31
- KNOWLEDGE DETERMINES RESPONSIBILITY
JOHN. 12:47-48
- BOTH JUST & UNJUST
DAN. 12:2 ACT. 24:15
JOHN 5:29
- IGNORANT NOT RESURRECTED
PROV. 21:16 PSA 49:18-20
ISA. 26:14, 43:17 JER. 51:57
ROM. 2:12
- RESURRECTED MORTAL
DAN. 12:2 1COR. 15:53
ROM 8:11
- THREE CLASSES OF PEOPLE TO BE RESURRECTED. :-

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|---|---|
| SAINTS <small>(SEPARATED ONES) BY BAPTISM</small> | SINNERS <small>(THOSE NOT BAPTISED)</small> |
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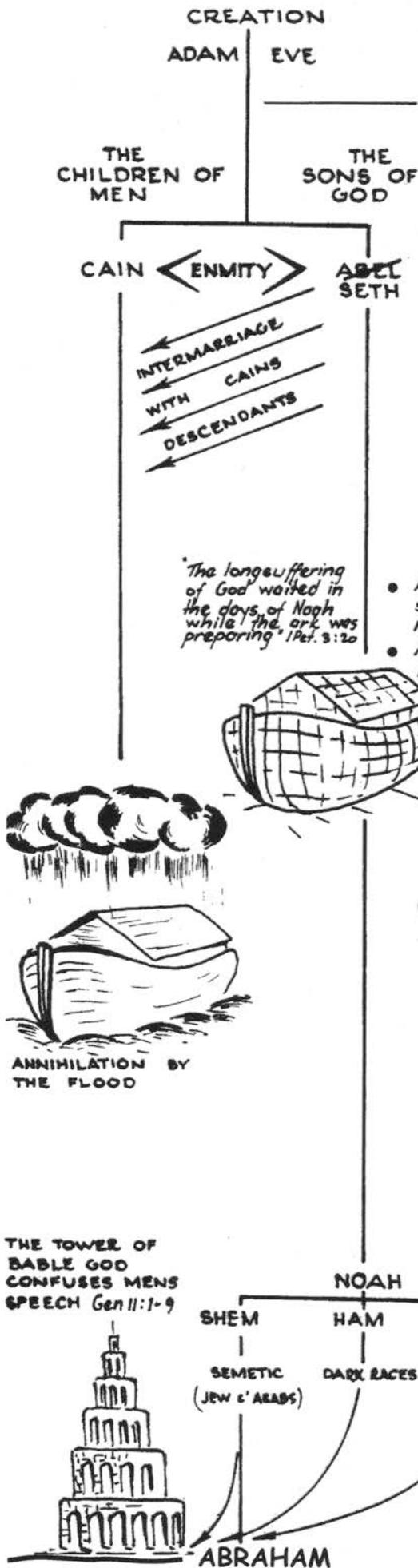
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THE RAISING OF GRAIN IS A PROCESS WHICH TAKES MONTHS TO PERFECT, AND IS NOT SAID TO BE RAISED UNTIL IT IS RIPE IN THE EARS.

CREATION TO ABRAHAM

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- LAW
 - SIN
 - PUNISHMENT
 - PROMISE
- **CAIN & ABEL SETH**
 - **THE BIRTH OF CAIN** - Eve's hope of the promised seed Gen. 4:1
 - **ENMITY BETWEEN CAIN & ABEL**
"I will put enmity between thee & the woman & between thy seed & her seed..." Gen. 3:15
 - CAIN = seed of the serpent.
 - ABEL SETH = seed of the woman
 - **A FORM OF RELIGION**
 - Both Cain & Abel were religious men.
 - Both desired to serve God.
 - Both brought their offerings before God.
 - **ABEL** **CAIN**
 - Abel took the trouble of seeking out what God required. cf John 4:23
 - Abel presented his offering with faith. Heb.11:4;6
 - Cain worshipped according to his own conscience and ideas.
 - Cain presented his offering without faith. 1 John 3:12 Rom. 10:17
 - **CAIN SLEW ABEL** Gen. 4:8
As Cain the seed of the serpent, bruised Abel the seed of the woman. So the symbolical Cain (the Scribes & Pharisees) murdered Christ. Matt. 23:34,35
 - **SETH APPOINTED IN PLACE OF ABEL**
In a figure, the risen Abel was seen in Seth, pointing forward to the resurrection of Christ.
 - **A GODLESS SOCIETY BEFORE THE FLOOD**
 - **MARRIAGE OUT OF THE TRUTH** Gen. 6:1-2
The sons of God did not remain separate from the sons of men (Jom. 4:4), and intermarried one with the other, until there was only eight faithful people who could be termed 'the sons of God'.
By baptism we become 'the sons of God' and we too are not to MARRY OUT OF THE TRUTH. 1 Cor. 7:39 11 Cor. 6:14-17
 - **THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS GREAT** Gen. 6:5
 - **THE IMAGINATION OF THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY** Gen. 6:5
 - **GOD'S WAY WAS CORRUPT** Gen. 6:12
 - **THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE** Gen. 6:11
 - **LIKENED UNTO OUR DAY BY CHRIST.** Luke 17:26

- **CHRIST OUR ARK**
- Come thou and all thy house into the ark Gen 7:1
By the call of the gospel, God is inviting us to enter into the ark of his son.
By baptism we enter into the Christ ark, seeking refuge from the coming judgments. cf 1 Pet. 3:20-21

ABRAHAM

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ABRAM'S FIRST CALL AT UR Act. 7:2

- Abram's family were idolaters Josh. 24:2
- Abram left Ur not knowing whither he went Heb. 11:8
- Abram and family left Ur and journeyed to Horan Gen. 11:31
God's call to Abram is our call Rom 8:28 We too, in faith, must leave the idols and wisdom of this world.

ABRAM'S SECOND CALL AT HARAN Gen. 12:1

- At Horan (enlightened) Abram was further enlightened by the gospel Gal. 3:8 of Gen. 12:3. Abram responded to God's invitation and crossed over the Euphrates and became known as Abram the Hebrew (the crosser over) Gen. 14:13

GOD'S CONDITIONAL PROMISES TO ABRAM Gen 12:2-3

- (1) A NATIONAL PROMISE - "I will make of thee a great nation"
The Jews will one day be a great nation Deut. 28:12
- (2) A PERSONAL PROMISE - "I will bless thee" - sins forgiven & eternal life Act. 3:25
"and make thy name great" - Abraham's greatness to come of Matt. 8:11 Iso. 51:1-3
"thou shall be a blessing" - He is a blessing to those who become his spiritual seed.
- (3) A FAMILY PROMISE - "I will bless them that bless thee"
Sins forgiven & eternal life to Abraham's seed.
Gal. 3:9; 14; 29
"and curse him that curseth thee"
To curse Abraham is to leave the family of Abraham or turn ones back on the truth for the pleasures of this world; all such will be finally cursed at the return of Christ. Matt. 8:11-12 Luk. 13:28
- (4) AN INTERNATIONAL PROMISE - "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"
The nations to be blessed in the Kingdom is THE GOSPEL see Gal. 3:8
eg. hunger Psal. 72:12-13 education Iso. 2:3
righteous rule Iso. 2:4 etc.

