

Prophets And Prophecies

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“And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”-*Matthew 24:6*

Foreword

Prophecy means prediction, coming events, and a message of divine will and purpose. Other definitions may be found in the dictionary. The Prophets of God wrote the bible and the prophecies therein. Indubitably, God told the prophets to write the bible in the same way Jesus Christ told his disciples to write the New Testament. Prophecy means to predict with assurance, to happen or foretell; to explain or teach. Other definitions may also be found in the dictionary. To prophesy is to teach or explain the prophecy.

The Biblical Prophecies contain secrets of the untold end-time events. Many people and churches have not been taught and informed of the end-time prophecy because the mystery of the end-time prophecy in the bible cannot just be revealed to any group of people, nor to individuals in this generation.

The fact that the book (bible) was sealed not until this end time as what the bible tells us in Daniel 12: 4 which says, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end:" For many centuries, the mystery of the bible had been sealed even if the pages had been browsed and read by many groups and individuals who were trying to interpret the words.

The fact is, it is given only to the people of God in this end-time generation to understand and prophesy the gospel. The mystery to know the teachings in the bible is only given to the chosen people of God as it is written in Mark 4:11, " And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:" The mystery of the kingdom of God in the verse refers to God's "Word".

In this bible verse, it is clearly pronounced that the mystery of the word to know is given only to appointed ones or to a certain congregation, but to those without it will only be done in parables. In other words, those groups who did not receive the mystery to know would not be able to know it, but they would just read the word plainly or literally as it is, unless they believe and obey the law and doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ, and be baptized and walk in it until the end of time.

The bible is the most widely-read book of all time. It has been the primary source of Christian faith and knowledge for salvation among Christians who believe that the Old and New Testaments written in it are inspired by God and were told to prophets to be written.

People who are skeptical, doubtful, and non-believers of the bible raise too many impertinent questions about the authenticity of the bible. Others would say that mere men wrote the bible. Yes, mere men wrote the bible and mere men manufacture things in this world. Who else would write it but men and not animals.?

No other beings in this world can write them. That's why men should be the ones to do things for other men to use and understand. Therefore, only the bible or the gospel is the only living authority and testament that God gave us to be a reliable source of our spiritual knowledge and belief.

Every prophetic pronouncement in this book is biblically founded, except the prophecies of false prophets, which are mere speculations and profound conceptualized ideas of self-professed seers. The bible says in Deuteronomy 18:22, "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him". This verse instructs people not to fear a prophet whose predictions fail to come true, as their message was not from the Lord.

Chapter 1

Mystery of the Prophecy

There are many prophecies that many Christians in the Christian world should know about the sinister and bizarre events, tribulation, and phenomena in the bible that are to take place in these last days.

These prophecies are not yet revealed and known to people for many centuries before the spread and loss of the original church of God, but would be revealed in these days as prophesied when the church of God is restored and opens the sealed book for understanding. Without the knowledge of the words, many souls will be imperiled and even perish. Thus, the bible says in Hosea 4:6, “ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

Generation of the End Time

Today, many Christian congregations are not aware or informed of the prophecies that had been prophesied in the bible because the prophecy in the bible itself tells that many will not understand until the appointed time (which is in these last days) when God’s people begin to prophesy. It is in this generation that the prophecy will be fulfilled when the signs of the coming are already manifesting in this generation, such as the emergence of false prophets, an increase in knowledge of men, wars and rumors of wars, famine and hunger, calamity, etc.

The occurrence of these events in the book of Matthew reveals that we are already living in the last days because events as told in the bible are already taking place now, and it is particularly stated in 2 Timothy 3:1-5: “ 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 affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce,

despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.” Aren’t these events happening today?

These are the manifestations of events testifying that we are already living in the last days. The prophets in the Old Testament prophesied and taught the coming events that some had already happened, while other prophecies are still to be fulfilled.

The Lord Jesus Christ had made several prophecies during his time in the presence of his disciples and other people, until the Apostle Paul, who became the administrator of the church of God, wrote several letters and books in the New Testament.

No other apostles nor disciples in today’s Christian era should predict and make prophecy anew for themselves because prophecies are already written in the bible. Otherwise, those who claim to be prophets today and predict future events are false prophets and do not know the doctrine of Christ, and they are just speaking for themselves to seek their own glory and interest.

When they prophesy and predict events that do not happen, they are apparently lying. The messengers of God know the truth, and when they speak about the events written in the bible, they happen.

As it is written in John 7:14-18, which says, “ If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.”

There is no doubt that the Old and New Testaments are God’s words because the prophecies and teachings contained therein have happened and are taking place today, and will happen later.

The prophecies and teachings of God about the fate of mankind are foretold in the bible and had been translated into several languages and dialects for men to understand, however, many preachers and bible scholars from different religious affiliations have made varying interpretations of the words but have not found the mystery of the bible. Their interpretation of the words have led many to deception and failure because the mystery of the book is not for them.

The Prophets of the Old Testament

Magicians, Sorcerers, and Astrologers of coming events have their origins dating back to the time of the early empires, such as the Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian, and Persian Empires. Sorcery played a crucial role in the fate of the nations' rivalry against other kingdoms. The kings and queens during those days consulted the sorcerers and seers concerning crucial events that would guide them in their endeavors. But very often than not, their predictions failed due to the reasons explained in the bible.

They realized that their predictions were not exact, and they could not understand and explain why they failed. The wisdom and knowledge of astrologers and sorcerers relied heavily on the powers of their gods, and they believed it would give their rulers long-lasting powers. But the Seers in the Old Testament, who were also called prophets, saw visions, and they interpreted dreams of kings. If the king wanted to know the message in his dreams, he would call on the Seer and ask him the meaning of the dreams.

People during those times embraced different forms of religious dogmas or beliefs that even the gods of the underworld were called and worshipped to make things happen for them. Legends and myths came into the minds of men to fascinate history and society.

Centuries have passed since Israel was conceived and made its nation the first people to serve and worship the living God. The Creator of heaven and earth.

Prophets of God were appointed to do the will of the living God. Prophets in the Old Testament received commands, and God spoke to them through angels and visions while they wrote the prophecies that were to happen in their time and for the time to come.

As prophesied in the testaments, there would be a king who would come to gather and save the lost sheep of Israel and to preach the gospel of Christ to the Gentiles for their salvation.

When Christ came, he made several prophecies for the nations and told things that would come in the future. He formed and assembled his disciples and apostles to preach the gospel of salvation.

The Apostle, Paul, was the most fortunate, learned, and distinguished among the disciples and prophets of Christ because he received the most knowledge and mystery about salvation. When Paul was still in the religion of Judaism, he also persecuted the Christians until a mystery on his way to Damascus, Syria, changed his life. He became a Christian convert and preached the gospel of Christ, and the rest is history.

Paul to the Corinthians

He made remarkable prophecies that were revealed to him when his spirit was taken to the third heavens to know unspeakable things and learn things that no other men know.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 attest to this truth, saying, “ I knew a man in Christ about fourteen years ago,(whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) how that he was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”

The one who is being pointed out in the said verses is Paul. No other man in the bible whose spirit was taken to heaven to learn things and hear sounds that cannot be revealed to anyone, and so unspeakable that it is unlawful for anyone to say it. He learned mysterious things that no other man had received or been given the right to know.

From The Book of Timothy

Paul, after all his undertakings at the end of his course, prophesied his death. This can be read in 2 Timothy 4:6-8, saying, “ For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” In these verses, Paul prophesied and believed that his time had come, but he assured that he would receive on the judgment day the crown of righteousness which the Lord would give him.

Who among us these days would dare to say on the day of departure the same assurance that we are surely going to heaven on the day of judgment? Definitely, those who are in Jesus Christ until the end. Those who are in the right faith may feel and believe, even on their deathbed, the assurance of salvation when that day comes.

Therefore, Christians can assess themselves whether they are saved or not. The bible teaches us this way, in 2 Corinthians 13:5, saying, “ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” This verse clearly asks each of us whether Christ is still in our lives or not; otherwise, we may not be on the right path on that day.

From the Book of Philemon

But Paul was able to prophesy his destiny because the purpose of his living was for Christ. Paul died of old age as stated in Philemon 1:9 saying, “ yet for love’s sake I rather beseech thee, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.” Thus, disciples of Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul were the last of the apostles during their time.

However, in these last days, many have been claiming that they are the last apostles who were tasked to continue the job of the original apostles. But the Apostle Paul pronounced that they were the last apostles of Christ in the Church of God. It appears that those who claim today that they are the apostles of Christ are false.

The Coming of the Savior

The Prophecy of Jeremiah

Before Christ came to earth, the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah made prophetic pronouncements of His coming. The bible says, “ from the tribe of Judah, a rod out of the stern of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Who is this rod out of the stern of Jesse that is referred to as a branch that shall grow out of his roots? The prophet Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Savior for Israel and Gentiles from the roots of Jesse and from the tribe of Judah.

In other words, this prophecy did not stop during Jesus’ time but is good even after the time of Jesus Christ and until the end of time because He will return and judge nations on the last day. Jeremiah 23:5 says, Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that will raise unto David a righteous Branch and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice on earth.”

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself prophesied and testified that He is the morning star from the root and offspring of David. Revelation 22:16 says, “ I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star.”

The Prophecy of Isaiah

The prophecy is undeniably accurate because Christ appeared a hundred years later after the prophet Isaiah prophesied His emergence in Isaiah 11:1-2, which says, "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stern of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD."

The prophet Jeremiah, during his time, also made a prophecy about the coming of Jesus Christ. The prophecy of Isaiah and Jeremiah is the same when they saw in their prophecy that a branch from the root of Jesse and David would come. Jeremiah described the coming LORD as a King who shall reign and execute justice in the earth. In other words, the prophecy is ultimate that the coming messiah is the King of all mankind who will govern and execute judgment.

The Virgin Birth of Jesus

The virgin birth of Jesus was addressed by the prophet Isaiah, "House of David", meaning the family and descendants of King David. He speaks of a virgin being pregnant with a child and giving birth to a child. Isaiah says this in the context of it being a sign from God, as he referred to a born child as "Immanuel", which means "God with us." The New Testament books of Matthew and Luke record details involving the birth of Jesus, who was born about 700 years after the time of Isaiah, saying that he was born of the virgin Mary and is the Son of God. Because he is the Son of God, Jesus literally can be referred to as "God with us."

Non-Christian scholars have challenged this interpretation. They say that the Hebrew word "almah," which is the word that Christian Bibles often translate as "virgin," actually means "young maiden" or "young woman." It should be noted that the Old Testament uses the word to refer to young, unmarried women, and that

unmarried women were culturally and religiously expected to be virgins. One example can be found in Genesis 24:43, where it speaks of a person being sought as a bride for Isaac.

Genesis 24:43 gives an example where it speaks of a person being sought as a bride for Isaac. And it says, “ behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;” Isaiah 7:14, says,” Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

A Ravenous Bird

There is one prophecy that the prophet Isaiah had prophesied about the coming of Jesus Christ that would bring good news of salvation for the people of Israel. The prophet Isaiah called the One coming from the east the Ravenous Bird.

The one that is also called the ravenous bird from the east(i.e., Israel) is our Lord Jesus Christ, who was to come to bring the gospel of salvation among men in Zion and Israel to save the lost sheep.

He was being compared to a ravenous bird because, like a swift-diving bird, He would take those lost sheep(the people) out of the captivity of sin and would save them from death. Isaiah 46:11 says, “calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country; yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.”

Other verses in Isaiah 41:25-27 say,” I have raised one from the north, and he shall come from the rising of the sun, and shall call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. Who hath declared from the beginning that we may know? And beforetime, that we may say,

Is he righteous? Yea, none showeth, yea, none declareth, yea, none heareth your words. The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.”

The last phrase, and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings, means that the Messiah was to be sent by God to save man and preach the gospel of salvation.

Notice that Isaiah was a prophet in the Old Testament, and he was given a prophetic vision of the coming of the one messenger of peace and salvation for the lost sheep of Israel. (Isaiah 46:11) Isaiah had a vision a thousand years before the coming of Christ.

This prophecy was significantly fulfilled in the New Testament, and truly, until the death on the cross, the preaching of the gospel was done.

The Messiah from the Tribe of Judah

The prophecy had come to the tribe of Judah when Jacob told his son Judah, who was one of the twelve (12) tribes of Israel, that his descendants would be rulers and that one of his descendants would be an ultimate ruler. In the King James version, Genesis 49:10 says, “ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.” Shiloh was one of the Kings of Israel who came from the tribe of Judah.

The said verse that is being taught by many Christians today is referring to Jesus. It was King Shiloh who was pointed out also in the book of Isaiah to be the coming king from the north. In Isaiah 41:25, says,” I have raised one from the north, and he shall come; from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name; and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay” This verse was first referred to King Shiloh who was to come as King of Israel from the tribe of Judah at that time, but eventually when Jesus Christ came, the prophet Isaiah

prophesied his coming as the King of Israel who would be a ravenous bird who would save the people of Israel from their sins up the end time.

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The Genealogy of King David

The Prophecy of Jeremiah.

The LORD says that the days are coming when He will raise to David a righteous branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. The Bible has several prophecies foretelling the destruction of the land of Israel, including one in the book of Deuteronomy that coincides with the manner in which the Roman army destroyed the land of Israel during the first and second centuries. "The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down. They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall.

"In Jeremiah 23:5, as well as in other Bible prophecies, we are told that the Messiah would be a descendant of King David. The New Testament books of Matthew and Luke trace back Jesus' genealogy to King David. (Some scholars believe that the genealogy in Matthew is Jesus' legal line, through his adoptive father, Joseph, and that the genealogy in Luke is Jesus' bloodline through Mary).

Testimony of the bible

Jeremiah 23:5: "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

From the Book of Ecclesiastes

On the other hand, things that happened in the past have the possibility to recur; thus, people of God in the past who performed great works might be performed again by those men and women of God today and in the next generation.

One example was the good works performed by the apostle John, which were performed again by Timothy in his discipleship during that time, and the other was the work of Elias, which was repeated or similarly done by John the Baptist.

This incident is associated with the fulfillment of the saying that history repeats itself because it is affirmed in Ecclesiastes 3:15, which says, "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

As we may interpret the verse, God was looking for the past events that had already happened, and also looking forward to the future happenings that had yet to happen, and yet, was looking upon. To specify what God was looking for are those people nowadays who have the same bearing as those servants in the past who did and served painstakingly, like the prophets and the disciples.

And these servants do exist nowadays, as it was prophesied by Isaiah that they would emerge from the east. This is not Israel, although in the past, Israel was specified as the chosen nation in the east, but in this modern time onward to the last days, a group of people will serve Him as in the past.

If Israel was the first chosen people who first served God, in the last days, another chosen people will serve God from the east. This is manifested in the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah and is now happening. According to the bible, this group of people belongs to the so-called Church of God.

Testimony of the bible

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mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? And beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? Yea, none showeth, yea, none declareth, yea, none heareth your words. The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

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Matthew 15:24-But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Ecclesiastes 3:15-That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

The Book of John

If the coming Messiah is the Son of God, then He is also God. The bible tells us that Jesus Christ is God, and this is attested in the gospel of John. John 1:1 says,” In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

The Word is Jesus Christ, who was with God in the beginning and even in the beginning of creation. We know that God and Christ are Spirits. To live and dwell on earth, He was manifested in flesh. John 1:14 says, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,”. No doubt in the given verses that our Lord Jesus Christ is God who lived in the flesh to fulfill the will of God on earth.

Many bible verses in the books of the Old Testament and the New Testament testify about the coming of mankind’s Savior, who is also called the Messiah. Other verses of the bible call Jesus Christ, The Anointed One, Lion of Judah, Morning Star, King of Kings, Son of the living God, and many other names that the bible calls him.

The records in the bible tell that His coming was foretold even by the first prophets a hundred years before His emergence on earth.

The Prophecy of Micah

The book of Micah (in Micah 5:2) prophesies that the town of Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the coming Messiah. Accordingly, it was just south of Jerusalem and through the span of the past 27 centuries, from the prophet Micah up to the present time, Bethlehem is well known throughout the world and credited as being the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament books of Matthew and Luke name the town of Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-6 describes the birth of Jesus as the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy. In recent years, however, some non-believers have attempted to discredit Matthew's interpretation of Micah 5:2 by claiming that the prophecy refers to a person named Bethlehem, not a town named Bethlehem.

The first issue with this claim is that the town being referred to as the birthplace of Jesus is not the town, but a name of a person. The second is that there is also evidence outside of the Bible that shows that Micah 5:2 was regarded as a Messianic prophecy involving the town of Bethlehem. Here is an excerpt from the Jerusalem Talmud, which is a collection of Judaism-related writings completed about 1,600 years ago. From where does the King or Messiah come forth?

From the royal city of Bethlehem in Judah, as stated in Micah 5:1-2, “ Now gather, thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; he hath hid siege against us; they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. But thou, Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting,”

The Truth About The Earth

The Prophecy of Isaiah

Added to this is the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah, who prophesied that the earth is round thousands of years ago. But the 18th and 19th century explorers could hardly prove that the earth is round until the time when men had already been to space and the moon (in the 20th century), capturing the image of the beautiful earth from the camera lens.

Let us read Isaiah 40:22 to prove this claim. “ It is that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers that stretcheth out the heavens as curtain, and spreadeth them to put as a tent to dwell in” This assertion proves that thousand of years ago, it was already revealed and knew by the chosen men of God that the earth is round; and that is through the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah which has been proven in this modern time.

Testimony of the bible :

Luke 1:11-13 “ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then being an evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask him?

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The Dreamers

The Prophecy of Daniel

The prophet Daniel was one of the great prophets Israel had during the time of King Nebuchadnezzar. When Nebuchadnezzar had dreams, his spirit was

troubled to know their meaning, and he called the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans to show and interpret his dreams that had gone.

The bible tells the testimony in Daniel 2:1-15. Subsequently, when the wise men failed to do so, King Nebuchadnezzar was angry and consequently ordered the destruction of the wise men of Babylon. Daniel and his companions were also to be killed, but asked mercy from God of heaven to show the secret. And Daniel received a vision from God and made known the king's dream. Daniel stopped Arioch, the king's commander, from destroying the wise men of Babylon and asked to be brought before the king to interpret his dreams.

And it followed that Daniel was able to show and interpret to the king his dreams. (Daniel 2:36-45) The king was impressed by Daniel and fell upon his face and worshipped him. Daniel received great gifts from Nebuchadnezzar, and he was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon.

Another great vision and interpretation of Daniel occurred when King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream in Daniel 4:13-15. Daniel interpreted the dream in Daniel 4:24-27.

The prophet Daniel had many dreams, visions, and interpretations that were inspired by God for him to be able to reveal to the kings. In the prophecy of Daniel concerning the Seventy Weeks, he even saw in his vision Gabriel, an angel of God, who appeared to him to give him skill and understanding.

Daniel 9:24 says, " Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon the holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."

The fulfillment of this prophecy was followed when the Messiah, after threescore and two weeks, was cut off, but not for himself; and the people of the prince that came destroyed the city and the sanctuary, thus, the end was desolations. Then, in the midst of the week, Daniel caused the sacrifice and the oblation of abominations. After that, all the destroyers were punished.

Most of Daniel's prophecies pertain to the future of the kingdom, but all the interesting visions came into reality. In the end, Daniel was told to shut the words and seal the book (bible) to the time of the end, where the appointed people(the modern-day Christians) would unseal and make known the mystery of the sealed book.

Days of Infamy

The Prophecy of Ezekiel

The book of Ezekiel contains several prophecies about the punishment of the nation of Israel and her surrounding enemies, such as Ammon, Moab, Edom, Tires, Sidon, and Egypt. Most of the prophecies that were prophesied against these nations pertain to their destruction and desolation.

As, the word of the LORD came again to Ezekiel saying, "Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them; and say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity; behold, I will therefore deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession and they shall set their palaces in thee and make their dwellings in thee; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries; I will destroy thee and thou shalt know that I am the LORD."

Now, the prophecy against Moab says, " Thus saith the Lord GOD; because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen;

therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from the cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jesh'imoth, Ba'alme'on, and KJiri-atha'im, unto the men of the east with the Ammonites and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

The prophecy against the Philistines was also told to Ezekiel, " Thus, saith the Lord of GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred; therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethim, and destroy the remnant of the seacost, And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them."

The prophecy against Egypt was also foretold to Ezekiel, which says, " Therefore, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD. And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the desolate countries, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries."

" Son of Man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Howl ye, Woe worth the day! For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen. And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall come upon Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword."

Destruction Of Jerusalem

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Jesus prophesied that the Gentiles, which is a word that refers to non-Jews, would trample upon Jerusalem until the end times. According to the testimony of the bible, in Matthew 24:2, which says, " And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down."

It is interesting to note that when Jesus gave this prophecy during the first century of this era, the Jews had considerable control over the city of Jerusalem, even though they were forcibly incorporated into the Roman Empire. The Jews had a Temple in Jerusalem and were able to carry out various Temple functions associated with Judaism. But about 40 years after Jesus prophesied about Gentiles trampling upon Jerusalem, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple and forced Jews into exile in 70 A.D. The invading Roman forces were led by General Titus. Even today, nearly 2,000 years later, the Jews still do not have enough control over Jerusalem to rebuild their Temple on the Temple Mount.

In other words, the verse in Matthew 24:2 was absolutely fulfilled because the sacking and destruction of Jerusalem left many building structures made of stone broken down, so that not one stone was left on top of another in the ravaged city.

The verse says, " And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

The sight of the torn-down city, which was terribly destroyed, fulfilled the prophecy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Consequently, in those days of infamy, hardships were experienced by the Jews, especially the women and children. They were ransacked and were held captives as distress ensued in the beleaguered city.

In Luke 21:23-24: 23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against these people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The land of Israel was oppressively ruled by the Roman Empire for a century before the Jews waged two wars to gain independence. In 67 AD, Israel gained its first independence, and the second in about 132 AD, which brought grave destruction to the land and the people of Israel. Cassius Dio, an ancient historian, claimed that the Roman army had razed to the ground 985 villages throughout Israel. If the figure is credible, there is a possibility that it includes the settlements, along with the cities and towns, throughout the land of Israel. Another first-century historian, Josephus, wrote along with Cassius Dio that the destruction of Israel brought by the Roman army was very complete and descriptively sinister.

The prophecy also speaks of an eagle in reference to the army that would swoop down upon Israel and reduce it to a state of desolation. As we learn from historians, including Tacitus, who lived during the first century, the Romans marched with standards - poles adorned with the eagle figurines - held high above their heads, as though the eagles were in flight. Another feature of the prophecy is that it speaks of armies being gathered from the ends of the earth. The Romans had armies scattered throughout parts of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

To quell the Jewish uprising, some troops had to be called in from as far away as the British Isles. Deuteronomy 28:49-52, "The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, a fierce-looking nation with respect for the old, or the pity for the young. They will devour the young of your livestock and the crops of your land until you are destroyed. They will leave you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor any calves of your herds or lambs of your flocks until you are ruined.

They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall. They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall. They will besiege all the cities throughout the land the LORD your God is giving you.” Matthew 24:1-2, “ And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

Gentile invaders have trampled the children of Israel several times in history. In the 20th-century World War, the Jews were severely persecuted by their enemies. Adolf Hitler of Germany occupied almost the entire Europe, where many Jews lived and were held captives in the ghettos or concentration camps in Austria and Poland, where the young and adults were exterminated. History tells that approximately 6 million Jews were indiscriminately exterminated, hence a portrayal of persecution. However, after the Allied forces defeated Hitler, the state of Israel was restored sometime in 1948 by the instrumentality of great leaders of Great Britain, also a gentile nation but a friend of democracy and liberty.

Restoration of Israel

Israel had been prophesied to be destroyed in the past, and she was also prophesied to be restored from her destruction and desolation. The prophecy says, “ Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers and are in infamy of the people; therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD;

Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountain and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about; therefore thus saith

the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart;

But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come, and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit; and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

The Tests Of Plagues

The Prophecy Of Moses

When all plagues had ravaged and infested Egypt to release the children of Israel from her bondage, Moses prophesied the last prophecy against Egypt, which is the death of the firstborn of Egypt. Exodus 11: 4-8, “ And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, about midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.”

Chapter 2

The Comforter

The Prophecy of Jesus Christ

In books, movies, and Internet articles, so much attention is given to the prophecies that foretell the future of the world that we sometimes overlook the prophecies that foretell our own future, on an individual basis. Consider, for example, John 3:16, in which Jesus prophesied that anyone who believes in him will be given the gift of eternal life with God. But believers should not be misled by this verse that all who believe and yet continue in their wicked ways will still be saved or remain saved.

No. The Christ of the bible is warning those believers that those who have received the gift of salvation are not always saved. See for yourselves if you are still in the faith. Christ might have turned away from you because of the iniquities of your heart. Believers in the Church of God inevitably sin, and those who continue to sin will not be forgiven if they commit the same sin repeatedly and intentionally. (Heb 10:26)

But the promise of salvation is real to those who will continue to follow Christ until the end of time. As it is written, there is now no more condemnation to those who are in Christ. Therefore, those who continue to be in Christ from the time he/she is baptized for salvation until the end of time will be free from judgment.

Apparently, those who rejected the truth about Christ, the wicked souls and evil worshippers, will be raised to face the consequences in the presence of the Great White Throne judgment.

As promised by Jesus, when he leaves, he would send a comforter to help his disciples. This is written in John in 14:25, which says, “ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

Therefore, the promise has been fulfilled until this very present day; the Comforter is the One working for those who obey Jesus' commandments. The Comforter shall teach and make us remember those things that we need to say, especially about the word of God. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, will lead us to salvation and teach us the way to God.

Testimony of the Bible

Hebrews 10:26." If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice is left." John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Works of the Holy Spirit

In the Old Testament, God, through His angels, spoke to the prophets and commanded them. During the Christian era, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, talked and lived with men. After those times mentioned in the bible where God communicated through His prophets, and through the Son, and disciples, in what way does God in the present dispensation speak to His people?

John 14:26 says, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Therefore, nowadays, God has sent the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, to teach all things and bring all things to the remembrance of his people. That is why there are true believers nowadays, whom the Comforter (Holy Ghost) guides to speak the word of God to the people.

Notice with amazement that these chosen messengers speak the word from the bible without looking and tracing the lines and verses from the bible while the people ask questions to them. These people are led by the Holy Ghost, and the words they speak are truly and directly derived from the bible. He can deliver the word infallibly and accurately as asked by the listener.

Letters Of Paul to the Hebrews

Does God speak to people nowadays? Does he still communicate with people today?

How does God speak to people nowadays? The bible tells us that God still speaks to people as in the past. Hebrews 1:1-2 says, “ God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, when he hath appointed heir of all things by whom also he made the worlds.”

These verses confirm that in different times in the past God spoke to patriarchs through His prophets and in the last days has also spoken to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, Prophets were the media through which the messages of God to his people were being transmitted. Messages were known to prophets by dream and vision, after which they were heralded to the people.

This is proven in Numbers 12:16, which says, “ And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a dream.”

People Whom God Talks to Today

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

Who are the people with whom God talks today? This is a prophecy concerning God’s communication with men today. We should realize that God does not communicate audibly to any church leader nor speak to any man nowadays.

There are many teachers of faith nowadays who claim that God is communicating with them as they relay the messages to their followers. With whom does God talk, and who are these people whom He talks to? The bible tells in Revelation 2:29 says, “ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

Do all people have ears to enable them to hear and understand the message of God? The message of God is in the bible. Do all people understand what they read in the bible? Not all people will understand even if they read the bible verbatim because God gives an ear to those righteous and upright people who have the desire to seek God in their hearts. God knows what's in our hearts, and He knows his true people. There is a reader of the word in the bible that everyone should listen to. He gives them ears to hear and understand.

Proverbs 20:12 says, "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them." Therefore, those people whom God has given ears should listen as the word is being read, and understanding will come, thereby knowing the will of God.

The Holy Spirit will guide his people and make them remember the words that were read. This is attested in Revelation 1:3, which says, "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand."

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

But those false prophets and followers nowadays will not be able to hear, understand, or see the will of God; even if they read the whole bible instead, they will be misled and imperiled by false teachings. They are those being referred to by the bible as the blind who are leading the blind who will fall into the pit.

This is proven in Matthew 15:14, which says, "Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Letters Of Paul to the Romans

There is a difference between people who listen to the one reading the words of God in the bible and those who do not? There must be a reader of the words of God in the bible as there are listeners to the one reading them. Thus, by hearing the words of God, faith will come out of the listeners. Where do faith and belief come

from? It is from listening to the one who is reading the words of God. Romans 10:17 says, “ So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Therefore, it is really necessary that we listen to the words of God when being read in the bible by the reader, then faith within us will come that will make us believe and accept God and Jesus Christ as our Saviors.

From The Book of Mark

Once again, the knowledge of the mystery of the kingdom of God was given to his disciples in the past. Those who have been given eyes will be able to see, and those who have been given ears will hear and understand the words of God. Unless those who have not been able to hear, see, and understand should repent first and listen to the words of God to hear, see, and understand the words of God.

This is attested in Mark 4:10-12, which says, “ And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked him the parable. And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom, all these things are done in parables: that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.”

The Prophecy of Samuel

In the Old Testament time, when the people wanted to know the message of God to them, they would go to the seer or prophet and ask him. This is what the bible tells in I Samuel 9:9, “(Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

In the present day, as mentioned earlier, the Comforter or the Holy Ghost will make us remember all things when we read the words of God in the bible by the reader.

Letters Of Paul to the Corinthians

Therefore, it is necessary that a true believer read the bible to know the things of God. The bible is the only source of spiritual knowledge where we can rely for salvation and to know what is coming to us. However, as mentioned earlier, those who cannot see, hear, and understand the words in the bible would apparently display their Bibles in their tables, bookshelves, and sometimes put them on top of their altar, being enlightened by candles.

This is indeed a fact because the bible says, in 1 Corinthians 4:9, “ For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death; for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.”

Apparently, there are pictures, monuments, and carvings on the walls which depict men’s interpretations of what they read from the bible. The apostles and the inscriptions in marble stones and the words derived from the bible have become spectacles for men and attractions for others, signifying the piety of those who have been blinded by their false beliefs that by doing those things they would become holy.

John 14 16,26, “ And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.” But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

The Unbelief Of The Jews In Jesus

Book of Matthew and Acts

For so long a time, Israel had no God because of their disobedience and iniquity; the kingdom was taken away from them as cited in Matthew 21:43, where Jesus states, "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit". Another proof of this event is when the Apostle Peter asked the Lord when the kingdom of heaven would be restored to Israel. Acts 1, 6-7, which says, "So when they had come together, they asked him,

'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them, 'It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. “

The said event is a clear indication that Israel has lost its status as a chosen nation of God, hence the prophecy cites that in the last days, a new chosen nation of God that worships God the same way Israel did is located in the many islands in the East.

The Prophecy Of Isaiah in the Book of John

The prophet Isaiah prophesied that many Jews would not believe the coming Messiah despite the many miracles and amazing things he would show during His ministry in Israel. But instead, the Jews were heated up and got angry at Jesus because he was claiming to be the Son of God when, in fact, he was human and in the flesh. The Jews had hardened their hearts with what Jesus had shown them by the amazing miracles, such as the healing of the sick, making the lame walk, raising the dead, and many other amazing things that no man could do.

In John 12:37-41, John attests to this prophecy of Isaiah as recorded in the book of John, which says, “ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him; that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake: Lord, who hath believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore, they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again. He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.”

In the same way that even the very brethren in the flesh of Jesus were against him and did not believe him. This is attested in John 7:5-7, saying, “ For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready.”

Testimony of the Bible

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Chapter 3

The Ministry Of Jesus Christ

The Woman in Samaria: The Prophecy of Jesus Christ

When Jesus lived among men, he made many signs and wonders and prophesied things that amazed people in different places during his ministry. Along the way to Samaria, he also prophesied and told the gospel of salvation to the people in different ways, such as parables and direct communication with people, which astonished and received praises from them, saying that no ordinary man could do such miracles and foretell events to them, especially to his disciples.

The story of a Samaritan woman happened as quoted in John 4:1-9, “ When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples) he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must go through Samaria.

Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well; and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples had gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.”

When Jesus reached Samaria at Jacob’s well, he got weary and would drink from the well. He asked the woman at the well who was to fetch water. The Samaritan asked Jesus why he was talking with a Samaritan when the Jews do not talk with the Samaritans. Jesus talked about the living water that, when many would take, would never thirst at all. He asked about his husband, and she answered none.

But Jesus said, You got five (5) husbands. In this prophecy, the Samaritan woman was surprised when Jesus told the truth about her personal affair, when in fact she did not know him, as it was the first time in her life she met him. In this situation, as they talked, Jesus revealed that her present husband was not her real husband. The woman was startled, especially when Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah. The woman said, I know that Messiah had come, which is called Christ.

In John 4:25, it says, “ The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus said unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.” In this particular verse, the prophecy was fulfilled that those who would believe would have a chance to receive salvation, like the woman, despite the sins she had committed, she would still be saved.

Testimony of the bible

John 4, 1-7, 16-19,28-30 “ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband; for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.”

Zacchaeus and Jesus

From The Book of Luke

One amazing thing during Jesus' time that proved his Lordship was that he could heal the sick, make the lame walk, make the blind see, and resurrect the dead. Another thing that amazed people during that time was that he acknowledged a stranger by his name as if he knew them personally, but seeing them for the first time, that really proved Jesus is Lord. This prophecy happened when Jesus entered

and passed through Jericho. There was a wealthy man named Zacchaeus who was eager to see Jesus as he passed through the multitudes of the crowd, but because he was a short man, he climbed a sycamore tree to see him as he passed by. And when Jesus came to pass by the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. Zacchaeus hastily came down and joyfully received him in his house.

And Zacchaeus said to Jesus, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day salvation has come to this house.

Perhaps, one wonderful thing that amazed Zacchaeus, who was a wealthy man though short in size, and a sinner, was that he did not expect that Jesus knew him. This made Zacchaeus believe more about Jesus as Lord and Son of God; hence, salvation came into his house.

Luke 19:1-10 says, "And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, who was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was; and could not for the press, because he was little. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to pass that way.

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be a guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him. This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son

of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Christian Persecution

Denial of Jesus - The Prophecy of Isaiah

A hundred years before Jesus' time, the prophet Isaiah prophesied that the coming Messiah would be rejected by His people. This is affirmed in Isaiah 53:3, which states, " He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

During the time of Jesus, he also said that He and the Christians would be rejected and despised because of His name's sake. Before his persecution and death, he prophesied his sufferings and resurrection from the dead. This is the testimony in Luke 9:22, says, " saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day." And because of persecution, many feared for their lives that even the disciple Peter denied him.

Denial of Peter was earlier prophesied and predicted by Jesus before his arrest and crucifixion. Peter said he would not deny Jesus when confronted by the enemies at that time, but when Jesus was being approached and mobbed by the crowd of enemies, Peter was asked if he was one of His disciples.

Peter, in his confusion and fear, did not do anything but denied Him thrice when the cock crowed. Luke 10:22-37 says, "All things are delivered to me of my Father; and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. And he turned him unto his disciples and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see; for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

Testimony of the bible

Mark 14:30-31, saying, “ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise, said they all.

Betrayal Of The Christians

The Prophecy of Jesus Christ

This is a warning pronounced by the bible that there would be wolves among the sheep. The wolves surreptitiously entered the church to discover the activities of the church, or would make a scheme to destroy the foundation of the church. In fact, these wolves are false prophets also who have been teaching the gospel for themselves.

2Peter 2:1 says, “ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”

In many Christian congregations, there always exist wolves. Many wolves wearing sheep fur associate with the Christians to know the secrets of their activity. What kind of mission are these impostors tasked with doing inside the church of God? Wolves are fake and impostor Christians that enemies of Christ have made it possible to penetrate and mingle with the genuine members of the Church of God.