GOD PROMISED THE LAND OF CANAAN TO ABRAM'S SEED

"Unto thy seed will I give this land" Gen. 12:7

ABRAM'S SEED :- (1) SEED AS OF ONE

- Thy seed which is Christ Gal. 3:16

(2) SEED AS MANY

- And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise Gal. 3:29 Gen. 13:16 Gen. 15:5

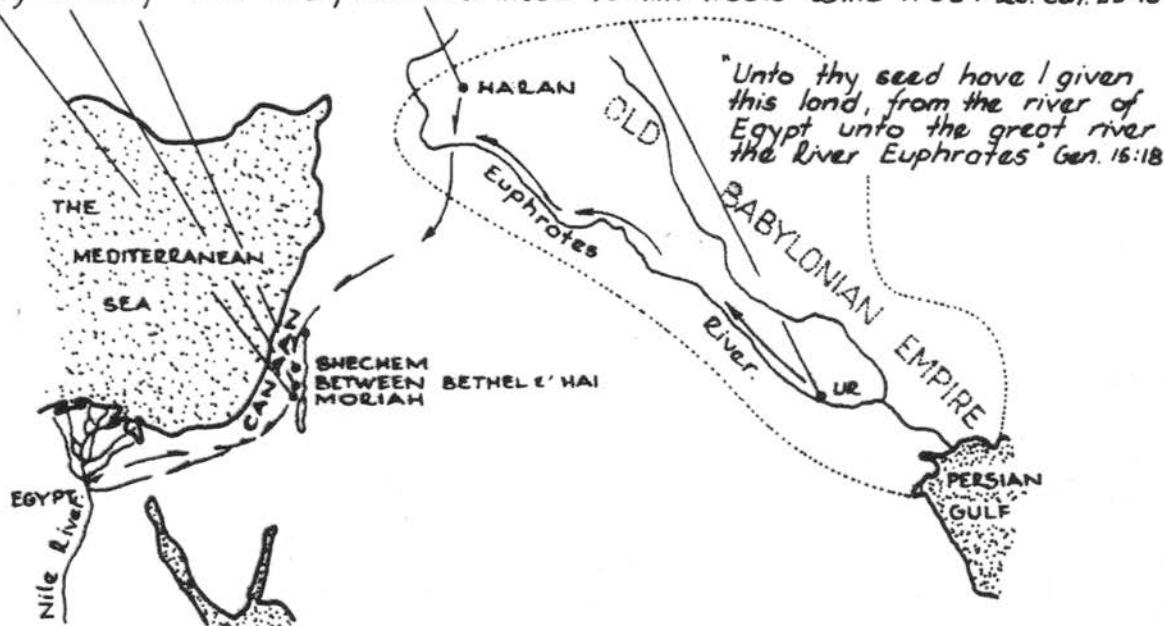
GOD PROMISED THE LAND OF CANAAN FOR EVER

"For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever" Gen. 13:15

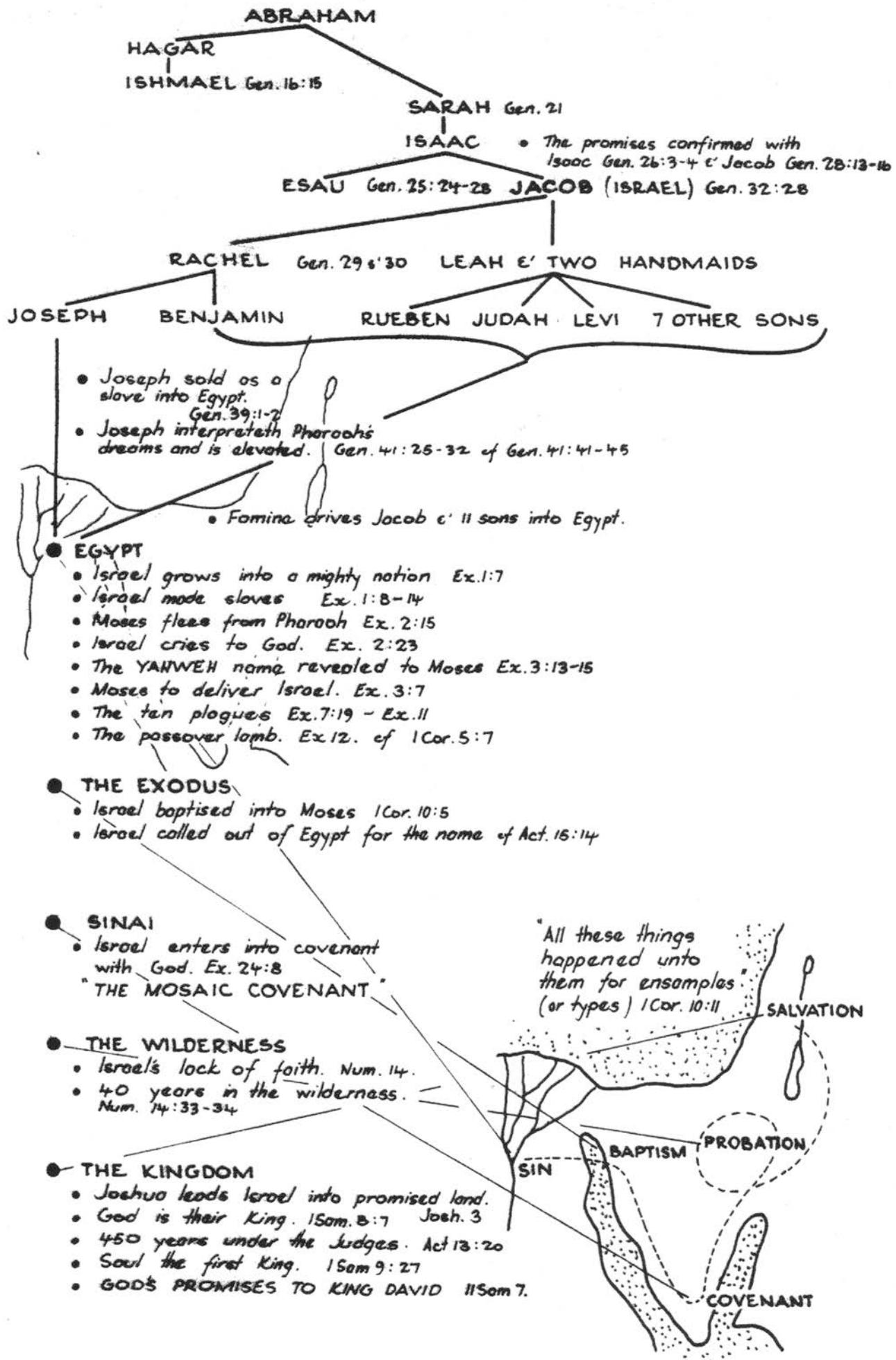
Abraham is to be resurrected and with his seed be given eternal life in the land of Canaan.