They do not pass through the door or main entrance, but they surreptitiously enter through different passages that are not intended for them. These wolves are trying to discover the faith and know the mystery of their knowledge of the faith in Christ.

These wolves or impostors, like Satan, act as if they are angels of light, in which nobody knows the motives of their hearts but God. For all we know, God searches our hearts, and we will not be able to escape and hide our real intentions. According to the bible, Satan also transforms into an angel of light, and no wonder that these impostors may also act the same way as their father, a liar from the beginning. Christians who are strong in faith with discernment may be able to resist the works of the devil even if these impostors continue to spread lies and deceive others.

In the last days, these impostors who secretly penetrate the church to ruin and spread their evil motives will be destroyed and cast out from the church as it is written, the devil will be segregated and passed through the fire but will not be able to stand it but the pure in heart will be able and be with the church until the end of time.

Testimony of the bible

John 10:1-5 “ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep., To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.:

The Death Of Jesus Christ

During the time of Jesus, his enemies, who were trying to arrest, mob, and kill him, could not fulfill their acts to do so as there were many apparent chances in His outdoor ministry to perform the act. In fact, in one of his outdoor ministries in the city of Jerusalem, the enemies who were trying to mob Him in the crowd failed to do so,

but He miraculously disappeared from the multitude. Why? Because it was not yet time for Him to be submitted to the mob and harm.

In this instance, we would be able to realize that if He were not really God, he would not have been able to escape from the mob that surrounded Him at that very moment while He was alone. Apparently, in many attempts against His life during his ministry in Jerusalem and the surrounding towns in Israel, it is enough that those enemies could do so, but because He is God in the flesh, the appointed time had not come for men to do their will.

This scenario proves that Jesus, who was in the flesh but God within, could not let the motives of men happen without the appointed time.

The appointed time is foretold by Jesus in Mark 8:31-33, which says, “ And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.”

Therefore, when Peter knew of his sufferings and death, he rebuked him, meaning he would not allow things to happen for Jesus, but because it was destined for Jesus to sacrifice for mankind, he rebuked Peter.

Once again, the prophecy is written about his sufferings and death in Luke 18, 31-32, saying, “ Then he took unto him the twelve and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on. And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again.”

Testimony of the bible

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Chapter 4

Aspects Of Persecution

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

The prophecy about Christian persecution had already happened even during the time of Christ. It was also said by Christ that those who would follow Him would take his cross. And those who would bear shall overcome the world, for He has overcome the world. This statement is still true today and even more in the last days of the Christians on earth. Persecution is a normal reality in the Church of God in today's world, where many enemies surround them, harboring grudges and hatred; had it not been for the grace of God, who protects and allows them to exist today.

When our Lord Jesus Christ came to earth and proclaimed His gospel, the latter was the subject of arrest and harassment by those Jewish collaborators of the Roman government. He was prophesied to be the born-king of the Jews, and many were intrigued, even Herod sought His death. The insecure and enraged Herod ordered the random killings of the babies so that the infant Jesus could be killed.

Consequently, Christians were persecuted, and even the Apostles suffered persecution for His (Christ's) name's sake.

They were even put into prison cells, like what happened to Paul and Silas in their effort to spread the gospel of Christ. In the book of Acts, (Acts 5:17) which says, "Then the high priest rose, and all they that were with him, [which is the sect of the Sadducees] and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison." This verse only proves that persecution of the Christians was a reality. Persecution in the past (during the Roman occupation of Israel in Asia) was so severe that Christians were fed to wild beasts, crucified, and those who were suspected and identified as Christians would be arrested, imprisoned, and killed.

Even the Apostles, such as Peter, denied Jesus thrice for fear of his life when interrogated by Jewish collaborators and traitors of the Roman Empire about his association with Jesus. Because of this persecution, many Christians hid and assembled in clandestine places and were eventually deployed to different places.

Paul, the apostle, was the administrator of the church of God and continued to spread the gospel surreptitiously despite the danger that he was confronting from the enemies of the gospel. Other apostles helped in the propagation of the gospel, and they did it with great faith in God. The Roman general Titus, who led the conquest of Jerusalem, was a pagan who became a Christian convert.

Living a Christian way during the Roman occupation of Israel was perilous than today's free world. Many have come into this world teaching about Christ and even claiming to be Christ. They are fearless to say so, but what about if they were to live during the time of Roman occupation, where Christians were severely punished and killed? Perhaps they would get scared and avoid claiming to be identified with Christ.

Persecution of the Christians occurred until the great Inquisitions in Europe, where Christians who disobeyed the monarchs and the doctrine of the Holy Roman Empire were punished and even burned to death. As part of the persecution, there was a time in Europe when one king ordered the burning of all Bibles and prohibited the reading of the scriptures.

From The Book Of Mark

Today's Christian persecution still happens, although not that harsh and barbaric, because of the freedom of religion in countries that observe democracy and man's law. And yet, as part of the prophecy in the bible, persecution still exists, as it may be felt indirectly without physical harm in selected situations, but in areas where religious conflict is highlighted, there exists physical contact. Religious persecution exists in such a manner that Christians are deprived of opportunities in jobs, pleasant working conditions, humiliation in different ways, restrictions in some ways, and deprivation of life and liberty.

The enemies would even drag Christians to court for trial, as affirmed in Matthew 10:17. The reality and the outcome of Christian persecution in the past deployed many Christians in many parts of the globe. As written in the bible, Matthew 26:31, "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night, for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad." However, the prophecy in the last days has come into reality that the Church of Christ, that is originally the Church of God, would be restored and in fact has been restored in the east, in whom the mystery of the bible (written words) has been given, and understood. As the bible says in Mark 4:11, "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables."

The mystery of the bible has been given to this group of people living in the East now, who have been propagating the gospel of Christ to the world. But those

who did not receive this prophecy were not the chosen people but merely an imitation or unauthentic church because their motives are different.

They do not have the promise because they do not follow and cleave to that which is good according to the bible. If questioned about the destiny or fate of these professed Christian churches on the last day, the bible says, God will be the sole judge for those who are outside. Groups or individuals outside the Church of God are called by the bible outsiders.

Testimony of the bible:

Matthew 10:17, “Beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.” Matthew 10 22-23, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another; for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man come.” Matthew 26:31, Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night, for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Jesus prophesied that in this world Christians will have tribulation, as stated in John 16:3, which says, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

It will not be a good day for Christians in these last days because the reality of persecution is presently a torment, except that those who are weak in faith might give up because of severe pain and torment.

Christians will pass a test of fire like pure gold, which is polished and purified in the midst of tests. Others in the last days cannot withstand the pressure and temptations, which eventually lead to apostasy, according to the bible, that even the very elect will turn away from faith and follow the earthly desires of life. But according to the bible, those who will remain and stand in the faith will be saved. It is not easy to live a Christian life when there are tests on every side of your life. In reality, to live among people with different faiths will be a difficult life for a Christian to live with, especially when they are fanatics in their traditional religion.

When you live a Christ-like life, you will be persecuted and hated by the world. Your very own household will be your enemies. Jesus prophesied, "In this world you shall have tribulation, but fear not, I have overcome the world."

And because of persecution in the past, the Church of God was scattered and driven out to many parts of the world. Acts 8:1, " And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles."

The prophecy about the Christian persecution at that time had already happened and is still happening today. If you will read some historical and biblical facts about Christian persecution, many had died, even the first disciples, like Stephen, who was stoned to death in defending the Christian doctrine against the Alexandrians.

That is why when the apostle Paul began his ministry, he was very cautious and clandestinely visited the Christian brethren who were assisting him in his ins and outs of the rudiments of places. Eventually, some were punished, and some Christian martyrs in Rome were hanged and gobbled by the wild beasts. Peter even denied Christ thrice when cock crowed for fear of his life.

During that time, anyone who was seen with Christ would be in danger of being arrested, punished, and even killed. People around Him began to avoid and

scamper away to escape the risk of being arrested and brought to trial. While we are living today in a free world, there are still hidden and apparent Christian persecutions.

Persecutions can be visible, direct, and constructive because present-day men observe and obey the law of sovereign authority. Christ and his disciples were persecuted and put to death by nailing him on the cross. Stephen was stoned to death when he argued and defended the gospel of Christ against the antichrists.

Many Christians were persecuted ever since, and even the apostle Paul suffered many persecutions. Many Christians spread out and surreptitiously worshipped God because of the restrictions imposed by the traditional religions of the authority. Christian persecution had been prophesied to be a coming reality since the time of Jesus and the disciples, who suffered and experienced persecution from the authorities. The apostle Paul, who was in the religion of Judaism before he persecuted the Christians, and some were even put to death, until the time when he became a Christian convert, suffered persecution from the enemies of Christ.

Today, there are many ways of persecuting the true church of God and its followers, as Jesus said, “ because of my name you will suffer and be persecuted, but I have overcome the world, you will also overcome it “ This is the daily carrying of the cross, however, because of His name those who suffer will find rest in him.

As you see and experience, that prophecy of persecution will happen today, that even members of your family, friends, and neighbors will be your enemies. The bible says, because of being a follower of Christ, trouble will arise between you and mother-in-laws; father against son, mother against daughter. Even your very close friends and false brothers will betray you because of Christ. All these things have come to fulfillment already.

Testimony of the bible

Matthew 10:21, And the mother brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise against their parents, and cause them to be put to death, and ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

2 Peter 3:3-4 "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "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 affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high- minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

II Peter 1:20-24 says, Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.

Matthew 10:22, " And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."

Matthew 10:36. " And a man's foes shall be thy of his own household"

Trouble in the family will break out; brother against brother, father against sons, mother against daughters.

The Perilous Time

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Living Dangerously in the end time is already happening; what more in the coming days when the return of Christ is at the threshold of this generation. The fulfillment of every prophecy in the bible is at hand, and as such, is the trouble we

are experiencing in our family, friends, neighbors, associates here and there, as lovelessness or hatred in the hearts of many.

No wonder that these negative feelings will be embedded in the hearts and minds of many who are without the law.

As the bible prophesies, envy, hatred, malicious prosecution, premeditation, vexation, and other forms of evil will occur upon those who are without the real God.

The rising criminality in almost all parts of the world is rampant and unstoppable. Almost every day, the headlines in the newspapers, radio, and televisions highlight the senseless killings and murders, accidents, violence, and suicide as if there is neither a good day to hear positive news, but oftentimes we hear and see negative incidents and issues.

Today, no one can ever be sure of being safe when he/she go out of the house, school, office, supermarket, churches, or anywhere. The threat of danger is always everywhere unless you keep yourself aware and extra cautious; you can keep away from it. No wonder the bible prophesies that the enemy is just hanging around us to devour us. The bible is warning of the adversary that is just around seeking its prey.

1 Peter 5:8 says, “ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour.”

2Timothy 3:6-7, “ for of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins led away with divers lusts”

John 20:30, “ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.”

The love of many will be cold, and in fact, there is lovelessness already among the people in society today. The growing animosity of men against men apparently results in violence, senseless killings, murders, and massacres.

Apparently, the essence of love and respect for life are the human virtues that a normal human being bears, but today, things have turned out to be different with today's startling and incredible events. Some have lost their sanity, and some have gone wild, brutal, cruel, without consideration, respect, discourteous, suspicious, skeptical, and distrustful in these difficult times.

The behavior and attitude of men towards others are just manifestations of evil works in their lives(the spiritual side), signifying that satan and his angels have been working insistently. Spiritually, the devil's works are just rampant and working in those people whose minds and hearts are far from God.

The world today is full of hatred and anger, and love seems to have abandoned the sanity of men in this present dispensation. No wonder that lovelessness and animosity will intensely occur these days because it was prophesied by our Lord Jesus Christ more than two thousand years ago. This can be read in Matthew 24:12, which says, “ And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”

Those haters of good and evil doers will go worse as harvest time is nearing. Christ had prophesied many events to happen as he preached the Christian law; the ten commandments of Moses were already antiquated by the laws to which many Christians today should be duty-bound to obey. It would be surprising to know that the ten commandments of Moses are limited to ten to comply with by the Jews and by those who follow them today. But the fact is, Christian followers today should obey the Christian laws, which are more than the Ten Commandments.

The commandments of Christ are more than ten to obey. Love and hatred are just two of those commandments. The command to love others is also a

commandment in the past as it is today's commandment. Hatred of men is as good as a crime in today's Christian dispensation. It is a sin. If you hate others, it is tantamount that you have killed them. Another sin is when you look lustfully at a woman; you have committed adultery because of the lust of the eyes, which makes you sin.

The bible affirms that the last days will be perilous, as it was also prophesied that men will continue to be wicked until the last days; wicked men will destroy the wicked men. Innocent men will be falsely accused and imprisoned while the culprits go at large; however, in the end, they will never escape judgment.

Testimony of the bible:

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The Gospel Will Be Preached To The World

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

One of the prophecies that was foretold in the bible before the end of time is the preaching of the gospel to all nations of the world. (Matthew 24:14)

Prelude to the end of time is the gospel preaching anywhere in the world. Observe that wherever you go, there exist Christian churches that preach the gospel of salvation, not to mention some of these have been preaching for different motives, including the false churches and prophets. No wonder, because this scenario has already been foretold.

The Church of God, which is being preached by the bible, has already been restored and has gone out to carry on the preaching of the gospel of Christ to the world, and it is happening now. This event marks the beginning of the end, as told in the prophecy. Many people who receive this preaching and believe will be cleansed, and those who still reject and want to go on their ways will become more wicked, according to the bible. Many will be cleansed as they hear the gospel, and many will remain wicked until the end.

Testimony of the bible

Matthew 24:21-22: “ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened.”

Many, But Not All, Will Understand The Gospel

The Prophecy Of John

As prophesied and warned by our Lord Jesus Christ, many will come in his name, and some of them will even claim they are the Christ and will deceive many. This prophecy is really happening nowadays, in fact, many have been preaching everywhere in the streets and sidewalks, offices, passenger jeeps and buses, marketplaces, plazas, stadiums, while many preachers do the preaching frequently on television and the radio.

What is surprising about this rampant preaching is the collection of money from the crowd. The bible teaches that even the apostles in the past did not get any amount from the people when they preached, but today, alleged preachers and their members bring envelopes or bags to collect money. If we were to check and read the proof that the apostles did not collect any amount from the Gentiles or non-church members, we would know and conclude that the collection of tithes or offerings is limited only to each person's own congregation.

3 John 1:7 says," because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles." Unknown to these street evangelists is the truth in the bible that preachers should only collect from their members inside the congregation. With this turn of events, those who do not know Christ's law are often deceived and convinced by the sweet and flowery words of the preachers. If you ask them which verse in the bible supports their teachings, they will not be able to answer because the bible tells us that the mystery of the word is only given to those who cleave to what is good, hence, the Church of God (Romans 12:9), and revealed only to the people of God in the last day.

Again, this group of people, according to the prophecy of the bible, has been existing following the revelation of the mystery of the bible to the Church of God, but to those who are not, or without these things are done in parables. They may see or read the bible, and yet will not perceive. Hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest any time they should be converted or unless they are converted, that is, to believe and be baptized, they would not receive this promise; and their sins should be forgiven them.

Testimony of the bible

Matthew 19:11 " But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given."

Mark 4:11-12 “ And he said unto them, Unto you, it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.”

1 Corinthians 2:8“ which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

Ecclesiastes 12:11 “The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.”

Chapter 5

Parables that Tell Events

The Prophecies Of Haggai & John, the Beloved

Parables are ways by which Christ told exact events that would happen in the future. Facts about heaven and hell appear many times in the bible. Perhaps, people from different religions have not yet received from their church leaders the existence of heaven and hell.

To ask about the truth, foundation, and issues regarding God's laws, religion, and salvation are instructions that God has instructed us to ask from our church leaders(priests, pastors, or ministers) Haggai 2:11, " Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying.."

This is a very clear instruction of God that we must ask the priests (priests, pastors, ministers, evangelists) about the law. The law pertains to God's law in the bible. You will know, therefore, if they are telling the truth and whether they know God's law in the bible. It is not bad to ask them because it is a command from the Lord God. Added to this is that, when you are searching for the truth, you can listen and hear the messages of different church ministers, priests, pastors, and evangelists if they are of God.

This is also an instruction from the bible for us to know who is telling the truth and who is lying. In 1John 4:1, " Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" Meaning try to discern if the teachings of those church men are of God.

In this particular issue, you may ascertain from your pastor or minister if there really is heaven and hell. What is the proof in the bible that you are using the bible as the basis of your faith and salvation, so that you may be able to be contented and satisfy your curiosity about the truth.

The parable of a rich man and Lazarus tells and confirms the existence of heaven and hell. In Luke 16:19-28 as you can read in the testimony of the bible, the rich man who, at the time he was living lavishly nurtured himself with all the abundance of life while the beggar named Lazarus who was laid at his gate was full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table while a dog was licking his sores.

And when they died, the rich man found himself in a hot place of torment called hell, while Lazarus was with the angels, being carried into Abraham's bosom. The rich man was crying and asked and begged that he dip the tip of his finger in water so that he might feel cool because of the tormenting flame. But Abraham said that he had received his due in his lifetime on earth, while Lazarus did not, and now he was comforted.

And it is said that there was a great gulf in between that is fixed so that no one could pass. Meaning there is a dividing line that separates and forbids the rich man from crossing to the good place of Lazarus, which is referred to as heaven, while the rich man is in tormenting hell. In this parable, it only confirms that heaven and hell do really exist and that there will be a certain destination on the judgment day after the resurrection of the dead.

The coming of the LORD is also told in parables. This is quoted in Luke 21:29-33, saying, "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Testimony of the bible

Luke 16:19-28 "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar

named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell, he lifted his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

1 John 4:1, " Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world"

Knowledge of Man Will Increase

The Prophecy Of Daniel

The prophecy concerning man's knowledge will advance is supported and ascertained by the bible in Daniel 12:4, which says, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

What are the manifestations of man's increase in knowledge?

Many shall run to and fro. This present dispensation has just witnessed the increasing developments and discoveries of locomotives, airplanes, cars, watercraft, computers, and in the 20th century, man was able to walk in space and even landed on the moon. These man-made vehicles made it possible to travel to and fro.