THE PROMISES CONFIRMED UNCONDITIONALLY

Because Abraham did not withhold his only son (Isaac) God swore by himself that the promises made to him would come true. see Gen. 22:16-18



ABRAHAM TO THE KINGDOM (II)



THE PASSOVER LAMB

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"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" 1Cor. 5:7

THE PASSOVER LAMB WAS CALLED SUCH, BECAUSE ON THE SAME NIGHT THAT THE ANGEL OF GOD SMOTE THE FIRST BORN, HE PASSED OVER, THOSE ISRAELITES WHO HAD PLACED THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB ON THEIR DOOR POSTS.

ISRAEL

- (1) Israel in bondage in Egypt Ex 13:3,14 Ex 20:2
- (2) A lamb of the flock without spot Ex.12:5
- (3) The death of the lamb Ex 12:6
- (4) The blood on the door posts and lintel. Ex 12:7
- (5) "Roasted with fire" Ex.12:9
- (6) The flesh of the lamb to be eaten in the night. Ex.12:8
- (7) The lamb to be eaten with :-
 - Unleavened bread
 - Bitter herbs Ex 12:8
- (8) Prepared to go Ex 12:11
 - Loins girded
 - Shoes on feet.
 - Staff in hand.
- (9) The angel of death passes over. Ex.12:12-13

LESSON

- (1) In bondage to sin Rom. 7:24
- (2) Christ "the lamb of God" John 1:29 without sin 1Pet. 1:19 ; 2:22-23
- (3) The death of Christ 1Cor. 5:7
- (4) Represents the atoning work of Christ for his house i.e. the ecclesia 1John 1:7 cf Heb. 10:29
- (5) Christ as the passover lamb was to be crucified on a stake:-
 - To exhibit to the world that "the flesh with its affections and lust" must be crucified. Gal. 5:24
 - To come under the curse of the law, to show that no man is justified by the law Gal. 3:10-13
- (6) We keep the Lord's passover in gentile darkness. Luke 22:15 cf Psa.23:5
- (7) The Lord's passover must be eaten with the unleavened bread of "sincerity and truth" 1Cor. 5:7 cf John 4:23 and with the "bitter herbs" of sharing in common the suffering of Christ. Phil. 3:10
- (8) We must always be ready
 - Loins girded with truth Eph. 6:11
 - Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Eph. 6:15
 - Staff of the word of God. Psa.23:4
- (9) When Christ comes to pour out God's judgments on spiritual Egypt, those who have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb Rev. 7:4 and who have "kept the feast" 1Cor. 5:7-8 will be able to sing the song of the redeemed, "for thou was slain (the Christ lamb), and hast redeemed us to God, by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation..." Rev. 5:9

THE TWO COVENANTS

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The Bible outlines two great covenants that God has made with man :-

- (1) **THE OLD (MOSAIC) COVENANT** was made with the nation of Israel at Sinai and confirmed with the blood of animal sacrifice. Ex. 24:3-8
The old covenant "was added because of transgressions, till the seed (i.e. Christ of v16) should come" Gal. 3:19
NOTE :- "it was added" - It was not instead of the Abrahamic covenant but an addition.



"it was added because of transgressions" } Here we have the reason for its addition.
"because of transgressions" Thus the law was designed to teach Israel that human nature is sinfully inclined and that no flesh is justified by law. see Gal. 3:10-11
"till the seed should come" } The law was only a temporary institution to be removed by Christ.

- (2) **THE NEW (ABRAHAMIC) COVENANT** was made with Abraham Gen. 15:18, 430 years before the law was given Gal. 3:17 and confirmed with the sacrificial blood of Christ. Matt. 26:28
Through Christ's death on "the tree" Gal. 3:13 the OLD COVENANT was "taken out of the way" Col. 2:14 and the NEW COVENANT came into effect, thus "confirming the promises made unto the fathers" Rom. 15:8

- **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** Ex. 20

The ten commandments were a part of the old Mosaic covenant Ex. 34:28
Ex. 4:13 and so "called the tables of the covenant" Heb. 9:4 As the tables of the covenant they are an epitome of the old covenant and therefore called "the ministration of death, written and engraved in stone" 1 Cor. 3:7
Nine of the commandments have been re-affirmed and extended to the cause of sin. of Matt. 5. But the fourth commandment relating to the seventh day rest, was never re-affirmed by Christ or the apostles.

- **THE SABBATH**

- The seventh day was "sanctified" at the creation because, on this day God ceased from all his works. Gen. 2:2-3 To "sanctify" is to "set apart" as if to be used at a later date.
- The sabbath law was firstly and only given to the nation of Israel. Ex. 31:12-17, Ex. 16:22-26
- The sabbath law was given to Israel in remembrance of their deliverance from Egypt. Ex. 5:12-15 They were weekly reminded to cease from the works of sin and do the works of God. Heb. 4:9-11, Matt. 12:5
- The law of circumcision took precedence over the law of the sabbath John 7:22. Circumcision was the token of the Abrahamic covenant Gen. 17:10-11 and the sabbath was a sign or token of the Mosaic covenant. Ex. 31:17 Thus teaching that the Mosaic covenant was to give way to the Abrahamic covenant.
- Christ is the "Lord of the sabbath" Matt. 12:8 and therefore had the power to change it.
- In Christ (by baptism) is to be found the true sabbath rest for believers today. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..." Matt. 11:28-30
- Each day is a sabbath of rest from the works of sin and doing the work of God for a follower of Christ. Rom. 14:5-6
- The seventh day sabbath not binding on believers today Col. 2:14-17

- **SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

A distinction is made by S.D.A. between the :-

- (1) Ceremonial Law (written in a book) which was done away by Christ.
- (2) Moral Law (inscribed on the tables of stone) which is said by S.D.A. remains. This division is unscriptural because the "book of the law of Moses" Josh. 23:6 contained moral laws which were not mentioned in the ten commandments e.g. God's moral law forbidding marriage with the alien. Josh. 23:12

A further distinction is made with the terms :-

- (1) "Law of Moses" (ceremonial law)
- (2) "Law of the Lord" (moral law)

This division is also unscriptural and the terms "Law of Moses" and "Law of the Lord" are interchangeable. For the "Law of the Lord" contained ceremonial laws. cf. 2 Chr. 31:2-3

- **SARAH & HAGAR REP. TWO COVENANTS** Gal. 4:22-31

"Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman" Gal. 4:30
● HAGAR the bondwoman rep. the Mosaic covenant v24, 25 ISHMAEL, Hagar's child rep. the children of the covenant i.e. National Israel.