As knowledge increases, money as a medium of exchange has been substituted by credit cards, and painless laser surgery has been made possible to heal man's wounds, while modern medicines are produced to cure diseases, and many other amazing discoveries for the convenience and benefit of mankind in this modern civilization. One interesting fact in the prophecy by the early prophets in the Old Testament is the discovery by modern men in the 20th century that the earth is really round, as photographed by astronauts from the satellites sent to space. The 17th & 18th-century astronomers' theory that the Earth is round was already affirmed by the 20th-century space explorations of men.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied that the earth is round in Isaiah 40:22, "It is that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them to put as a tent to dwell in."

Take note of the phrase, "the circle of the earth," which proves the veracity of men's discovery in the 20th century through the photographs sent to earth that the earth is really round. During the 18th century, even though there had already been explorations or circumnavigations of the globe made by men, the earth was not yet confirmed to be really round.

Although some known explorers, through their experience in circumnavigating the earth, had their consensus that the earth is round, they could not produce any proof at all, not until the space age. Therefore, the bible's prophecy is precise and impeccable, as attested by the discovery of modern men.

False Churches Will Emerge

The Message Of John

Many false churches today are like mushrooms that suddenly come out from different places, teaching different doctrines with different motives. Apparently, the bible says that the motives of these false churches and leaders are undoubtedly finances, as told by the bible. This is remotely different from the Church of God that

preaches the true doctrine of the gospel. But beware of the many churches that emerge today. The original church of God in the bible that was being preached by the first servants and disciples of God was already imitated, duplicated, and multiplied.

It is really a fulfilled prophecy in the bible that even the church of God would be faked. But the distinction to determine or identify the original Church of God is the teachings.

The bible in 1 John 4:1 says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." The administrator and members of the Church of God in the bible did not found the church, but they cleaved to that which is good. (Romans 12:9) But other churches of God did not cleave to that which is good because they founded their own churches. You will know them by their teachings and the fruits that they produce. Obviously, you can identify the Church of God from the false churches in many aspects.

For example, the manner in which their followers dress up. You will see them wearing plunging blouses and mini skirts that almost reveal the delicate parts of the body. Women in their congregations have short hair, while men really have long hair. Men and women in the Church of God observe the laws provided for in the bible. Women should dress modestly so that not even their knees can be seen, and they should wear their long hair to cover their heads. Men should have short hair and behave courteously with respect to everyone.

In the congregation, men are grouped and isolated from a group of women. When a believer marries a non-believer, the former shall respect her and should not abandon her because of non-belief, but rather take care of her to urge her to see and realize the faith that you have in your religion. But if she leaves by her own initiative, the man can remarry another, as he is as good as a free man.

Some Christian congregations still practice speaking in tongues, while they still encourage tithing 10% of the income from their members. Some of the present-day confessed Christians still avoid eating those cloven-footed animals such as pigs, goats, and seafood. (Lev. 11:20)

They do not know that in the Christian era, eating pork and other seafoods is now allowed for Christians. (Mar 7:1) And yet, they still embrace the Mosaic law that there are only 10 commandments in this Christian era. Church leaders continue to possess two or more wives.

And because the doctrine being taught to their followers is not biblical, they tend to commit crimes. They even kill and teach to kill according to their faith. Church leaders have gone their own way, indulging themselves in abundant and excessive eating, comfortable living, luxuries in life, making money from their members for personal gain with vices; thus, their followers do the same and end up their lives materially empty and spiritually bankrupt.

3 John 1:7 says, "For many deceivers are entered into the world because that for his name's sake they went forth taking nothing of the Gentiles."

The verse is very clear to obey that Christian servants do not take anything from the Gentiles (not members of the church), any amount. The prophecy is fulfilled when it says that many false churches will emerge because there are many false prophets who will emerge as they deceive many in the days to come. The bible exposes the main motive of false prophets; in 2 Corinthians 2:17, it says, "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." In other words, they corrupt the word for their self-interest.

The early disciples did not get anything nor gain from their preaching from non-members of the church, as the bible tells in 3 John 1:7, "because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles."

More Temples Of Worship Shall Rise

The Prophecy Of Daniel

While many false churches appear today because there appear more false prophets, there will be more temples of worship to be built; big and glamorous buildings where they believe their god shall dwell. Remember that the bible tells us that God is a Spirit and those who believe shall worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Does God dwell in temples built by men? Definitely No. As mentioned also in the bible the significance of building more temples, buildings, houses, business establishments and many structures as a result of progressing society and nations is just one of the signs in the prophecy of Daniel (Daniel 12:4 saying that, “ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased”.

As the verse quotes, many shall run to and fro, connotes the advancement in society, and covers the time when men shall progress and advance in their ways of living. Therefore, these signs are already apparent and manifesting in these last days.

Testimony of the bible :

3 John 1:7,” For many deceivers are entered into the world because that for his name’s sake they went forth taking nothing of the Gentiles.

Philippians 3:2 says, “Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of concision.” Who are the dogs that the bible is referring to?

Isaiah 56:11, “Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand. They all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.”

2Peter 2:1-3, “ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with

feigned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

Corruption Of The Scriptures

The Message Of Timothy

During the time of the Apostles, many false prophets were already corrupting the words and deceiving many people. The bible warns us that wicked men will deceive and distort the words in the bible. The verse says, if anyone teaches a different doctrine apart from the one that is in the bible, curse him away. While the bible is the authentic word of God, it is God-breathe and can be used for instruction, teaching, and rebuking.

2 Timothy 3:16 says, “ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” It was commanded by God to His prophets and apostles to write them. The bible is also warning us that neither addition nor subtraction from the word shall be made thereof, and those who do shall be punished.

Those who alter and amend its original contents to deceive and mislead many will be punished on the last day. One testimony that many unscrupulous persons in these last days have corrupted the bible is the addition of verses in Mark 16:16-18, which say, “ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

What is the irony and anomaly in these verses? Is salvation only to those who have been baptized and believed? Does this mean that only those who have been baptized and believed are the only ones who have the right to be saved on the last day? How about those people who are not under the law but are doing the law of God?

The bible in Romans 2:14-15 say," For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves, which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

Therefore, those Gentiles who do the law of God but not under the law that was commanded by God to those under the law will have a chance to be saved. Remember that Gentiles are heirs to salvation through the promise given by our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom we will be saved.

Those under the law who received baptism but broke the law of God and yet turned away from the law may not have a chance to be saved on the last day. Those who think that they have been baptized and received salvation by grace would remain saved until the last day, even if they have committed sins on and off, are mistaken. The doctrine that once saved always saved is a fallacy and would endanger their souls by adhering to this belief.

The bible in the book of Hebrews (Hebrews 10:26) says, " If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice is left."The said verse means, that sins committed intentionally on and off may leave no forgiveness to sinners at all. 2 Corinthians 13:5 " Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Therefore, those who believe in the doctrine of once saved -forever saved is false in claiming salvation that way. If one is baptized in his church, he believes he has received salvation and is already saved forever, but to believe that one can sin again and again is already a false doctrine and contrary to the teachings in the bible.

The verse in 2 Corinthians is instructing us to examine ourselves if we are still in Christ because temptations in this world are everywhere, and those who are weak

in faith might be tempted and eventually abandon their Christian faith and be with the world again.

Unless one thinks of the law to examine themselves whether he is still in Christ and realize their neglects and repent of sin no more, they will only find another chance for salvation. But if one keeps sinning all over again, the bible tells that there is no more chance for him to be saved on the last day.

Therefore, the sinner may be condemned to be in hell on the judgment day. So, the said verse in Mark 16:16 is a fallacy that is contrary to other verses in the bible such as Hebrew 10:26. On the other hand, Mark 16:17-18, state that, “ And these signs shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

These verses are being performed today by many so-called Christian charismatic-fundamentalists, and today that usually ends in a grievous scenario. They hold live and venomous serpents when in fact these wild beasts, which are symbolic of Satan, can bite them anytime and may cause their death. Their leader would even command his followers to drink poisonous substances and yet live; consequently, they died, like what happened in the congregation of cult-leader Jim Jones in Guyana, where they all drank poisonous substances believing that they would not be harmed, and yet they died.

In Waco, Texas, a certain congregation there also did the same, where all fanatics committed suicide with their false beliefs and understanding of the bible verse. Some congregations speak in tongues, in which they do not understand what they are uttering. They allegedly speak words which, according to them, are understood by God and their way of communicating with him. No. This is wrong and fallacious.

According to the bible, those who spoke in tongues in the Pentecost spoke different languages and dialects, which they were amazed that when the Holy

Ghost had come upon them, they were able to speak in tongues, meaning they could speak the dialects and languages of those people from different lands or countries, and yet they were able to understand each other.

But these so-called charismatic Christians today do speak in tongues that their neighbors do not understand, and they themselves do not understand, either. Their understanding of the verse is fallacious and should not be embraced. In other words, these verses in the book of Mark 16:17-18 should not be included in the bible.

Testimony of the bible:

2 Corinthians 2:17, “ For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God, but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God spake we in Christ.” But consequently, however, on the judgment day they will certainly be judged according to their works.

Matthew 21:41, “ They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

False Scriptures Emerge

The Message Of Paul

During the time of Christ and the apostles, there were already unscrupulous individuals who belonged to other religious groups that were trying to distort the teachings of Christ. The apostle Luke wrote and compiled the pages or scrolls of the word after reading and verifying the truth with perfect understanding from the very first, so that it may be understood also by the receiver, Theophilus. In other words, the word and compilation in the bible was well written, analyzed, and understood by Luke at that time because unscrupulous individuals were trying to ruin its truthfulness and veracity.

In the present-day bible, there are apparent additions that should not be followed today. This can be read in Mark 16:16 to 18. In fact, these facts have been changed or altered as Paul affirmed in his teachings to abandon the elementary

teachings in speaking in tongues, touching or holding venomous serpents without being bitten, and drinking poisonous substances.

The apostle Paul was prohibiting the Christians during his time, and today's Christians from avoiding these teachings. There were many consequences of these teachings, like what happened in the congregation of Jim Jones, who ordered his congregation to drink a poisonous substance to prove they would not die, and yet tragically, they all died.

The Waco, Texas, occult incident, in which the preacher and his followers died, also. For all we know, there are still churches performing the act of touching and holding a venomous serpent, which is so risky and menacing, to prove the veracity of that particular bible verse. Speaking in tongues should no longer be done today, according to Apostle Paul, if they do not understand what they are uttering. Speaking came upon the apostles at Pentecost, and they spoke in tongues which they understood.

(Take note of the meaning and differences between Cult and Occult. Based on Webster's and Thesaurus dictionary, Cult refers to a worship or religious devotion, especially a form of religion 2. A system of religious observances. Occult pertains to those mystic arts involving magic, divination, astrology, alchemy, and the like. Something that is beyond human understanding: mysterious.)

They spoke the dialects or languages of the people of different nationalities or races. And yet, today's professed Christian congregations, which believe in speaking in tongues, do believe that they are communicating with God, but the problem is that they do not understand what they utter, and even their neighbors do not know it.

It is instructed in the bible that if you do not understand what you are uttering, you can just keep silent. It is an elementary teaching that should be abandoned, according to Paul, otherwise the speakers are only creating too much noise in the congregation. What is the instruction of the bible for those false prophets teaching a

different gospel? The bible in Galatians 1:8 says, "But though we, or an angel in heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed!" But added to this, the bible instructs us to cleave to the Church of God in which God will dwell in these last days.

Testimony of the bible:

2 Thessalonians 2:2 "that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." Hebrews 13:9 "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines; for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meals, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein." Galatians 1:6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel; which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

2 Corinthians 11:4 "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

Chapter 6

Modern-day Churchmen Predict the Future

The Prophecy Of Isaiah

The bible also prophesies that false prophets will come out of this world in the last days. There are many religious groups or denominations that appear today, in fact, a thousand religions or countless in many parts of the world. Present-day false prophets or shepherds predict the future, make wonders and miracles as they claim in the end time that they are the sent and the Christ.

The bible warns us in Isaiah 56:10-11, saying, “ Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.” The greedy dogs that are being pointed to by the verse here are the shepherds who tend their flocks. And they are the church leaders who do not know the word, and they mislead and deceive people.

Remember that no pastor, evangelist, minister, or priest in today's Christian dispensation should predict future events because all prophecies in the coming events had already been predicted and prophesied.

Deuteronomy 18:21-22 says,” And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him.”

In other words, if the words spoken by the prophet do not happen, it is not of God. The prophet is lying and presumptuous.

Today's self-confessed prophets need not predict the prophecies that are already prophesied in the bible all over again. False prophets shall boast of what is

to come, when in fact the bible also warns us that man shall not boast of tomorrow because we don't hold of tomorrow.

Apparently, many are foretelling the coming events but fail to see things happening. Why? Because we are not of God. If sinister events occur today, they are just part of the prophecy written in the bible.

In their "100 Prophecies.Org", George Konig and Ray Konig say that some of the prophecies of the church leaders did not happen. The early churches founded in the Western Hemisphere during the colonization of the New World had predicted the return of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Seventh-day Adventist Church, during the time of William Miller predicted the return of Jesus between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844 while Samuel Snow, prophesied that the true date of Jesus' return would be October 22, 1844. Both of them failed in their prophecy.

Again, a Millerite (follower of William Miller), Nelson H. Barbour, of the Adventist church, who lived from 1824 to 1905, together with Charles Taze Russel, attempted to predict the coming of Jesus. Both of them had accounts when Barbour wrote a book, " Evidence for the Coming of the Lord in 1873". Russel was the founder of Jehovah's Witnesses, who attempted to set a date for Jesus' return. Both of them failed to see their prediction.

Herbert W. Armstrong, who founded the Worldwide Church of God and wrote a book entitled 1975 in Prophecy, warned of a catastrophic drought, enslavement of Americans and Britons, nuclear war, and the return of Jesus as a dictator.

Another professed preacher from Korea, named Ban Kee Ka, predicted that the end of the world would come in 1992, prompting the members to begin disposing of their properties; however, the said event did not happen.

In 1975, a Jehovah's Witness preacher predicted that the end of the world would come, but it did not happen when that day came. In 2011, a certain Harold Camping, a church leader and founder, predicted twice in that same year that the

end of the world would come in May, but it did not happen, and subsequently predicted again in October, but was frustrated when it did not happen.

Another cult leader appeared in the US by the name of Jose Miranda, claiming to be the “Sent” and predicting the coming event. Many have been emerging in the world, bringing with them different messages of predictions, but ending up in frustration.

As per bible quotations, warnings of catastrophic events such as war, drought, famine, and other forms of natural calamity will really happen as told already in the bible. Meaning to say, these claims are already absorbed by the prophecy already foretold in the prophecy of Jesus Christ that these natural catastrophes would be the cause of men’s sufferings and agony.

Joseph Smith, the founder of a religion called Mormonism, claimed that Jesus would return by 1891, but failed to see that day.

Apparently, all their claims for Jesus’ return did not happen because they were making their own predictions that were not told by the bible. The bible says, nobody knows the hour or time of His return but only the Father in heaven.

Now that Jesus has ascended to heaven, sitting on the right hand of the Father, we can say that the Son has already known the exact hour and day of his return to earth. And that hour and day is also written in the bible in the book of Matthew.

Prophecy of Isaiah

The bible has told a prophecy that in the last days, there will emerge people of God from the east who will be saved and will make the God of the bible their true and real God. These people are not people from Israel but the Gentiles from the east. It is clear in the verse of the bible in Zechariah 8:7, which says, “ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.”

A country and nation in the east where this group of people (church) will become God’s people in the last day will serve God. These people which include the wise men will teach the gospel of salvation up to the ends of the earth that is, the west country or nation where those people who would believe will also be saved.

It should not be misinterpreted that a certain country located in the east is being referred here is not Israel although it is located in the east (east Asia minor or middle east) it was the first nation in the east that became the first nation to serve and worship God but in the end time a certain country in the east has been appointed to be His nation and that is revealed in Isaiah 24:14-15, which say, “ They shall lift their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea”.

Take note of the last phrase, “ isles of the sea” that are being referred to here are the islands of the sea. Which country in the east comprises a thousand islands of the sea? Could it be Japan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines? Try to check it out on the map, the locations of these countries that possess a thousand islands in the east. Which nation is most likely to have those islands? It cannot be Japan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, or Vietnam because they do not have a hundred or a thousand islands.

And yet, those countries or nations mentioned are not Christian nations where Christianity is a minority religion. It may be astonishing and surprising to know the truth that the islands of the sea being referred to in the bible verse in the book of Isaiah are the Philippines, because it has a thousand islands, and that the Christian religion is the most dominant in the country. See the rest of the countries in the east, if they comprise a thousand islands.

The certainty that it is the Philippines is that no other Christian country in the east believes God as the nation of the church of God that already exists nowadays. Philippines has the most Catholics in the Far East, however, history books must be revised to amend that citation that the Philippines is the only Christian country in the Far East but a Catholic county. In addition, it cannot be the neighboring countries in the east because Japan has the most populous people who believe in Shintoism and Buddhism. China also believes in Buddhism, which is a dominant religion there. Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, and other neighboring countries believe in Buddhism, Mohammedanism, or Islam, whereas in India, that have many religions, Christianity is a minority religion. The people in the Philippines are God-fearing people as they are very religious in character, so when they are preached about Christianity, they have the tendency to listen, respect, and if convinced, may eventually accept what other preachers offer.

Many Will Come In His Name

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

When Jesus and his disciples were at Mount Olives, his disciples asked him. “What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” And Jesus answered and said unto them, “Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall

come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." This prophecy of the Christ is really happening today. As you can see, many false prophets nowadays have gone out into the world teaching and preaching the gospel, and some of them even claim that they are the Christ. But you will be able to discern that they are not of Christ because of the false doctrines they are preaching. The teachings they prophesy are not happening, and they themselves do not do what the bible is teaching. The bible teaches us to discern if the teachings are of God in 1 John 4:1, which says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

It is very necessary that whenever we hear someone preaching the gospel of salvation, it be on the radio, television, in printed periodicals, or in congregations, test it or discern whether it is of God. During the Roman occupation of Israel, many Christians were persecuted and killed for professing and identifying as followers of Jesus Christ.