● SARAH the free woman v.23 rep. the Abrahamic covenant or Jerusalem which is above v26 of Heb. 12:22
ISAAC the child of promise v.23 rep. the seed of the Abrahamic covenant i.e. Christ Gal. 3:16, 29

THE DAVIDIC PROMISES



● BACKGROUND :-

God gave King David "rest from his enemies" 2Sam.7:1 and he dwelt in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelt in a tent. David therefore desired to build a house for Yahweh. God forbade him to do so, because his reign was characterised by war and "much blood" 1Ch. 28:3. Instead of David building God a house, God would build David a house. 2Sam.7:11

2 SAMUEL 7

V.12 "When thy days be fulfilled and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers"

"I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels"

"I will establish his KINGDOM"

V.13 "He shall build an house for my name"

"I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever"

V.14 "I will be his father and he shall be my son"

V.16 "And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee"

- When David was dead and buried cf. Act. 2:29
- These promises were not fulfilled in in Solomon for he sat upon the throne of Israel while David was alive. 1King 1:48
- The seed promised to David was Christ Act. 2:30. Act. 13:22-23
- Christ was a descendant from David Matt. 1:1-16
- The Kingdom promised to David's seed (i.e. Christ) is the restored Kingdom of Israel. Act. 1:6 Luke 1:32
- Christ is building a spiritual house for the Yahweh name. 1Pet. 2:5-9
- Christ will build a literal house of prayer in Jerusalem. Zec. 6:12 Iso. 56:7
Iso. 2:2-4
- The kingdom of Christ will not be overthrown as was the kingdom of Israel. Ez. 21:25
- Not only was Christ to be son of David. Matt.1:1 But also son of God. Luke.1:35 Heb.1:5
- "I will be" and "he shall be" are in the future tense and thus teach that Christ did not bodily pre-exist before his birth of the virgin Mary.
- David is to be resurrected at the return of Christ of v.12
- David will be given eternal life.
- He will see the fulfillment of God's promises to him.

THE PROMISES TO DAVID ARE AN UNBREAKABLE COVENANT THAT GOD HAS MADE WITH HIM.

"If ye can break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season. Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne ..." Jer. 33:20-21 cf Psa. 89:34-35, Act. 2:30

● WHAT CONSTITUTES A KINGDOM ?

| | ● IN THE PAST |
|---------------|------------------------|
| (1) A KING | God |
| (2) CO-RULERS | David, Solomon etc. |
| (3) SUBJECTS | The children of Israel |
| (4) TERRITORY | The land of Israel |
| (5) LAWS | The law of Moses |

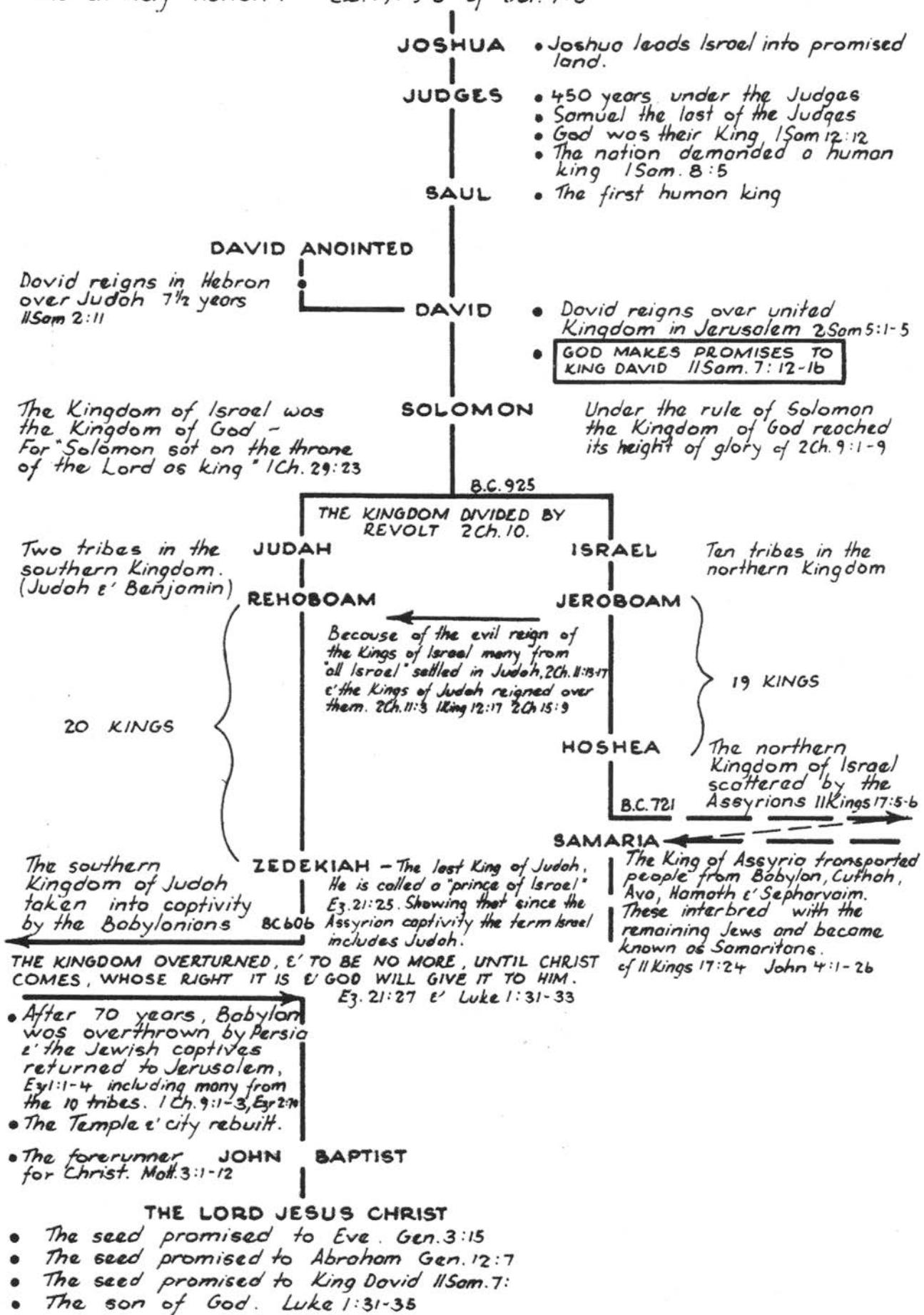
| ● IN THE FUTURE |
|--------------------------------|
| God Luke.8:1 |
| Christ and the saints Rev.5:10 |
| The mortals Zec.14:16 |
| The whole world Dan.2:35,44 |
| God's laws. Iso. 2:3 |

● THE THREE GREAT COVENANTS OF PROMISE

- (1) THE EDENIC COVENANT Gen. 3:15 promised "LIFE"
- (2) THE ABRAMATIC COVENANT Gen.12 promised "INHERITANCE"
- (3) THE DAVIDIC COVENANT 2Sam.7 promised "KINGSHIP"

THE KINGDOM OF GOD TO JESUS CHRIST (14)

"If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Ex. 19:5-6 cf. Det. 7:6



JESUS CHRIST

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- **MISSION** :- The mission of Jesus is seen in the meaning of his name.
of "... and thou shalt call his name JESUS : for he shall save his people from their sins" Matt 1:21

● **BIRTH**

- A humble birth in Bethlehem . Matt. 2:5-6, Luke 2:7
- "Son of Man" - of the condemned line from Adam (i.e. mortal) Rom. 5:12, Heb. 2:14-18, Rom. 8:3, II Cor. 5:21
- "Son of God" - by a virgin conceiving of the Holy spirit. Luke 1:35
- Jesus was specially prepared & strengthened by God for the conquest of sin. Isa. 50:4-7 Psa. 139:14 Matt. 4:11 Luke. 22:43 ; 12:48
- "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" Luke 2:40-52
- Born under the law of Moses to redeem Israel from the curse of the law. Gal. 4:4-5

● **MINISTRY**

- Baptised by John "to fulfil all righteousness" Matt 3:15
- Anointed with the Holy spirit power of Jordan Matt 3:16 - to preach and show the gospel of the kingdom of God. Luke 4:18 ; 8:1
- Tempted in all points, like as we are, yet without sin. Heb 4:15
i.e. • lust of the flesh of - Luke 4:1-4
• lust of the eye - Luke 4:5-8
• pride of life - Luke 4:9-13
- Jesus was the complete manifestation of God. John 17:6, I Tim 3:16, John 1:14 John 14:8-9
- No man has ever had such an impact upon world history, and the lives of men, as the 3½ year ministry of Christ.

● **CRUCIFIXION**

- The crucifixion of Christ was the culmination of a LIFE DEDICATED unto God and a BODY CRUCIFIED of its natural impulses.
- Christ died upon the cross to declare the righteousness of God. Rom. 3:26
 - That God was just in Eden, when man was rightly punished for sin. Gen. 3:17 cf Gen. 2:17
- That God might be "the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" Rom. 3:21
- In baptism we identify ourselves, with the crucifixion Rom. 6:3 and we like Christ uphold the righteousness of God, realising that no good thing dwells in flesh and so voluntarily submit to death.

● **RESURRECTION**

- The resurrection of Christ was God's sign of approval of his offering Act. 2:24 ; 31-32
- Christ received eternal redemption for himself Heb. 9:12
- God by resurrecting Christ, has opened up the way, by which, we can now be saved from sin and death. I Cor. 15:17

● **THE MEMORIAL SUPPER** - "this do in remembrance of me" Luke 22:19 Christ gave to his disciples "the bread" and "the wine" as symbols to bring to remembrance his sacrifice.

- **RECORDED IN** - Matt. 26:26-30 Mark 14:22-26 Luke 22:14-20 I Cor. 11:23-29
- **THE BREAD** :- "this is my body" I Cor. 11:24
 - By the eating of the bread we are reminded of his body :-
 - That he inherited a nature identical to ours, Heb. 2:14
 - Subject to like temptations as us Heb. 4:15
 - But denied the flesh of its natural impulses and "did no sin" 1 Pet. 2:22-23
- **THE WINE** :- "this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" Matt. 26:28
 - **THE BLOOD IS A SYMBOL OF LIFE**
"For the life of the flesh is in the blood" Lev. 17:11
 - A life dedicated or poured out in service to God is remembered in the wine . Matt 26:39
 - The shed blood ratified the new covenant. cf Heb. 13:20
 - The forgiving or covering of our sins is possible by faith in the shed blood of Christ.
cf Heb. 9:22 "without the shedding of blood is no remission"

GOD IS ONE

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"This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent." John.17:3

- **THE TRINITY** - The Trinity is a doctrine that was adopted into "Christianity" in the 4th century after Christ. When Athanasius, the Bishop of Alexandria drew up the "Athanasian creed" which describes the Trinity as:-
"The Father is God, the son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet they are not three gods, but one God."

- **TRINITARIANS CLAIM** :-

- God, Jesus Christ & the Holy spirit is one God.
- That all three are co-eternal
- That all three are co-equal.

- **THE TRINITY NOT TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE**

- The word trinity not found in the Bible.
- The Encyclopaedia Britannica states:-

"The propositions constitutive of the dogma of the Trinity were not drawn directly from the New Testament, and could not be expressed in New Testament terms. They were the products of reason speculating on a revelation to faith.... They were only formed through centuries of effort, only elaborated by the aid of the conceptions and formulated in the terms of Greek and Roman metaphysics" - (i.e., borrowed from pagan mythology.)

- **GOD**

- There is only one true God :-

Moses declared - "Hear, O' Israel, the LORD our God is ONE LORD" Det.6:4
Christ confirms - "Jesus answered the first of all the commandments is, Hear O' Israel; the Lord our God is ONE LORD" Mark.12:29

Paul states - "To us there is but ONE GOD, THE FATHER" 1Cor.8:6
cf. Eph.4:6 1Tim.2:5

- The possessor and only source of immortality 1Tim.6:16

- Who dwells in heaven Dan.2:28

- In unapproachable light by mortal man 1Tim.6:16

- Yet he is every where present by his spirit Psa.139:2-12

- Who both, by and out of his own undervived energy (or spirit power) created heaven and earth . Psa.104:30 Rom.11:36 Job.34:14-15

- It was this same spirit power which moved holy men of God to prophesy and write the Bible . 2Pet.1:21

- **JESUS CHRIST** - see sheet No(15)

- Jesus not co-eternal with God

see Luke 1:32 "He shall be called the son of God"

- Jesus not co-equal with God

- Jesus said "The Father is greater than I" John.14:28

- Jesus is called God's servant Iso.52:13

- Jesus subject to God even after the 1000 year reign on Earth. 1Cor.15:24-28

- Jesus is called God by Thomas "My lord and my God" John 20:28

Thomas, a Jew, used an expression common to the old testament, where God's representatives are referred to as God.

cf. • Angels are called God. Gen.16:7 cf v13 - Gen.22:8,11,15 cf v16 Ex.23:20-21

- Moses referred to as God. Ex.7:1

- The Judges of Israel referred to as God. Psa.82:1,6 cf John 10:34

- We may have God's name . Act 15:14 Rev. 3:12

- Jesus said "I and my Father are one" John.10:30

• Jesus was not claiming to be God as the Jews and Christendom suppose v33.
but that he was one with the Father in mind but not one in body.

• Jesus prayed that we too might be of the same mind and one with the Father.

John.17:21-22

- **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The holy spirit is the energy or power of God by which he does all things.
cf "...The holy spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee ..." Luke.1:35 cf Act.10:38

- **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT THE THIRD PERSON OF A TRINITY**

- If the Holy Spirit is the third person of a trinity. Then Jesus was not the son of God, but the son of the Holy Spirit. see Matt.1:18,20 cf Luke 3:22

- Jesus could not be co-equal with the Holy Spirit because sins against him would be forgiven, but sin against the Holy Spirit would not be forgiven.