Even the apostles denied Jesus Christ, particularly Peter, who denied Christ when accused and confronted by the accusers of Christ when the latter was arrested by the Roman centurions and traitors. In fact, Jesus Christ prophesied that he would be denied by Peter thrice when the cock crowed, and yet it came true and happened. The disciples of Christ feared the scenario and walked away. Peter repented and cried for his denial for fear of his life. Apparently, those were incidents that testify to the fear of Christians for being arrested, imprisoned, punished, and even killed. Nobody would want to admit they are followers of Jesus Christ when asked and accused by the collaborators and traitors of the government during that time. They would deny when asked about Jesus Christ, as they hid and ran away for their lives because Christ was the enemy of the collaborators and traitors during that time in Israel.

Today, in the free world, surprisingly many have come out teaching and preaching like Jesus, and they even claim they are the Christ. Just imagine, if these

claimants were living during the Roman occupation of Israel, would you think they would boldly claim to the world they are the Christ as they teach and propagate the gospel?

But who are these self-proclaimed Christ nowadays? Some of these are literally false prophets that are prophesied in the bible to have come out of the world in these days to deceive many. Try not to be deceived by these impostors. The bible calls these false prophets dogs. Who are these dogs? In the book of Isaiah 56:11, "Yea, they are greedy dogs, which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter."

In other words, these are the shepherds who abuse, corrupt, and conceal themselves from the outside appearance as followers of Christ (i.e., ministers, pastors, evangelists, and professed-teachers of the gospel); they are the greedy dogs according to the prophecy of Isaiah. So beware of these impostors. Their motives may be hidden, but their deeds and works shall not deny who they really are.

You may be able to identify these creatures in different Christian churches teaching different doctrines other than those appointed by God in the Church of God. Beware of them because they also confess that Jesus is the Christ as they preach the gospel of salvation and even confess by their lips the goodness of God and praise God in their ways, but their works deny His Godliness. They are wolves among the sheep.

They have different motives; they build their own churches basically for financial gain, influence, and power. Do not quickly believe their sweet and convincing words, for if you let yourselves be led by them, you will fall into the pit with them on the last day. According to 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Test their teachings, whether of God or not. The teachings and works are the main focus of your evaluation to determine if it is of God. See for yourself if they follow what the bible is teaching. The church representation is basically the concern and the essence of their teachings. In the second resurrection of the dead, the prophecy for the dogs or condemned shepherds, together with the other condemned, shall be thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 21:8 attests to the reality of that day, saying, “ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death. Supporting verses in Galatians 5:20-22 testify to that fact.

Witnesses In The Last Days

The Message Of Paul

In the last days, many will claim that they are witnesses of what happened in the land of Israel, particularly the death of Jesus and the sacrifice of the Christian martyrs. Acts 10:39-40 affirm that the witnesses who saw the things that Jesus did in the land of the Jews and Jerusalem, and how they slew and hanged him on a tree.

Who are these witnesses? They are the disciples of Jesus who were with him when all these things happened. They even drank and ate with him and witnessed his resurrection from the dead.

The problem now is the claim of the churches of the subsequent periods that they witnessed the things that happened, and yet many attempted to change the scriptures; however, the scriptures in Revelation 22:18 warn them that if any man shall add unto the things in the book, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in the book. Present-day Christians should just read and hear the words of the prophecy, keeping them in their hearts as what the bible says in Revelation 1:3.

But what is surprising in the last days is that there will be many who will claim to be prophets, teachers, apostles, and church workers performing miracles and

healings. The bible says in 1 Corinthians 12:28-29, asking them; Are all apostles? No, are all prophets?, No, are all teachers? No, are all workers of miracles?,

No. Not all these things appear today because these are gifts given to a select few to perform such things. But it has its limitations in this Christian era, particularly the works of miracles, healings, and tongues that had already been antiquated by the law of Christ, as these things are being used to deceive many by false prophets.

Testimony of the bible

Acts 10: 39-41 “ And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree; him God raised the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.”

Revelation 22:18 “ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; “

Revelation 1:3 “ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand.”

1 Corinthians 12:28-29 “And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers miracles? “

Chapter 7

The Fall Of Man

The Prophecy Of Hosea

The prophecy that says many people will perish because of the lack of knowledge is more relevant today, when many false churches and false prophets appear in this world. Lack of knowledge has been the main reason why people are endangered of being deceived and oftentimes fail. The reason why the Old and New Testaments were written is to enable the generations to come to know the will of God, the events to come, and how mankind would be saved.

The teachings written in the bible are written for people to obey and follow so that we may not be misled and deceived by false prophets. Therefore, knowing the commandments of God is the path to our salvation. Lack of knowledge is one cause of men's destruction.

According to Hosea 4:6, " My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because they have rejected knowledge". There are many false teachers nowadays teaching false doctrine and leading many souls to destruction, which would lead them to hell on the day of judgment. It is necessary to know the gospel of salvation so that we will be saved on the last day.

Knowledge is acquired by listening, hearing, and reading the information from the bible. If we just hear and listen without reading the information from the bible, we may not be able to verify if the teachings are biblically accurate. The bible says, test every spirit if it is of God, because the spirits of Antichrist are gone out of this world now.

1John 4:1 says, " test every spirit if it is of God". So, it is crucial for us to know which is real and which is not based on the bible. The basis, therefore, of their

pronouncements is the bible. The bible is the living testament of God. When we read it, we will be able to know its contents. Through the teachings of brethren from the Church of God, we will be guided in determining whether the teachings of others are biblically accurate and derived from the Bible.

Thus, we become equipped through reading and listening to the word. That's why these prophecies enumerated and discussed shall serve as knowledge and warnings for people to prepare spiritually for the coming events. However, if you hear the true doctrine of Christ and believe it, you belong to the church; but if you turn your back and deny it, you will be punished in the last day. However, when you are not aware of what those teachers of faith are teaching, you are prone to the danger of being misled and deceived. The effect is deception by the false prophets up to the extent of material corruption and spiritual death.

This is why it is very necessary to acquire knowledge that will prepare and avoid those perils along the way. (Hosea 4:6) Men are encouraged to listen and hear instructions and teachings. We listen and see pronouncements from political leaders and church leaders so we may be able to know what they are talking about. For political leaders, we hear and listen to what they say to know their political platforms that may benefit the nation as a whole.

Thus, their being politicians will not be in vain. Again, the bible teaches to test every spirit if it is of God, as stated in 1John 4:1. Therefore, we may also listen to what other religious teachers are teaching to determine whether they are false messengers or not.

Testimony of the bible

Hosea 4:6, " My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because hast rejected...knowledge"

John 12:48 says, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Many People Will Be Cleansed and Purified

The Prophecy Of Daniel

This refers to the cleansing of spirits by those who believe in the doctrine of the gospel of salvation as preached today in preparation for the last day. This is a prophecy that was prophesied thousands of years ago in the book of Daniel 12:10, which says, “ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” People who believe the doctrine of salvation shall receive the promise of salvation if they receive the correct indoctrination of the gospel.

The bible teaches us also to be wise in order not to be deceived by false teachers. Hence, if you let this false prophet lead you in his false teachings, both of you will fall into the pit of death. In addition, the law instructs us to stay out of the church that teaches falsehoods that may deceive you. Notice that the influence of falsehood is trouble and eventually crime.

Savage men murder men like beasts and have no regard for humans at all. There are religious faith that even motivates their members to slay enemies, which is so unchristian. This is obviously proof that the prophecy is being fulfilled and that the wicked shall do wickedness and shall be even more intensified, while the end of time is near.

In fact, this is the time when people in this civilization are living dangerously. We may come to that point in time when we will realize that there is no safer place to live in this world. That will really come as prophesied in the bible.

Spirits that Dwell in Human Beings

This is a prophecy concerning the spirit of God that shall dwell in the temple, which is not made by the hands of men. This is far from others' belief that God dwells in temples or structures made by the hands of men.

Spiritually clean Christians are dwelt by the spirit of God. Did you know that your body is the temple of the Spirit of God? This is asserted in 1 Corinthians 3:16, “ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Therefore, those Christians produce good works since they are filled with the spirit of God. Quality Christians bear fruit in the spirit. Let us read Galatians 5:22, “ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.”

How about those Christians and unbelievers who do not have the spirit of God? What kind of spirits do they have? Those human beings who do not have the spirit of God walk in the flesh. And the works of the flesh manifest in them.

This is what Galatians 5:19-21 speak about, “ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, As I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, if you are a Christian struggling against the works of the flesh as stated in the previous verses, try to resist the evil works of the flesh and submit to God so that your life may be pleasing to God.

This is asserted in James 4 7-8, “ Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.”

Testimony of the bible:

Acts 17 24-26, “ God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in the temples made with hands. Who is the temple of God?

Daniel 12:4, But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the books, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

1Corinthians 3:16, “ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

Chapter 8

Salvation of Believers and Non-Believers

While the gospel is being preached today by the church of God, many will be cleansed and believe in the words, while fanatics and the wicked continue to be wicked. The bible teaches to let them go in their ways; while there is still time, the teachers of the church encourage and exhort the non-believers, otherwise, time will come that those who refuse and ignore to listen will suffer the consequences of their unbelief.

The bible says, “ Seek Him while he can still be found.” What is the consequence? The Lord says, “You will look for me in the days of your sufferings, but I cannot be found anymore.”

When a sinner who has been told and reprimanded for his sins two or three times and does not listen, the bible tells us to let him go to his evil ways, for in the end that sinner will suffer the consequences of his stubbornness.

As to the blind followers who are being led by blind leaders, they shall suffer the punishment in the last days. There are plenty of blind leaders and blind followers these days (blind leaders are those false prophets) who follow unsound doctrine of teachings (not doctrine of Christ) who, in the day of judgment or their death, shall be judged accordingly. (Matthew 15:14)

Those who have heard and believed in the teachings of the doctrine of Christ listen and follow because in the final hour on earth, those who did not listen, even if they knew it was correct shall be in distress and sorrow that even if they call on the Lord they will not be heard and the Lord God shall not listen to their cries at all. (Proverbs 1:28-29)

But to those sheep who listen and embrace the doctrine of Christ in these days, they are the sheep that will be gathered into the Lord's flock to be saved in the final hour on earth. (John 10:16) To those who had received the grace of salvation, in which, according to them, they had been saved by the grace of God, but kept on committing sins, shall be punished. (Hebrews 10:26). And yet, if they do the same kind of sins, they are just crucifying the Lord again because of their iniquities. (Hebrew 6:4-6)

A question might arise concerning salvation for those who did not hear and reach the gospel of salvation in these last days. How are they going to be saved? Do they have a chance to see heaven?

For those who did not hear and heard about the gospel of Christ, according to the bible, on the day of judgment, God will judge them. They will be judged according to the law that they follow if they have not heard the gospel. And those who are under the law and have heard the gospel will be judged by the law. Romans 2:12

Those who are not under the law may still have a chance to be saved on the judgment day, for there is the so-called book of life in heaven which records man's activities on earth. On that day of judgment, the book of life will be opened to judge them(Romans 2:6), according to what they have done while living on earth.

Literally, the book will be opened for them to use the record in it in judging whether they deserve to go to heaven or hell. (Revelation 20:12) If their names are not found in the book, they will be thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:15)

While you have received baptism and the gift of salvation, you should take care of it while waiting for that great day, and because of the lust of this world, temptations are always alluring Christians to the sinful world, whether they be weak or strong in faith.

Because the devil, the adversary, is like a roaring lion waiting to devour you. It is a spirit that always goes around to devour its prey. The bible says, Be strong in the Lord and take the armor to shield you from all these temptations. When you are already indulged in the lust of this world, examine yourselves whether you are still in faith or not. (2 Corinthians 13:5) Whether Christ is still in you, otherwise, you are already lost.

Testimony of the bible :

Matthew 15:14 “ Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”John 10:16 “ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”2 Peter 2:20 “ For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.”

Proverbs 1:28-29 “ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me; for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD;”

1 Corinthians 5:13 “ But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore, put away from among yourselves that wicked person.”

Acts 17:31 “because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained;”

Romans 2:12“ All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law.”

Romans 2:6“God will give to each person according to what he has done.”

Revelation 20:13“ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.”

Revelation 20:12“ 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”

Revelation 20:15“ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

2 Corinthians 13:5 “ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”

Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. And the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”

Letters Of Paul To The Romans

The prophecy concerning those who did not hear the gospel of Christ and those who belong to other churches is that those people will be judged according to the law that they follow. They are those under the law but do not obey, and do not

obey the law, that will not be saved; and some are not under the law but obey and do the law that will be saved on the last day. This is based on Romans 2:12-14. (see testimony below)

Testimony of the bible :

Romans 2 12-14, “ For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (for not the hearer of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature that things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves; which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another) in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Assurance of Salvation

The prophecy assures that on the judgment day, children and infants who die shall go to heaven without doubt, but certainly without charge or inheriting the sins from their parents, as other beliefs assert that the sins of the parents shall be charged or borne by the children.

The bible assures that the children are assured of salvation when they die, they belong to whatever kinds of beliefs their parents have because they are innocent of the sins of the world.

The bible addresses this issue in Matthew 18:2-3, which says,” And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

In the same way that the saints (God’s people) who die with Christ have assurance of salvation.”

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Salvation Through Religion and the Gospel

The Book of James

In the last days, many kinds of religions will appear, so that men will be desperate and confused to determine which of these religions is teaching the truth. Although religion is the way to men's salvation, false prophets build and stay firm in their false teachings and are deceptive. James 1:27 affirms that “pure religion that is undefiled before God to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

Therefore, the bible defines what pure religion is, where we can spiritually be saved through the gospel. Religion, according to James 1:27, says, “ Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

The Book of the Romans

Is religion a means for men to be saved?

What is meant by religion?

Do we need to have religion?

Religion comes from the word “re”, which means again, and “ legio”, which means “tie”. If we unite the two, it becomes to tie again. Where are we to be tied again? It is in the teachings of the word or the gospel of Christ. We are reunited to know the teachings of Christ for salvation. For without the law (teachings), men are dead because of sin.

Romans 7:8 says,” But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.” Therefore, the law (teachings) of Christ serves as the bonding tie of men to get back to God. And when

men have the law already, they become alive. Without knowing the word of God, Christians may be led to deception and confusion.

That is why it is essential to know that we read the bible and affirm whether the quotations and teachings of our church leaders are biblical. To affirm that the word is the basis and means of men's salvation, let us read Romans 1:16, "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."

Therefore, it is clearly stated that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe in it.

The Prophecy of Ezekiel

Remember that every man shall save himself until the day of judgment. Ezekiel 14:20 says, "though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall but deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves." The word in the bible is clear when it says, we cannot save our sons and daughters, but each one shall deliver himself to be saved. In other words, we cannot rely on or entrust our salvation to others, nor to pastors, ministers, and leaders, but salvation is to each his own, as stated in Ezekiel 14:20. As believers, each one will work it out to preserve the grace of salvation that we received all the days of our lives on earth until the end comes. It may include the non-believers who have not received the gospel of Christ.

In their good laws, they will also be saved on that day. Because on the day of judgment, each one will face the throne of judgment to account for what he has done. The bible tells us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. It means you are on your own because each one is making an account on earth that shall be credited in his name in heaven.

The Book of the Philippians

In the final judgment, you cannot save your loved ones and anyone you would like to be saved, but each one is judged according to what he has done. The bible says, we shall work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12 says, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Likewise, the apostle Paul asserted that the gospel is the way to salvation as written in 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

Paul declared that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. As written in Romans 1:16, "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," In other words, the gospel is the basis of teachings that every believer should accept and believe to receive salvation. The Church of God in the bible teaches the gospel of Christ until the present Christian dispensation, where believers should act according to what it teaches.

Men would seek ways to be holy and deserving to enter the kingdom of God in the last day, but their works would deny the power of God as their lips profess godliness. Their lips confess that Jesus is Lord and God, but they do not do the commandments of Lord Jesus written in the bible; instead, they listen to myths and hearsays that are baseless.

Many have been misled into believing that idols would save them, as they reason that these idols give them fortune and save them from risks in their everyday lives. Literally and spiritually, it is idolatrous. On the other hand, those living in the mountains, remote areas, and islands may have their own gods and traditionally perform their rituals to serve them.

Even in cities and towns, people have their own gods, around which festivals and rituals are held annually to thank them. In the last day, all these things would be wiped out and would mean nothing because the rightful Judge will judge men according to their works, especially when they did not hear, receive, and believe God's gospel.

In the same way that those who had been preached about the gospel but did not listen would be judged accordingly, as God is the Sole Judge on that day.

The Book of the Corinthians

Not all men know that salvation may be known from the gospel of Christ. The bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, " Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain." Salvation cannot be entrusted to any man. The bible says, in Psalms 146:3, " Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help."

The secret to men's salvation, therefore, is the word of God in the bible.

Testimony of the bible

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 " Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

James 1:27 " Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Romans 1:16 " 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,"

Gloomy Event For Mankind

Man should not entrust his salvation and future to other men because many who had been deceived even entrusted their entire properties and belongings to their church leaders and workers who had warned them of the forthcoming deluge and end of the world.

On that day, when the world is in great tribulation, many people from different religious denominations would call on their gods, but would not hear them, as they would do everything desperately to ease the pain of agony. Money and material wealth are of no value anymore and are useless, and because of the extreme pain of torment, many would rather seek death, and there would be bloody death everywhere.

Before this kind of tribulation that mankind would experience, tribes of men worldwide would mourn as the sun would be darkened and the moon would not shine anymore. Darkness will engulf the end world and the skies. There would be shaking, and nobody would go anywhere.

Men would be terrified by the signs of the coming of the Son of Man from heaven. All nations on earth would see His glorious coming from the ends of the earth. From the east to the west, from the north to the south, all eyes would see the glory of his descent with the angels blowing the trumpet, and the dead first in Christ will be resurrected.