• IF THE FATHER IS GOD, THE SON IS GOD, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD??? Matt.12:31-32
Then Trinitarians must worship three Gods- For all three are separate.

Matt.3:15-17

- **TRUE WORSHIPPERS** shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth : for the Father seeketh such to worship him ." John.4:23



THE ECCLESIA

(17.)

"They continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer" Act. 2:42

● JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN

- Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after his resurrection and "speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" Act. 1:3
- He sits as priest and mediator at the right hand of God, for his ecclesia or his brethren only. 1 Tim. 2:5 Heb. 4:14-16
- This same Jesus is to return to earth and set up God's Kingdom. Act. 1:6-11

● THE ECCLESIA FORMED AT PENTECOST

The word pentecost means "fiftieth" it was a Jewish feast celebrated on the fiftieth day from the offering of the "wave sheaf" Lev. 23:11. This wave sheaf was the first fruits of the harvest, and as it was offered three days after the Passover it rep. the resurrected Christ - "Christ the firstfruits." 1 Cor. 15:23 and pointed forward to a great harvest. At pentecost "two wave loaves" were offered and also called "the firstfruits unto Yahweh" Lev. 23:17 So the ecclesia at pentecost became a kind of firstfruits of God's creatures "Jom. 1:18" made up of "two wave loaves" - Jews and Gentiles.

● WHAT IS THE ECCLESIA ?

- The greek word "ec-clesio" means "to call out". The ecclesia is therefore not a church or building but a people who have been "called out" of the world by the gospel and "called into" fellowship with God through the sacrifice of his son.
- The ecclesia of Christ is a spiritual building 1 Pet. 2:4-5 built upon the rock foundation "that Christ is the son of the living God" Matt. 16:16-18 It was this foundation that Israel rejected Matt. 26:63-68
- The ecclesia is the pillar and stay of the truth" 1 Tim. 3:15

● THE HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS

The nine gifts or "parts" of the holy spirit was bestowed upon the infant ecclesia at Pentecost Act. 2:1-13

- To confirm the gospel message Mark. 16:15-20 Heb. 2:3-4
- To build up the infant ecclesia Eph. 4:11-16 (This is performed by the bible alone today 2 Tim. 3:14-17)
- The holy spirit gifts could only be transmitted by the Apostles, Act. 8:14-18
- The holy spirit gifts, "failed", "ceased", "vanished away" or were done away" 1 Cor. 13:8-10
 - When the Apostles died.
 - "When that which is perfect is come" 1 Cor. 13:10 i.e. the completion of the spirit word of God Rev. 22:18-19

● THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE GENTILES Mark. 16:15-16

- Peter a Jew was chosen to go to the first gentile . Act. 10
- Paul who is called "the apostle of the gentiles" Rom. 11:13 spread the gospel to the inhabited world.
- Ecclesiases were formed in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatiro, Sardis, Philadelphia, Loddicea, Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Philippi, Colosse, Thessalonica etc.

● LIFE IN THE TRUTH - "it is your life" Det. 32:46-47

What are we going to do with our life in the truth.?

- A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE - to Christ's commandments cf the greatest commandment "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" Matt. 22:36-40, Ecc 12:13
- A LIFE OF DEDICATION with an unwavering allegiance in Christ's service Jesus said that "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God" Luke 9:57-62
- A LIFE OF SEPARATION as the "called out" ones we are to remain separate from the world . Jom. 4:4 11 Chr. 6:14-18
 - i.e. • worldly politics - Eph. 2:12
 - military service - John 18:36
 - worldly fashion - 1 Cor. 7:31 , 1 Pet. 3:3-4
 - worldly entertainment -
 - worldly corrupt communications - Eph 4:29
 - worldly habits -
- A LIFE OF STUDY - "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 11 Tim. 2:15
- A LIFE OF PRAYER - God speaks to us through his word and we speak to God in prayer. see. Matt. 6:9-13
- A LIFE OF PREACHING the gospel Mark. 16:15-16
- A LIFE OF GOD MANIFESTATION - we have been called into the truth so that God might be glorified in us now, and in the ages to come.

{ "Whatever you permit
on earth must be what
is permitted in heaven"

MODERN ISRAEL A MIRACLE OF (18) BIBLE PROPHECY



"They shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" Luke 21:24

The above words were spoken by the Lord Jesus, about forty years before the Jewish State was overwhelmed by the Romans in A.D. 70, and the Jewish people were led captive into all parts of the world. The Roman invasion was God's punishment upon Israel because they rejected their King. Matt. 15:24 John 19:15 cf Matt 27:25

● CHRIST PREDICTED

● THE ROMAN INVASION OF A.D. 70

"For wheresoever the carcass is there will the eagles be gathered together" Matt. 24:28 "the eagle was a symbol of the Roman Empire" Jerusalem compassed with armies" Luke 21:20

● THE SIEGE

"Woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days" Luke 21:23 of Det. 28:47-63 see Josephus page 578/4
"They shall fall by the edge of the sword" Luke 21:24.

● THE JEWS LED CAPTIVE INTO ALL NATIONS

"and shall be led away captive into all nations" Luke 21:24 cf Det. 28:64

● JERUSALEM DOWNTRODDEN OF THE GENTILES FOR 1,900 YEARS

"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles" Luke 21:24 A "Gentile" is one who is not a Jew, thus Romans, Persians, Moslems, Crusaders, Turks, British and Arabs have all downtrodden Jerusalem

● THE JEWS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM

"Until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" Luke 21:24

The treading down of Jerusalem by Gentiles was to last for a set time, i.e. "the times of the Gentiles". When this time is "fulfilled", Jerusalem will be once again in the hands of the Jews.

The phrase "trodden down" Luke 21:24 is a reference to Dan. 8:13,
"How long shall be..... the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?.....
Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be
cleansed" Dan. 8:13-14. On a day for a year principle this would be
2,300 years, and dating from the opening vision of Dan. 8, when the
Rom (rep. the kings of Media and Persia v.20) and the rough he goat (rep.
The king of Grecia" v. 21) were joined in battle (v.6-7.) and numbering 2,300
years from the battle of Gronicus, B.C. 334 or the battle of Issus, B.C. 333
this brings us to 1966 or 1967.

In remarkable fulfilment of the above prophecy "the sanctuary was cleansed"
of Gentile domination in the Israeli six day war of June 1967 and the Jews
regained Jerusalem after 1,900 years.

● THE PRESERVATION OF THE JEW Ex. 3:2

Throughout the history of the Jewish people, they have been, conquered, scattered, persecuted, slaughtered, and yet after 3,500 years they still remain. The immortal Jew is a witness to the truth of the bible.

cf "For I am with thee, said the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished" Jer. 30:11

● THE RESTORATION OF THE JEW

The restoration of the Jew to his ancient home land is a clear sign of the near return of their King.

cf "I will take the children of Israel from among the nations whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel and one King shall be King unto them all..." Eze 37:21-22

THREE DEVELOPMENTS ARE PREDICTED BY EZEKIEL

(1) The regathering of the Jews back into their land.

(2) The re-establishment of the nation of Israel.

(3) The return of Jesus of Nazareth as their King cf John 19:19

(1) The regathering of the Jews back into their home land was made possible with the "BAFLOUR DECLARATION" of 2nd Nov. 1917 when "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people...."

(2) On the 15th May. 1948 the state of Israel was proclaimed and "the fig tree... shot forth" Luke 21:29-30

(3) "When ye see these things come to pass know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand" Luke 21:30

2,500 YEARS OF WORLD HISTORY (19)

"There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days" Dan.2:28

● BABYLON - GOLD

- "Thou (the King of Babylon) art this head of Gold" v.38
- Gold is a fit symbol for "Babylon the glory of Kingdoms" Isa. 13:19
- Babylon is called "the golden city" Isa. 14:4
- "After thee shall arise another kingdom" v.38 but in defiance of this prophecy the king of Babylon made an image of all gold. Dan.3:1

● MEDO - PERSIA - SILVER

- The two arms of the image showed the dual nature of the, MEDO-PERSIAN kingdom.
- As SILVER is inferior to GOLD so the MEDO-PERSIAN empire was "inferior" to the BABYLONIAN empire, in wealth, luxury and magnificence, but not in extent.
- According to Herodotus the taxation and tribute demanded by Persia of those she conquered was paid in silver talents.

● GREECE - BRASS

- The descendants of Javan settled in what was later known as GREECE, and were noted for their trading in BRASS. Ez.27:13
- The GREEK soldiers used brass in their armour and are known in history as the "BRAZEN" coated Greeks."

● ROME - IRON

- The ROMAN legions were noted for IRON swords and breastplates.
- The two legs of iron stood for the eastern and western divisions of the ROMAN EMPIRE with headquarters in Rome and Constantinople.

● DIVIDED ROMAN EMPIRE - IRON & CLAY

- The iron from the legs, merges into the feet and toes, showing that the ROMAN EMPIRE was not overthrown in any one battle, such as the Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Grecian empires. But decoyed away from within and broke up into ten major tribes, corresponding to the ten toes.

● THE LATTER DAYS'

- "What shall be in the latter days" - Since all the metals of the image were to be broken up together v35, a confederacy of nations must exist in the latter days of the kingdom of man, which will incorporate all the nations existing in the territories represented in the image.

● THE STONE

The stone is rep. Christ of Matt. 21:42 and his immortalised saints who will assist him in executing God's judgments upon the nations. of Ps. 149:5-9 Christ referred to himself as the stone of Daniel 2: "Whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" Matt. 21:44

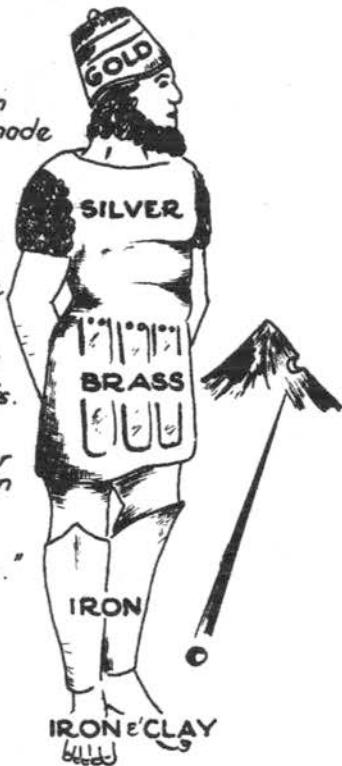
● THE MOUNTAIN

Moutains are symbolical of nations Jer. 51:25 and as "the stone was cut of the mountain without hand" v45. So "God is taking out of the nations a people for his name" Act. 15:14

● ARMAGEDDON Rev. 16:16

Armageddon means a "heap of sheaves in a valley for judgment"; it describes the nations gathered together at Jerusalem to battle. - Christ and the saints will thresh the nations and they shall be as "the chaff of the summer threshing floor blown away to be found no more." (see lesson 20)

"THE STONE BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN AND FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH" v35 of Dan. 2:44, Rev. 11:15



ARMAGEDDON TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD (20)



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruninghooks: nation
shall not lift up sword against nation, neither
shall they learn war any more" Isa. 2:4

WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS "Dan. 2:28 cf Ez 38:16 (CONTINUED FROM LESSON 19)

In the feet of iron and clay stage of the Kingdom of man,
the kingdom shall be divided with strong and brittle nations.
Thus Europe is divided today by the "iron curtain". But
with the unveiling of this curtain and the uniting of
Europe under one monarch, "in the latter days", the Russian
image of Daniel 2 will then stand erect and victorious
upon the mountains of Israel.

● THE RETURN OF CHRIST

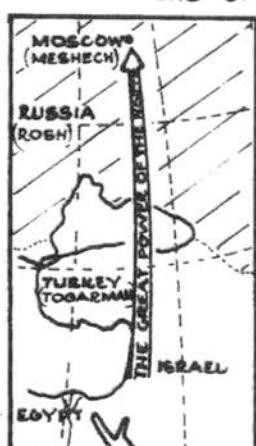
The angelic declaration of Christ's ascension guarantees Christ's return.
"this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come
in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Act. 1:11 of Act 3:19

- Christ returns "as a thief" to the world Rev. 16:15, and snatches away 1 Thes. 4:16-17 his jewels (i.e. the saints) Malachi 3:17 and gross darkness shall cover the people. Isa. 60:2
- Christ comes to judge the household of faith first, 1 Pet. 4:17-18 and reward the just with eternal life.

● THE RUSSIAN IMAGE STANDS UP Ez. 38

The prophet Ezekiel, predicts an invasion of "the land of Israel" by "Gog" (v.3)
who is chief of a mighty army incorporating most of Europe and Asia.
Ez. 38:2,3

- GOG - The word Gog in Hebrew means "roof" and therefore describes the one at the top of this great confederated army from many nations.



• RUSSIA IDENTIFIED GEOGRAPHICALLY

"Thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north." v. Ez. 38:15 As the invader, invades "the mountains of Israel" v.8 Russia is the only power in "the uttermost parts of the north."

- Moscow is in a longitudinal line from Jerusalem.

• RUSSIA IDENTIFIED BY NAME

- The word "CHIEF" in Ez 38:2 is the Hebrew word "Rosh" and Hebraists state it is a proper noun and should be rendered as such. The R.V. renders it as "Prince of Rosh". Rosh was the ancient name for Russia.
- The historian Gibbon writes: - "among the Greeks, Russia was known as "Rosh".
- Bochart declares that in this word "Rosh" we have the most ancient form of Russia.

● WHY WILL RUSSIA INVADE THE MIDDLE EAST ?