And at the twinkling of an eye, those who are still living in Christ would disappear. The scenario of the so-called “taking in the clouds “ or, in other men’s terms, “the rapture”(although the term is nowhere to be found in the bible) will occur. When there are two plowing in the fields, one would disappear and the other would be left; and it would happen that relatives, friends, and loved ones who would be taken would suddenly disappear to meet the Lord in the air. Before the redemption on the last day, men shall have prepared to face judgment; thus, it would be according to each his own works. This scenario is just a prelude to judgment day.

Testimony of the bible:

Jeremiah 17:5, Thus, saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm.

Ezekiel 14:20, “ They shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.”

The Change of the Law

The Prophecy of Malachi

The prophecy concerning the change in the law of Moses had also been prophesied in order to observe and obey the laws of Christ today. It is also because many false prophets will use the old law in the Old Testament to take advantage and deceive the unknowledgeable people to gain and prosper for themselves. As it is written that false prophets will teach for themselves and will put on their own doctrine and deceive many.

The Mosaic laws or the laws of the Hebrews in the Old Testament had been changed and superseded by the laws of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. In fact, many laws in the past, such as the ten commandments, are no longer ten but more than ever during the Christian dispensation.

For instance, the laws concerning the eating of prohibited foods for the Israelites, such as pigs, shrimps, crabs, and other animals whose toes are divided, are no longer prohibited today.

Tithing of ten(10%) of the income received by the Levites and the clans during that time is no longer enforced, but had been changed during the time of Jesus Christ and preached by the disciples. Paul attested to this law in his writings. Many charismatic evangelists today have been preaching about miracles, signs, and wonders, and even the resurrection of the dead that were done in the past are still practiced today by some cultists. Definitely, those religious or spiritual activities in the past have already been changed.

Present-day pastors and evangelists are still performing the same rites of the past, but without knowing that laws had already been changed. There are laws in

the past that are still applicable today, but up to certain applications and limitations, but what we have to follow is the laws of the Christian era.

The law on tithing, in particular, is not a law for Christians today. In fact, the law of tithing ten (10%) percent was never commanded to the gentile-priests nor to any pastors, evangelists and ministers but a command to the priestly Levites who were assigned to serve God as the tribes of Israel were ordered to bring in the ten(10%) percent of their income or cattle, herds and flocks to the house of worship for the full time servants in the tribe of Levi to live.

Literally, the law on tithing 10% was directly commanded and solely intended for the tribe of Levi and not for present-day churches. Some churchmen who urge their church members to give ten percent (10%) of their income use the biblical verse in Malachi 3:8 to conscientiously accuse them, which may compel them to give despite their wishes.

The verse says, “ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.”

False Prophets who are firm in enforcing the collection of 10% which, according to them, is the law today, will not be consistent if more than 10% tithes were collected. Therefore, if more than 10% are collected, they would not be consistent with the law that they enforce. But the fact is, 10% tithes are no longer the law today and are not even intended for them because they are not priestly Levites.

This is not a valid law today to collect the tithes of ten percent (10%) because God does not need tithes and will never use their tithes, and yet how could they rob Him of these material things when in fact these things were all given to us? In other words, the law is not intended for the Christians but for the tribe of Levi in Israel in the Old Testament.

Letters Of Paul to the Corinthians

The law that governs tithing in this Christian era is the law of Christ, which the Apostle Paul states in 2 Corinthians 9:7, “ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

The emphasis in the verse is that we give according to the dictates of our hearts because God loves a cheerful giver. So, whatever amount we may give according to the dictate of our conscience, without grudge or heaviness in our heart, but which may be good for its purpose, shall be given. In other words, Christians may give freely according to their hearts or conscience.

Testimony of the bible :

Hebrews 7:12, “ For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Hebrews 9:10, “ which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 “ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

Malachi 3 8-10, Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Apostasy In The Last Days

The Prophecy of Timothy

In the last days, many will turn to the lust of this world and will turn to evil desires. Those who have received the gift and grace of salvation will backslide into the calling of this world.

The bible in 1 Timothy 4:1 says," Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Even the very elect will be deceived and turned to evil ways. This is ominous and scary because even the very elect will turn to evil ways and call on the spiritual enemy. They are the church people and leaders who are weak in flesh, so they cannot resist the calling of the desire of the earthly world. The bible warns us of the kind of servants we should elect to office.

1 Timothy 3:1-5 says," This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?"

In other words, these are the characteristics and qualifications that a good servant in the Church of God should be. Because in the last days many of them will be corrupt, earthly, greedy, immoral, and blasphemers, they could not resist the devil's temptation.

Temptation is so strong that these spiritually weak elects will turn to them and sin. They will deceive and corrupt their followers and lead them into the pit of death because the spirit of the devil has already taken them. Many of them will fail and cannot hold back from doing evil things. They will leave the sound doctrine and follow the devil's doctrine.

1 Timothy 5:15 says, " For some are already turned aside after Satan."

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Jesus said that those who will persevere in the end will be saved and let those who follow false doctrine fall into their pit. Matthew 15:14 says, "Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind, And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." The bible also warns us that in the last days men will go for worst as what the bible reveals in Revelation 22:11, saying, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

Apparently, these are the days when we can see that filthy men continue to be wicked, and while they continue to become more wicked in their evil ways, some righteous men understand the prophecy that leads them to righteousness in these last days. And because of the filthy works of wicked men, they shall also get their troubles from wicked men. They even get their restitution from wicked men while doing evil things on earth. But all of them will find their end in hell. Revelation 20:10 says, "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 for ever and ever."

The Book of Luke

Added to the prophecy in the last days is that men will get indulged in drunkenness, surfeiting, and too much cares of this life that they do not know that something is going to happen. Consequently, in the midst of their merriment, they will get caught by their unawareness of the great event to come. Luke 21:34 says, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

Testimony of the bible :

2 Corinthians 13:5 “ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Matthew 7:22 “ Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

“2 Chronicles 28:9 “ But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.”

Ephesians 4:18-19 “ having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

2 Timothy 4:3-5 “ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine”

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Matthew 15:14 “ Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind, And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”

The Chosen People

The Israelites or Jews were the chosen people and the first people who served God. Gentiles are heirs to the body of Christ and the tribe that received salvation through Jesus Christ on the last day. Are the Israelites still the chosen people today? Not anymore because of their disobedience and apostasy in the past; they were already abandoned. The fact that they had condemned and killed the Son of God, Jesus Christ, of course, God got angry and turned His back on these people.

See what history witnessed about the fate of many Jews in the past centuries and the 20th century. But in the last days, God has chosen another people who are serving and following His commands. The promise has been made to the Gentiles who have been following and preaching the gospel of salvation today; the Church of God in this part of the globe is in the Far East.

The prophecy in the past that the church of God, which was lost, had been restored when Jesus Christ appeared before the disciples, thus, Christianity was established, preaching the gospel of salvation.

Originally, the church of the Firstborn in Israel was the one restored by Jesus Christ, teaching Christianity. The disciples had spread Christianity throughout the ends of the world, and by their writings, particularly the writings of the apostle Paul, who was the administrator of the Church of God during the discipleship with Christ until his death.

Testimony of the bible :

Matthew 16:18 “ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

2 Timothy 4:6-7 “ For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:”

Philemon 1:9 “ yet for love’s sake I rather beseech thee, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.”

God’s People From The East

The Prophecies of Zechariah & Isaiah

The bible has told a prophecy that in the last days, there will emerge people of God from the east who will be saved and will make the God of the bible their true and real God. These people are not people from Israel but the Gentiles from the east.

It is clear in the verse of the bible Zechariah 8:7, which says, “ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.”

A country in the east where this group of people (church) will become God’s people in the last day that will be saved, and these people, which include the wise men, will teach the gospel of salvation up to the ends of the earth, that is, the western country where those people who believe will also be saved.

It should not be misinterpreted that a certain country located in the east is being referred here is not Israel although it is located in the east (east asia minor or middle east) it was the first nation in the east that became the first nation to serve and worship God but in the end time a certain country in the east has been appointed to be His nation and that is revealed in Isaiah 24:14-15, which say, “ They shall lift their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea”.

Take note of the last phrase, “ isles of the sea” that are being referred to here are the islands of the sea.

Which country in the east comprises a thousand islands of the sea? Could it be Japan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines? Try to check it out on the map, the locations of these countries that possess a thousand islands in the east. Which nation is most likely to have those islands? It cannot be Japan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, or Vietnam because they do not have a hundred or thousand islands.

And yet, those countries or nations mentioned are not Christian nations where Christianity is a minority religion. It may be astonishing and surprising to know the truth that the islands of the sea being referred to in the bible verse in the book of Isaiah are the Philippines, because it has a thousand islands, and that the Christian

religion is the most dominant in the country. See the rest of the countries in the east, if they comprise a thousand islands.

The certainty that it is the Philippines is that no other Christian country in the east believes God as the nation of the church of God that already exists nowadays. It cannot be the neighboring countries in the east because Japan has the most populous people who believe in Shintoism and Buddhism, China believes also in Buddhism that is a dominant religion there, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam and other neighboring countries believe in Buddhism, Mohammedanism or Islam much more of the people in India that have many religions where Christianity is a minority religion.

The people in the Philippines are God-fearing people as they are very religious in character, so when they are preached about Christianity, they have the tendency to listen, respect, and if convinced, may eventually accept what other preachers offer. Although the majority is Catholic-Christian, there are numerous Christian congregations that exist in the archipelago.

People welcome foreign teachers or evangelists coming from different parts of the world, bringing with them a faith called Christianity or fundamental Christianity. In other words, Christianity is a dominant religion in the country, although people embrace the Christian religion in different ways. But only in the Philippines, there is the so-called church of God, not founded by mere men, but they cleaved to that which is good.

The Book of the Romans

(Book of Romans 12:9)as instructed by God. They are the end-time people who will receive the promise of God, in which the fulfillment of the prophecy shall be absolute on the last day. However, the church of God is not alone in the Philippines; there are several churches of God that are registered in the Securities and Exchange Commission, representing the church.

Christians may be confused about this church because there are many claims about this church; theirs is the genuine church that is in the bible, which is why they use the name.

But despite the many claims about the churches of God, we can still identify which of these churches is the one that has the standard that is required by the bible. The church of God that has cleaved to that which is good(Romans 12:9) and not founded by men.

The measurement is the teachings, whether they are of God or not. Whether the church administrator is sent by God or not. But you will come to know when you hear and listen until you believe, that it is the church of God in the last days as prophesied by the bible.

The Book of Peter

Because Israel had become His people in the past, but the promise and prophecy in this situation is located in the east, where the bible attests and supports this allegation in 1Peter 2:10. “ which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God, which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

It is not Israel that is being referred to in this verse because the Gentiles were not God’s people in the past but the Israelites or Hebrews first, and then in the end time the Gentiles will become His people who will be partakers in the promise of salvation as these wise Gentiles will preach and teach the gospel of Christ in many parts of the world particularly in the west where many will also be saved.

The wise people of the East will be the key people who will be given understanding to understand and preach the sealed books of the bible, and they will herald this understanding of the gospel to the people of the world.

As they preach and teach in these last days, many will be purified or cleansed, and those who believe will be part of the church or group that will be saved in the end times. These group or church did not establish their church, but they cleaved to that which is good and commanded in the bible.

To confirm that this group of people (believers) in the east will emerge to be the church of God that will be saved in the end time, we must refer to and know the answer or confirmation from the bible.

1 Peter 2:10 says, “ which in time past were not a people but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

We should think that in the past, the Hebrews were the first people of God and not the Gentiles, and this group of people in the east will only emerge in the 20th century or in the end time as prophesied in the book of Zechariah. Take note that these wise people will emerge in the last days and that they will be the ones to understand and open the sealed books of the bible.

Perhaps, we may ask, why? Has the bible not been understood and opened by various church-people in the past generation? Yes. But not since the time of Christ and the Apostles. The bible says, many false prophets, false churches, and false Christs will emerge on earth with different motives, for they built their own churches for different purposes, that they even confess their mouth about God, but their hearts are full of iniquities and superficiality.

They will never understand the bible, even if they interpret it in their own ways, because they are not bound to receive the understanding of the word with filthy hearts and intentions. But the church of God that was built by Christ will be restored in the last day, where the wise will understand and open up the seal of the bible.

The Prophecy of Daniel

In other words, for many centuries since the time of Christ and the Apostles, the bible had been sealed and not understood by the generations of various congregations. Yes, because the Church of God was not yet restored, and those wise men who will be appointed in the end time had not yet come. But now they have come, the bible has been opened and unsealed.

This proves that we are already living in the last days, as the bible through its signs and indications is telling. To prove that the bible had been sealed or understood in the past, let us read Daniel 12:4, which says, “ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” In Daniel 12:9, “ And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

From that verse, we already know that since the time of the prophet Daniel, the bible was already shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Until the time of the end means that it will be opened and unsealed in the last days, where the following events shall occur: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Added to these occurrences are the succeeding verses in Daniel 12:10, which say, “ Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”

The sealed book, therefore, will be opened and understood in the end time when knowledge shall be increased, many people will be purified, many shall run to and fro, the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of them shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

The question is, in which era are these events happening? Just observe and notice that these events are happening today. This is the last days or end time generation. How did I say that we are living in these events mentioned in those verses, and that our time is the prophetic generation being referred to in the book of Daniel?

Just think about each event, and we would come up with the conclusion that this is true and applicable to our time.

First, knowledge shall be increased. (Daniel 12:4). Apparently, almost all modern inventions, discoveries, and successful and amazing explorations under

water and space are being launched by men today. Modern technologies, weapons, robotics, and computers have been manufactured. Did all these things happen in the past? No. Only in this present time. Space has been explored by modern and advanced spacecraft. Fast-moving and modern vehicles can transport people to different places in a short span of time.

Knowledge of men has really increased when modern methods in finances were introduced, such as the E-Card replacing money to obtain cash from the ATM, buying goods using this e-card or credit card can make transactions easy when no cash is available, hence, safer than carrying money in the pocket.

A laser machine is now used in surgery to remove gallstones inside the human body, as it can also perform eye surgery to remove cataracts in the human eye. Production of robots in manufacturing and assembly plants has almost been reduced, and displaced manpower has been employed, as many superpowers are manufacturing fatal weapons for mass destruction, including chemical and biological weapons.

Nuclear weapons might be the ultimate destructive discovery of mankind in this instance of advanced human knowledge. Unlike in the past centuries, man started from spears and swords, then powder guns, and eventually, in the 19th and 20th centuries, since the industrial revolution, a rapid technological transformation occurred, particularly from the West, where flying machines were developed, until the 21st century, more amazing discoveries, inventions, and developments have taken place. These are the manifestations of the increasing knowledge of men that is stated in the verse of the bible.

Second, when the wise people of God understood the gospel of salvation, many were cleansed and would be cleansed and purified. Notice that in this present Christian dispensation, when people believe the gospel and get baptized, they turn away from their wicked ways, such as fornication, idolatry, stealing or robbing, and

other forms of filthiness. People seek the truth through the gospel and teachings of the wise men of the appointed time. Although nowadays many false churches and false prophets appear, the teachings of the wise men in the last days will continue and save many.

Third, the wicked men will continue to do wickedness according to the verse in the book of Daniel, while many are purified. This is the present scenario which we can see, read, and hear from the news on the television, print media, and radio almost every day. Almost every day, these media show brutal killings, murders, massacres, robbery, arson, cruelty, and other wickedness of men happening today. The situation is much worse than in the past, where today wicked men take drugs to aggravate wickedness.

Fourth, the sealed books of the bible will be opened in the last day. While it was closed before, the wise men and people of God in the east have cleaved to that church of God, learned and understood the words in the bible. Therefore, the church of God that was lost in the past has been restored and is now preaching the word to many nations.

No churches in this generation nor in the past have opened up and understood the words, but in this era, when the end is at the threshold, and when the signs and indications that are stated in the bible are being fulfilled. This is the church of God in the east, the fulfillment of the prophecy, that one church which has opened the sealed book of mystery in the last days.

Testimony of the bible

Zechariah 8:7, which says, “ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.”

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Dwelling Place Of God

The Prophecy of Ezekiel

The prophet Ezekiel tells of the house or church (1Timothy 3:15) where God shall dwell and stay forever in the last day. Does God dwell in the house or church, a building structure or temple made by man's hands? Definitely No. Ezekiel 43:3-5 attests to this fact.

What is being referred to in the vision of Ezekiel? It is not a literal house or church structure as we all see and know, but it is the church people who are the temple of God. The verse states that there are church people in the east.

Take note of the place in the east that is being emphasized in this verse. Ezekiel 43:7 says, “ It is revealed that God will dwell in this church in the midst of Israel forever.” The church that is being referred to in the foregoing verse is the “ people” or “members” of the congregation. So, it is not Israel nor its people that would be made His last dwelling place. As we all know in biblical history, Israel, the firstborn who served God, was the first people to serve and worship God.

They were the chosen people in the Old Testament times, but then, after disobedience and transgressions, God had already changed history and turned away from them. The prophecy in the last day states that there is a new church

(people) with whom God will dwell and will save in the last day and forever, that is located in the east.

Since Israel is located in the Middle East, it is not the one being pointed out in this prophecy, but the one that is located in the east, that is, somewhere in the far east, the nation located in that country will become his people on the last day.

This Church of God, as prophesied to emerge in the last days, is now existing and has been prophesying the gospel of salvation in many parts of the world, including the Western part of the world, where, according to the prophecy, it will also save the people in the West.

(See for yourselves, which country and nation in the east is now bearing the name of the Church of God that preaches the gospel in accordance with the righteousness in the bible) Although many false churches of God appear today, we may only identify the Church of God by their teachings and obedience to the law of Christ in the bible.

The Book of the Romans

The question is, who are these chosen people of God in the East? - They are the Gentiles who cleaved to which is good (the Church of God; Romans 12:9). They received the promise of salvation reserved for them by Christ. As promised, the Gentiles are partakers in spiritual things. Romans 15:27 says, "It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things."

Although originally not people of God, Gentiles have become partakers of spiritual things or have become parts of spiritual things that God has prepared. In the same way, Gentiles are duty-bound to minister what they have partaken.

Letters Of Paul to the Ephesians

Another supporting verse that Gentiles have become people of God is in Ephesians 2: 11-14, which say, " Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past

Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us:"

Therefore, with these verses, Gentiles and the Israelites have no more distinction when it comes to salvation because Gentiles have become God's people through Christ Jesus, whose blood has become a redemption for our sins. Those who will listen to his words now and have faith in Him will become His people.

Testimony of the bible

1 Corinthians 3:16 says," Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelt in you." This verse attests to the truth that God does not dwell in wooden or building structures made by hands, but the temple in which God will dwell is the people themselves, the humans are the temple which are going to be the dwelling place of God. So the Spirit of God dwells in people who obey and follow His commandments. The church of God, which is located in the east, on the last day, will be the people of God where He will dwell forever.

Existence and Reality of Paradise

Paul's Letters to the Corinthians

Does Paradise really exist? The prophecy concerning paradise is real. Paul, the Apostle, had gone to paradise or the third heaven. 2 Corinthians 12:4 says, " how that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." The verse proves that paradise really exists.

The Prophecy Of Christ in the Book Of Luke

Another verse that proves the existence of paradise is when Jesus Christ was on the cross with two thieves. He confirmed to one of them that he would bring him into paradise when the man asked of Him. Luke 23:43 “ And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.” In other words, Jesus affirmed the existence of paradise.

The Prophecy Of Christ in the Book of John

It is also in this paradise that our Lord Jesus is preparing a place for those who would be saved on that day. As it is written in John 14, 1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” However, this paradise in heaven should not be confused with the paradise where Adam and Eve first lived. There was a place in the present-day Turkey that was called Eden, where a beautiful garden full of plants and trees existed. Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden during that time when a serpent (Satan) tempted Eve.

The paradise in heaven is a place in the third heaven where the spirit of the apostle Paul reached to learn unspeakable words that cannot be uttered. (2 Cor 12:2)

The Prophecy Of Isaiah

However, this paradise in heaven is not a place where tamed beasts would not be brought up in the last day, which is a claim of another group of believers in the book of Isaiah, which says that in those days, wild beasts would be as tame as sheep to play with children, as in paradise.

Isaiah 11:6-9 says. “ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young

ones shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the seas." Biblically, this is a wrong doctrine because this claim in the book of Isaiah pertains to that time when Jesus came to Israel and preached the gospel to all men, that even those wild and evil men turned good, and those hostile men with grudges and hatred in their hearts began to have love in their hearts because of Christ.

It was the time when Jesus Christ was conducting his ministry. The children being referred to in that situation are those who were still babes in their faith; they did not have much knowledge about the gospel because they only received the elementary teachings of Christ.

Testimony of the bible :

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2 Corinthians 12:4 " how that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

Revelation 2:7 " He that hath an ear, let him hear, what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Luke 23:43 " And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

John 14:1-3 “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

2 Corinthians 12:2 “ I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven. “

Chapter 9

Prophecy of Jesus Christ

The Tribulation Before The Great Tribulation The Prophecy Of Christ in the Book of Matthew

More than 2000 years ago, Jesus prophesied that in this world everyone will experience tribulation, but fear not, because he had overcome the world. Tribulation has been happening intensely today, while Christ's return is at the threshold of this generation. Tribulation in the past was experienced by the early Christians up to the point of their death, and this is the undeniable persecution because of His name's sake. Ordinary tribulation may be encountered in everyday life. These could be problems pertaining to family affairs, money matters, world economy, politics, and society. However, there is one great tribulation we are waiting for while we experience all kinds of tribulations today. This great tribulation is indescribable, so that no adjectives may fit to describe that day. According to the bible, immediately after the great tribulation is His coming.

Many nations of the world will witness His glorious coming from heaven. His return is before the occurrence of the great tribulation, which is the great distress of the world; thus, in those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not shine, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the clans of mankind will mourn because of the great distress as the heavens and earth will be shaken. (Matthew 24:29-31). In those days, one may not be able to find the right word to describe the situation, as it has never happened before and will never happen again. The bible describes the situation as the world has never had such a situation, as it never happened before.

This sounds terrifying and horrendous, so that not even in any man's wildest nightmare would he see the reality of this kind of event. Many would rather die before seeing and experiencing this horrible scenario. What could that situation be?

Men have witnessed and experienced the most bitter and painful scourge of war, famine, pestilence, calamity, and the tragedy of life that caused the horrible death of many. In the bible, because of distress and desperation to survive starvation, men had thought of cannibalizing the flesh of their dead relatives in the midst of distress. Had this been a terrible tribulation of men? And until now, this may be experienced in many parts of the world; hence, many are experiencing different tribulations in life. But to all who have read this prophecy in Matthew 24:21, “ for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

This verse and prophecy may still be a big question that will happen in these last days before the catching up in the clouds (or rapture). In fact, we have been experiencing and living in the days of an ordinary tribulation, and yet we are waiting for the last great tribulation that will happen to the world, that will ultimately consummate the prophecy of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the catching up in the clouds of the chosen people. The prophesied signs of time that are the threshold to great tribulation are already happening today: wars, rumors of wars, famine, pestilences, calamity (floods, earthquakes, fire, volcanic eruptions, etc.), and the finale, which we are waiting for, is the one great tribulation. Although the mentioned signs are happening in clusters or regions, they are considered the fulfillment or consummation of the prophecy because all these things are being experienced.

A theory about the great tribulation may be that time when all the tribes of men without exception (whether rich or poor nations) shall suffer and experience the crisis and agony of life, such as aggravated economic depression, that is, scarcity of food supply, scarcity of fuel and oil or the tremendous oil prices that many nations could not afford to buy at all followed by its ill-effect such as: bankrupt industries, unemployment, scarcity of food supply and mass money withdrawal; closure and

shutting down of all establishments like malls, offices and buildings, schools, churches, banks, etc.

One could hardly imagine how the town people would survive when no stock of food is available. Many desperate people who had nothing for themselves to eat would be paranoid and would try to loot abandoned stalls, supermarkets, and buildings, but some would get nothing. There would be anarchism and terrorism everywhere, and people would be in great trouble. People will be forced to harm others and even kill to get what they want. It would be dangerous to go out on that day. The bible in Matthew 24:17-18 warns in those days, “let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; neither let him which is in the field return to take his clothes.”

And when those events are already happening, it would be pitiful for those families with children to nurture. The bible says in Matthew 24:19, “ And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days;” It is because there would be no available food and milk to feed these children in those days. Do not go out of your house nor think of going anywhere when it is already happening, but rather pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day, says Matthew 24:20.

In the foregoing discussion, many Christian charismatic-fundamentalists who say that rapture or the catching up in the clouds may occur at any moment in time these days is apparently a blatant fallacy. Therefore, their claim of the rapture at any moment in time is wrong because there is a right time and scenario preceding the catching up in the clouds of those who will be saved. As mentioned in the foregoing, unless that event has come to mankind, rapture or the catching up in the clouds will not occur yet, and after that great tribulation has taken place, would only then that rapture take its place.

Testimony of the bible.

Matthew 24:29-31, "Immediately after the distress of those days, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' "At that time, the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

The Angels And Saints In the Last Days

The Prophecy Of Moses in the Book of Genesis

In the past, angels, particularly Lucifer, conceived in his mind and thought of being equal with God, but the thoughts of his heart were seen by God and cut it short. Consequently, Lucifer and his angels were thrown down to the ground (earth); today, there are still sinning angels who are thrown down to earth to join Satan and company.

While judgment day has not yet come, angels continue to sin. However, angels of God are sent to teach and guide the people of God. Angels know all things on earth in the past and present. Angels do not die because they are spirits. All angels are God's creations, including Lucifer.

In the past, angels sinned and were condemned because of their punitive sin. The account can be read in Genesis 6:1-4 that says, "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh, yet his days shall be a hundred twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old men of renown and God saw the wickedness

of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Letters of Paul to the Corinthians

In other words, the sons of God (angels) got daughters of men on earth and procreated offspring that appeared to be giants and eventually died during the first deluge during the time of Noah. The spirits of these angels were imprisoned beneath the earth because the sin that they committed was a capital sin punishable by second death. It is cited in 2 Peter 2:4. Accordingly, they are already condemned to be thrown with Satan and his angels into the lake of fire in the day of judgment. Angels shall be judged by the saints on the last day. This is attested by the bible in 1 Corinthians 6:3, saying, “ Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How many more things that pertain to this life?”

It is also asserted in the bible that saints (holy men) shall judge the world in the last day. 1 Corinthians 6:2 says, “ Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?” And after the judgment, men shall not sin anymore. However, salvation belongs to God and Lord Jesus Christ, who will save all men in the judgment hour. However, man should not entrust his salvation to men because the bible says that each one of us shall work our own salvation with fear and trembling.

Testimony of the Bible

1 Chronicles 29:11 “ Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.”

Chapter 10

Experiencing Heaven and Hell

Letters Of Paul to the Corinthians

After the Great White Throne Judgment, those who would be saved would experience the things that were never experienced on earth. The condemned will experience the agony of the excruciating pain of hell, while the saved will experience the glory of heaven.

No soul of any dead man has indeed gone to heaven at this point because the dead and the living are still waiting for the judgment day. The bible asserts that it is destined for man to die once, and after that the judgment. Therefore, all dead souls are still buried and waiting to be resurrected on the last day to face judgment all at the same time.

In fact, only the Father and the Son, with the angels, are in heaven, while the place for the saints is being prepared for the coming day of judgment to be with them forever. While the burning lake of fire is still empty and no soul has been thrown there at this point, no man knows its whereabouts. This is contrary to other Christian beliefs that once a man dies, his soul is immediately judged and goes to his destination, which is heaven or hell.

Although no dead men have been in heaven nor in hell, the spirit of a man has gone to heaven. He saw, learned, and heard unspeakable things that were not allowed for him to utter. It was the spirit of the apostle, Paul, who was taken into the third heaven (the paradise).

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 says, “ I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago,(whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (

whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) how that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

There would be no more hunger, sorrows, crying, or pain ever experienced again. (Revelation 21:4) For those who would go to heaven may see their loved ones, if they are saved, but if not, it would be presumed that they would go to the other destination. Because of this sorrow, the tears of the saved ones would be wiped away by God, and it would come to pass away.

There would be no more day and night, for the Lord would serve as light to all. There would be singing of praises by the angels in heaven, and they would continue to praise God. The bible describes heaven in Revelation 21:15-19,” And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth; and the length is as large as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length, the breadth, and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundation of the wall of the city was garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gates were twelve pearls; and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

But those who would be condemned to hell would suffer the pain and torment of the burning hell day and night. Those condemned evildoers would feel and suffer

the excruciating pain of fire and the torment of hell. When they suffer the pain and torment of the burning lake, they would be in their earthly bodies.

This is contrary to the belief of other Christian denominations that when the condemned are thrown into the lake of fire, they would be given bodies designed to withstand the pain and torment. It's wrong because the punishment intended for them would be futile if they did not feel in their flesh the pain and torment the penalty they deserve to retribute.

The smoke of their torment would ascend forever and ever. It is nightmarish to imagine the flesh of the human beings (the condemned) being toasted and burned, but they remained alive; it means their cells and flesh were being regenerated and burned all over again to suffer the torment and punishment of their iniquities. (Revelation 14:9-11)

Testimony of the bible

Revelation 21:4 “ 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.”

Revelation 14:9-11 “ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wines of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

The Battle of Armageddon

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

Many bible readers and Christian churches think that the last battle to be fought on earth is the battle of Armageddon, which, according to the bible, would involve a multitude of armies in full battle gear, ferociously prepared to destroy and clash with other armies from the ends of the earth to a bloody death.

These people think that it is an armed conflict between powerful nations gathering their armies and armada for the last battle on earth in Armageddon. Literally, the interpretation is that there will be shedding of blood and mutilation of flesh in this battle. This is a wrong notion and belief. The truth is, there will be no armed conflict, nor physical contact, nor salvos of guns in this battle of Armageddon.

The Battle of Armageddon is the spiritual battle for justice and righteousness between good and evil. The battle between God and Satan and his cohorts on the last day will prove that Satan and his cohorts had committed the grievous sins of all time, and no justification nor righteousness could be claimed by them, but instead they would be condemned to hell on judgment day.

Justice is the name of the game in this battle in which Satan and his angels are the losers. Satan, the adversary, and his angels had been defeated by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) because in the beginning the adversary had been judged to condemnation for killing innocent people and still driving others to the road of perdition and persuading mankind to do evil to be with him in the day of his eternal punishment.

What righteousness and justice would this adversary claim if they had been condemned to hell? Therefore, Satan and his cohorts cannot attempt to defend themselves for righteousness and justice at all.

Literally, they had been defeated and found to be condemned for killing innocent souls and deceiving mankind in the beginning, and today, but tomorrow will be their day of judgment in hell. Records show that they could not justify the killings of innocent babies when the King of Egypt ordered to search and kill the

infant Moses, consequently, killing other innocent souls in their search for the Hebrew Prophet and Deliverer of the Jews from bondage.

Another instance was the killing of innocent babies again during the time of King Herod, who ordered to find and kill the infant Jesus. These instances of merciless killings could not be justified by Satan and his cohorts for righteousness, thereby holding them accountable and being justified to be judged already to hell on judgment day.

The blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross (Rev 12:11) had redeemed the sins of the world and defeated Satan. (John 16:11) Rev.12:11," And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Therefore, Satan is already judged and condemned to hell on the day of judgment. (Rev.20:11) The only thing he could do now, while waiting for the last judgment, is to tease, drive, and persuade mankind to join his company to be his angels. But men have their free will to choose between good and evil.

The Prophecy Of Paul

The Battle of Armageddon is not a physical but a spiritual battle as mankind continues to battle against the evil forces that may lose and win them. This is also the battle of the unseen forces. According to Ephesians 6:12," For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Therefore, this verse refers to satan and his angels, who are in high places preparing to sow spiritual wickedness among the people. The bible says, in the book of James,4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you".

Testimony of the Bible

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Prison Cells Beneath The Earth

The Prophecy Of Paul

Who are imprisoned in the prison cells beneath the earth? According to 1 Peter 3:19," by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison:". Therefore, they are the spirits of angels who, in the days of Noah, committed sins of fornication with human beings that produced abnormal sizes of human beings as a result of their sins. They produced human giants that inhabited the earth and mingled with humans. When they died, their spirits were held in prison beneath the earth as what 1 Peter 2:4 asserts, " For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

The angels mutated with human beings and procreated abnormal beings as a result of their forbidden sin. That is why, during that time, abnormal sizes like giants and deformed human beings existed. But the sins of the angels actually are that they left their homes or habitation that were assigned to them by God.

Jude 6 says, " And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." And because of their sin, they are already condemned and judged to be thrown to the lake of fire, as it is said in the verse, they are reserved for the great day of judgment.

The Prophecy of Job

In other words, when Jesus Christ died, his spirit went beneath the earth for these spirits and preached unto them, as the bible says.

With this kind of understanding of the whereabouts of evil men, there is also a hypothesis that spirits of evil men who die go down to this prison cell, where they would be released on the judgment day to be thrown into hellfire.

The question may be raised as to the whereabouts of those who die with and without Christ. This may be debatable to those people who do not have bases in their claims and pronouncements. But the bible is the only source of truth for spiritual knowledge. The pronouncement of the bible in the book of Job tells that man's soul is in the hand of God when he dies.

Job 12:10 says, "In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind". While waiting for judgment day, all departed spirits are in His hand. Because men listen to different spiritual congregations, varying views and baseless doctrines are embedded into their minds in this aspect. Their belief is a mere myth and must not be relied upon.

Titus 1:14 says, "and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth." They even claim spirits of the dead wander around this earth when they die and visit their relatives and houses. The bible in

Job 7:9-10, say, "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more." Again, some are disturbed about what they see and feel, confirming that they really return.

You should know that they are evil spirits who transform into similar figures to scare and make you believe they are real. The bible says satan and his angels deceive people in this world, that they transform themselves into angels of light to convince and deceive people.

Testimony of the bible :

1 Peter 3: 18-20, For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit, by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight should were saved by water.”

Chapter 11

The Catching Up And Descent From Heaven

The Prophecy Of Christ in the Book of John

One could hardly imagine how people around the globe see the glorious coming in the clouds of the Lord Jesus Christ when people are living from different horizons and angles of the earth.

Some believers believe that Jesus will descend somewhere at Mt. Olives in Israel during His return. Definitely, it is not that way. How can the nations of the world see Him when he descends at Mt Olives, while the bible says, “all nations on earth will see Him during his descent in the clouds with his angels.”

How can people from many countries around the globe see Him descend from the clouds when He descends at Mt. Olives? Imagine the Earth is round. If He is descending from one point, how could the nations below the earth and at the back of the earth see Him?

Therefore, those nations beyond and under the earth will be able to see His glorious descent from the clouds by putting away the earth. Yes. This is the only way all nations could see Jesus' coming. 1 John 2:17, which says, “ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:” In this foregoing verse, the inhabitants of the earth will see Him when the world passes away and therefore, it is amazing to know that mankind will be suspended in the air in the absence of the earth to see the glorious descension of the Lord from heaven. Hence, there would be a phenomenon that would take place for mankind to see Him descending. But the verse is very clear that the world will pass away just to see the descent from heaven.

Letters Of Paul

In other words, the earth would disappear for some time to enable all nations of the earth to see His descent from heaven. And if that happens without the earth, all nations would keep floating in the air or space, as we could imagine the curtain unveiled to see what's in it. The power of God can not be fathomed, that He can do all things, except to lie. Hebrews 6:18 says, "that for two immutable things, in which God couldn't lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:"

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

This event will not precede the end of planet Earth and heaven that will take place at the end of time, because there will be a new heaven and earth to be created after the disappearance of the old earth and heaven. Revelation 21:1 says, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

If we would not construe the bible in this aspect of "catching up" to meet the Lord in the air. Everyone might be thinking that the premise of those who claim that the Lord would descend from heaven to Mt. Olives in Israel is correct.