God said "I will.... put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth and all thy army.. " Ez. 38:4 God likens himself to a fisherman with boited hooks drawing Russia into the middle east.

• THE BAIT

- The size conol.
- The Middle East contains the richest oil deposits in the world.

● "ART THOU COME TO TAKE A SPOIL" Ez. 38:13

The Russian invader is to be challenged by the allies -

"the merchants of Tarsish (v.13) is identified as Britain. For the Phoenicians traded in tin with Tarsish of Ez. 27:12-13 called the island "Baratane" i.e. "the land of Tin" this name was changed by the Greeks to "Britannia".

"the young lions" are the nations of the British commonwealth.

But the Russian invader is to stand victorious over his challengers. Zec. 14:2

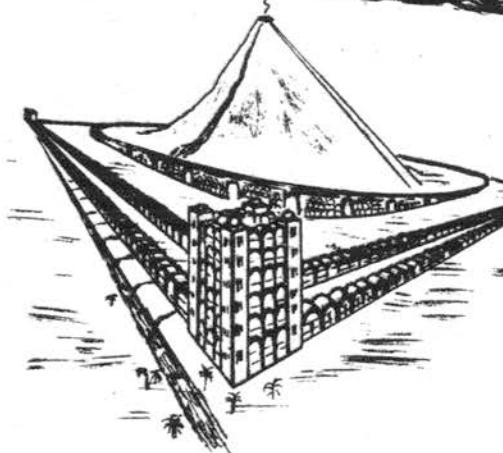
● ARMAGEDDON TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The battle of Armageddon marks the overthrow of the kingdom of Man and the establishment of the kingdom of God.

"Thus will I (God) magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am Yohweh" Ez. 28:23
When Christ and his immortalised saints have broken the Russian image, the proclamation of "the gospel of the age" goes forth to all nations.
Saying "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgments is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth and the sea" Rev. 14:6-7

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(21)



"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
in earth as it is in Heaven." Matt. 6:10

- **'JERUSALEM (ZION) THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING'** Matt. 5:35 of Psa 48:2

Jerusalem the city of Christ's suffering
is destined to be the city of his glory.
For the carpenter of Nazareth is to
build in Jerusalem a glorious "house of
prayer for all nations" Mark 11:15-17
It is from this centre, Christ is to rule the
Kingdom of God. Isa. 2:3

- Christ's "first dominion" Mich. 4:8 will be
over the restored Kingdom of Israel. Luk. 1:32
- The Kingdom of God will extend to all
the world and be modelled after the pattern
of Israel. Dan. 2:44 Zech. 14:9

- **THE MILLENIUM**

The word "millennium" is derived from two Latin words :-

(1) "mille" = a thousand }
(2) "annus" = a year } a thousand years.

The word millennium is therefore used to describe the one thousand year
reign of Christ as King on this earth.
of "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" Rev. 20:4,6

- **CHRIST THE KING**

Jesus confirmed before Pilate that he is to be a King.
"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world" John. 18:37

- **"THE KING OF GLORY"**

"Who is the King of Glory?

The LORD strong and mighty,

the LORD mighty in battle" Psa. 24:8

The title of Jesus "the King of Glory" is descriptive of the time when he
has been "mighty in battle" and he as the manifestation of God's glory,
marches triumphantly into the Temple, and sits upon "the throne of
his glory" Matt. 19:28. He "shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem,
before his ancients gloriously" Isa. 24:23 "For out of Zion shall go forth
the law, and the word of Yohweh from Jerusalem" Isa. 2:3 Thus "the
earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yohweh, as
the waters cover the sea" Hob. 2:14.

- **"THE KING OF THE JEWS"** John 19:19

The title of Jesus "THE KING OF THE JEWS": written above his cross teaches that :-

- They have pierced" Zech. 12:10-14
- The Kingdom of Israel is to be restored and Christ will reign as
their King. Eze. 37:21-22

- **"KING OVER ALL THE EARTH"** Zech. 14:9

The stone power of Dan. 2, which "smote the image, became a great
mountain, and filled the WHOLE EARTH" Dan. 2:35. Thus "the kingdoms of
this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ" Rev. 11:15
"Ye, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him" Psa. 72:11.

- **"THE KING OF KINGS"** Rev. 19:16

The exalted title of Christ as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords" shows
how highly God "hath 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" Ph. 2:9-11

- **"THE KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"** Heb. 7:2

The title of Christ "the King of righteousness" speaks of him reigning from
the "city of righteousness" and executing judgment and justice in the
earth" Jer. 23:5 "He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither
reprove after the hearing of his ears, but with RIGHTEOUSNESS shall he
judge the poor" Isa. 11:2 Thus "he shall be called THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUS-
NESS" Jer. 23:6

- **"THE KING OF PEACE"** Heb. 7:2

When Christ sits as "King in Salem" he will be known as the "King of peace",
or the "Prince of peace" Isa. 9:6. "Of the increase of his government and
peace there shall be no end" Isa. 9:7 "Nation shall not lift up sword against
nation and neither shall they learn war any more" Mich. 4:3. Man will not be
afraid of man, Mich. 4:4 or beast Isa. 11:6-9. But will give "Glory to God in the
highest" and enjoy "an earth peace and good will toward men" Luke. 2:14.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(21/2)

● MORTAL LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

- All the earth will worship the one true God. Zech. 14:9
- The nations will go up to Jerusalem from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" Zech. 14:16
- Sin will be restrained. Rev. 20:2-3
- Life will be prolonged - Isa. 65:20
- They will enjoy the fruit of their labours Isa. 65:21-22
- The earth will bring forth its increase - Isa. 35:1 Ps. 72:16 Amos. 9:13
- Self supporting rural life . Mich. 4:4
- Man will enjoy peace and security. Mich. 4:4
- All willing to serve God. Mich. 4:2

● IMMORTAL LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

"Jesus' host made us unto our God KINGS and PRIESTS: and we shall reign on the earth" Rev. 5:10

● KINGS

- **THE TWELVE DISCIPLES** - "Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matt. 19:27-28
- **THE SAINTS** - As Kings in the Kingdom we will be co-rulers with Christ and assist him to rule the world. Rev. 2:26-27. Each "faithful" saint is to be rewarded by having authority over a city. Luke. 19:12-19
- **PRIESTS** - As Priests in the Kingdom we will : -
 - Teach the people in the way of God.
cf "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" Isa. 30:21
 - Perform duties in the Temple . Ez. 44:15-16

● THEN COMETH THE END

At the end of the millennium the rule of Christ will be withdrawn, enabling all to give expression to their personal desires. Many will remain faithful to the teaching of the saints. But others will oppose Christ's rule. Rev. 20:7-9 The rebellion will be suppressed and those who have died during the millennium will be raised and judged with the living . Rev. 20:12 The worthy will receive everlasting life and the unworthy will receive everlasting death.

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL."

1Cor. 15:24-28

"TRULY YAHWEH LIVES, ALL THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF YAHWEH"