Realistically, the premise is wrong. Based on the bible, the passing or disappearance of the earth would enable all nations to see the coming from heaven. They do not refer to the bible on how the coming will occur, and many still do not know the significant event of the "catching up " and meeting in the air with the saved ones.

The Prophecy Of Paul

And in this scenario, those living with Christ at the time He comes would suddenly change in the twinkling of an eye to meet the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:52 says, " in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall

sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” And that meeting in the air will take place as the bible says in 1Thessalonians 4:17, “then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Lucifer and the Rebellion In The Last Day

The Prophecy of Isaiah

When Lucifer conceived a thought of his lofty ambition to be equal with God, his conceived ambition in his heart was not hidden by God. Remember that God sees our hearts. In other words, before everything cropped up, it was cut short, and Lucifer was brought down to earth(ground) and became a fallen angel as other angels were sinning, thereafter falling from heaven, who joined satan today. Lucifer’s thought was written in Isaiah 14:12-14, which says, “ How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High”

The said verses in the book of Isaiah contain the thoughts of Lucifer’s heart about his ambition to be equal with God. Many people believe that the rebellion of Lucifer in heaven began at the beginning of the story in Genesis, but ironically, it is not observed in the verses above that all the thoughts in the heart of Lucifer were known to God, and upon learning this conception in his heart, he was brought down to the ground (Isaiah 14:12)

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

But after a thousand years had expired, Satan shall be loosed out to deceive the nations. And to those who will not repent but go wicked, shall be destroyed in

the last day. Let us read Revelation 20:7-9," 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 God, out of heaven, and devoured them."

The rebellion of Satan and his angels will take place in the end (judgment day)before they are thrown down to hell with all other condemned souls on the day of judgment. And the war shall begin in heaven, as what the bible says in Revelation 12:7-9, saying, " And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

If we continue reading Isaiah 14:15, " Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit"

Testimony of the bible

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The Anti-Christ – The Mark of the Beast And 666

The Prophecy Of John

Who is the beast that bears the mark of 666?

Antichrist means against Christ. An enemy of Christ, whose works are not in conformity with the teachings of Christ, is an antichrist.

For many centuries and even during the time of Jesus Christ, many anti-Christians already existed trying to harm him, but many times He was protected from the threats of harm, and it was not yet time for Him.

Today, there are still many antichrists trying to destroy the true doctrine of the gospel of Christ. There are many self-professed Christian churches or groups that teach different doctrines other than the true doctrine of Christ.

And because they do not cleave to the true teachings of Christ in the bible, they are called anti-Christ. These people are confessing with their mouths that they are followers of Christ, but their works and deeds deny Christ.

The prophecy concerning the emergence of the Anti-Christ has been fulfilled in the bible now that we are already living in these last days. This is already manifested everywhere in the world today. The emergence of many false prophets and antichrists who deny Christ through their diverse teachings and works is a manifestation that we are already in the last days, as disclosed in the prophecy.

In the last days, according to the prophecy, the beast will emerge and rule a great multitude of followers. This ruler and a leader of a great congregation is a man who is so powerful that many nations of the world, small and great people in society, bow down to him wherever he goes as he leads the enormous and ubiquitous multitude of followers.

The bible tells that you can identify the beast (man) by calculating the number of times he pays homage to his gods, in which his followers do the same actions. This emerging leader, who would be an antichrist, is the beast, and his large number of followers can be identified by the mark of 666 through their gestures using their fingers in their right hand. Notice that three (3) scores of six (6) are actuated in different directions whenever they worship their gods. Those gestures are called

the mark of the 666. In history, many political leaders were branded by Christian fundamentalists as antichrists, such as Hitler, who ordered the killings of millions of Jews, Mussolini, a fascist who was an ally of Hitler, did the same thing, while Yamashita.

The so-called tiger of Malaya was an ally of Germany, who ordered the execution and looting of the wealth of the nation during World War II. Pol Pot and other Communist leaders killed many in Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia in the killing fields, and many more series of crimes such as murder, massacre, and indiscriminate killings in many places of the world in the present day. They were not leaders of any church congregations, but followers of the antichrist, that is, the

Babylon, the harlot in the bible.

This is the time that we live dangerously in this world because the followers of the Antichrist have grown in tremendous numbers. Several prophecies have been foretold in the bible that this Babylonian congregation would be led by the Antichrist in the end times. The bible also tells that when the Pharisees prayed in the synagogue, they wanted to be seen praying, and as they prayed, they made vain repetitions and senseless utterances as they worshiped their god.

Likewise, there are many false churches today making the same conduct of prayer, and they even show wonders and miracles so that people may be convinced that they have been given powers to do miracles. The bible says, Beware of the false teachers doing wonders and miracles because their activity would be inspired by the devil. In the end, these false prophets who do evil will say, “ Lord, Lord, have we not done miracles in your name, we drove evil and healed the sick? And the Lord will say unto them, away from me! You evil doers!” Many congregations and fundamentalists today uncertainly identify and make many different interpretations about the mark of 666.

Without discernment and a concrete basis, they would even point at any leader or head of state who has become celebrated and uniquely honored, a glamorous business magnate, or important figures in society as the antichrist.

The failure of these fundamentalists is that they have the testament, but they do not know its content. Some make mathematical calculations that if their calculations end up in these triple figures (666), they would conclude that the man is the emerging anti-Christ, which is wrong. As already mentioned, the calculation is made when you see them worship their gods with scores of gestures three times and six in different directions. Leaders and followers who perform this gesture are opposed to the doctrine of Christ.

On one occasion, the manifestation of the advancing technology, such as the emergence of the credit card or money card, had been calculated by these guessing Christians as the work of the antichrist, and yet they have already been using it and profiting from the works of modern technology. Accordingly, in different situations, the work of those individuals who slit their skin in a desired part of their body and insert microchips bearing the number 666 to allow them to buy what they want has nothing to do with being an antichrist. You will not know whether those individuals know Christ or not, or which religion or sect they belong to.

The present generation of people slitting their skin for whatever purpose does not know what they are doing, and yet they sin because the bible tells that you should not damage any part of your body nor pierce anything that would damage it. The point here is the apparent religious demonstration of being anti-Christ of those people that belong to what the bible is prophesying about the mark of the beast and 666 that is already identified in the foregoing discussion.

On the other hand, many might have the idea of the end time, but many also think that such a tale of the end time is unthinkable in this present generation. The idea of the end time for the Christians who have been taught about some aspects of

what to expect during that time may be the shortages of food, famine, calamity, and natural disasters. The fact is that they are not aware that all these things are happening now. Poor nations are mostly suffering from this kind of agony today. People in modern society may not feel and understand how it is being scourged by such tribulations today. They don't even know what is going on around them, nor understand what lies ahead.

Today, we can see the aftermath of the earthquake and its recurring effects in many affected countries. To mention a few, there are victims of disastrous earthquakes in Indonesia, and lately in Haiti, Chile, China, Japan, and other places that were ravaged by destructive tsunamis and fire.

These awful scenarios were apparently seen on the television screen. The most pathetic scene was the struggle for food donations, where the strong prevailed over the weak in grabbing and fighting for food just to survive. Aren't these struggles of mankind a tribulation nowadays? In other places, food and fuel prices, poverty, and crimes have gone up to unexpected levels, and there are critical occasions when you have the money, but there is no supply.

There are many instances where some people are not allowed to buy something badly needed for their businesses or personal necessities. For example, those unscrupulous elements in political society in authority will collaborate with those in the opposition in order for their opponents to fail in the elections.

Some evil men may even connive to screw their opponents not to buy goods, perhaps because they prefer and prioritize some friends to avail it, or they may utilize it for their personal and vested interests. Evil elements may even kill others to gain for themselves the property they wanted to own. Days are evil, and wickedness will continue while many will be cleansed in the last days, according to the bible.

What is already happening today is also the deprivation of the right to life, liberty, and property that signify events of the times as prophesied in the bible.

The Prophecy of John

Who Is The Antichrist?

The biblical verse in 1 John 2:22-23 clearly identifies and divulges who the Antichrist is. In the past, even during the time of Jesus, antichrists were already rampant and existing that were opposed to his doctrine and claims. These antichrists plotted to mob and capture Him for trial and eventually persecuted him to death. Today, antichrists still exist, but a time will come when Babylon, the harlot, will be headed by the emerging antichrist who shall come to lead his followers; thus, it will signify that we are already in the last days.

The Prophecy Of Matthew

During the time of Jesus, the anti-Christ, such as the Pharisees, prayed in the synagogues with vain repetitions and senseless utterances to be noticed by people, and when they went to the market, they wanted to be greeted by people. They taught that God would hear them because of the many vain words they uttered.

The bible tells us not to pray with vain repetitions. Matthew 6:7 says, “ but when you pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.” Today, the antichrists do the same manner of praying, uttering long and loud prayers in public, especially in celebrating their calendared occasions.

Testimony of the bible

1 John 2:22-23, “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”

Revelation 13:18, “Here is wisdom, Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Chapter 12

The Fallen Babylon, The Great Harlot

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

There is a prophecy in the bible instructing people who belong to a great church that keeps sinning and does not believe in the God of the bible. Who is this Babylon, called a harlot in the bible?

The instruction by the Lord to the people who have known the truth is to come or abandon that church so that they would not be partakers of the sins and the impending punishment to be inflicted upon her on the day of judgment. A great church that confesses with their lips that Jesus Christ is Lord, but ironically performing works diverse from what God commands in the bible.

“ Come out of her”, you may be partakers of her sins and the plagues that shall be scourged upon her iniquities, says the Lord. Revelation 18:4 says, And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. ”

While there is still time, people are being commanded to come out of her so that they will not partake in her sins and punishment on the judgment day. Consequently, some of those who have abandoned that church went to different confessional Christian churches or false churches. However, while members of the Church of God are out to teach the doctrine of Christ, they will be gathered into the Church of God until the last day.

While her children are led to sin more and more, people tend to embrace this abominable practice in their faith; thus, there will be more souls that are led to condemnation on the judgment day when they do not hear and listen to the call.

Her abomination is known because she is notorious and popular for her multitude of followers who exalt her. Revelation 17: 4-6," And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

The identity of this Babylon, the harlot, may be known in Revelation 17:18, which says, " And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Apparently, the city that is inside a great city exists today, and you will realize that almost all dignitaries of the world pay homage to the ruler of this city, may they be kings, presidents, ministers from different cities and nations.

But what is more startling is the fact that she slew prophets and saints. Revelation 18:24," And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

The Prophecy Of John

The bible says, when you hear the truth, listen and believe if it is of God, but before anything else search the truth as commanded in 1John 4:1. which says, " Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world" Many people from different religious denominations believe that their congregation is of God. In fact, the bible tells us that even the devil goes to church and knows the words in the bible. Don't you know that there is only one Church of God in which God dwells?

Definitely, those churches that are founded by men are not inhabited by God. If people believe that God dwells in churches made by hand of men, it is definitely wrong to tell them that such a belief is baseless and non-Christian doctrine. The

bible tells that God does not dwell in temples or structures made by man because God is a spirit, but the temple in which God dwells is the believer himself, who is the church in which the spirit of God dwells.

Letters Of Paul to the Galatians

God dwells in us, the temple which is being referred to in the bible. We are the living temple. How do we know that the spirit of God dwells in us?

Galatians 5:16 says, “ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” Galatians 5:22” But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.”

Therefore, a believer who walks in the spirit and who has the fruit of the spirit is the temple where God dwells.

But if you happen to be with the congregation of evil doers or church goers who do filthy things without the fruit of the spirit and do not walk in the spirit, the bible instructs us to stay out of them.

Letters Of Paul to the Corinthians

And if the doctrine that the church leaders are unchristian and remotely different from the Christian doctrine, the bible instructs us to leave and stay away from that church.

2 Corinthians 6 14-17, say “ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth hath the infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them.”

God commanded the believers to separate from unbelievers in order not to be stained by their uncleanness. If you believe you are not in the right church, seek that which is good. The bible says, cleave(to join or to affiliate) to that which is good, which is the church of God (1 Cor 1:2). To those who believe they are Christians and they belong to a Christian church, test yourselves if you are really in the right faith. If you believe you have received salvation by grace and no need to work, you are mistaken. The bible tells that once you are in Christ, you have to work out your faith with fear and trembling.

For if you indulge yourselves in cycling(on and off), your salvation can be forfeited as taught in 2 Corinthians 13:5, which says, “ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”.

Letters Of Paul to the Romans

When you indulge yourselves in the works of the world, you will certainly lose salvation. Because if you keep repeating the same sins, there will be no more forgiveness waiting for you. In Hebrews 10:26, the bible tells us to leave and avoid false churches, particularly the ones that are not of God. Romans 2:22 “ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.”

Again, the bible tells us to get out of those churches that do not teach the doctrine of Christ. Even tell your children to keep away from her because of idolatry. 1John 5:21 says, “ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

It is really scary and fearful to know the reality of the horrible end of Babylon, in which the bible calls the harlot or the mother of harlots and abomination of the earth. What will happen to Babylon?

Revelation 18:8 says, “ Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”

Revelation 18:21,” And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”

The testimony in Revelation 18:4 says, And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. ”

But if you don't do what is right and you know which is correct, you sin, and together with the unrepentant sinners, you will be in danger of getting punished in the lake of fire on the judgment day.

Revelation 17:3-6 “ So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abomination and filthiness of her fornication.: and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

Revelation 17:18, “ And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”¹ John 2:18 “ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.”

Revelation 18:4 “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Revelation 11:12-16, “ And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were frightened, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, “

Proverbs 1:29 “ for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD; “

Chapter 13

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

Judgment Day

The End Of The Planet Earth and Heaven

How does the Earth end? Shall heaven cease to exist?

Does man's work do something about the annihilation of the earth? Yes. Modern weapons of mass destruction will augment the destruction of men and the earth. The ultimate weapon of mass destruction, which is the nuclear bomb, has not yet been used during the past wars. Men have witnessed how bitter and horrifying the past wars on earth have been, which have ravaged the two cities in Japan.

The scars of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are still alive today, and men have seen their terrifying effect on its survivors and environment. If a nuclear bomb were to be used in the global conflict of superpowers, its effect would be more horrifying than ever; it could cause extreme heat that is enough to melt iron and steel structures, and even those elements that exist on Earth could melt.

Thus, the bible is true in prophesying the end of the earth that things will melt down and burn in the end. During that time, the entire earth will be engulfed by fire and radiation from the nuclear bombs when superpowers release their ultimate weapons to destroy enemies; thus, all other conflicting countries and kingdoms will be burned and destroyed. Rains of Fiery and blazing balls of debris in the skies will fall everywhere.

These blazing debris from the skies might come from the violent eruptions that phenomenally cause solar flares in space that are drifting to the Earth and nearby planets. Men and animals will be destroyed as there will be no place to hide

or escape this catastrophe. Buildings and structures in the cities and towns will burn down.

Thunder and earthquakes will shake the heavens and earth. Ultimately, heaven and earth will pass away and disappear. As it is written, in the day of the Lord, heavens and earth shall pass away, heavens will be shaken, and the earth will be burned and destroyed. (Rev.21:1)The destruction of earth and the passing away of heaven will mean a creation of new ones. God will create a new heaven and a new earth after those events have transpired.

Heavens will also pass away. And a new heaven and earth will be made. (2Peter 3:10)

Testimony of the bible

2 Peter 3:10 says, “ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

Thus, there will be a new heaven and a new earth after the disappearance of heaven and the destruction of earth from extreme heat.

Revelation 21:1 says, “ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”

The Time When God Will Judge Mankind

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

At that time, Jesus Christ will judge mankind according to their works. The dead in Christ will rise first to be with Him, and the living by the time of His coming. Christ will reign for a thousand years on earth. And after a thousand years have elapsed, the second resurrection will occur.

This is the resurrection of those who are not in Christ and those who will face judgment.

The bible in Revelation 20:4, says “ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

The Book of Peter

Those who were in Christ and remained in Him until death will no longer be subject to judgment, but those who were not in Christ and outside of His church will be subject to judgment. But before the end time judgment comes, believers in the Church of God who are still on earth suffer the discipline of God for their sins committed, and to remain obedient, but those who are not under the law shall receive the gravity of their sins.

This is affirmed in 1 Peter 4:17, saying, “ For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.”

How Do Non-Believers Be Saved? Will those outside of the church of God be saved? Those who are outside the flock and not under the law but do the law may have a chance to be saved, but those who are under the law but do not do the law are in danger of not being saved.

But God is the overall judge of men, be they under the law or not under the law. God is angry with those who always disobey His commandments and do evil. Here on earth, many countries and parts of the world are shaken because of an earthquake.

When we are shaken by an earthquake, do not just think that it's just a natural cause or geological reasons, such as the movement of mountains of rocks under the earth, and movements of the earth's crust that create slopes that move boulders of rocks toward the earth, but we should know that it is one way on how God expresses His anger.

Do you know that God is angry every day because man unceasingly performs evil things? Psalms 7:11 says, " God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day."

And God is the one making the pillars of the earth shake. Let us read Job 9:5-6 " which removeth the mountains, and they know not; which overturneth them in his anger; which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble."

The Prophecy of Amos

It is not only earthquakes that God makes the earth tremble because of man's inequities and many sins, but He also brings tsunamis from the waters of the earth that cause destruction and death to man.

Amos 9:6 says, " It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name."

Therefore, we do not wonder why such natural calamities occur everywhere on the face of the earth. It is because man keeps evil works and wickedness that provoke God to cause all these things to happen.

The Prophecy Of Paul

The bible tells us sinners not to continue in wicked ways, nor stealing nor robbing, but rather work with your hands or labor so you may be able to give something in need.

Ephesians 4:28 tells, “ Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands that thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” Despite all those consequences mentioned in the previous issues, God also rejoices. And if you believe that, let us receive Proverb 8:31, “ God is rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth.”

In this verse, take note that God has his own earth. It is where He lives, even before the creation of the universe and the world we live in.

Abominable Sin Of Man

The Prophecy Of Habakkuk

The prophecy regarding idolatry is an abominable sin that shall be punished on the judgment day. Several prophecies in the book of Revelation about idolatry, which embraces the doctrine of Babylon, the harlot goes with the anti-Christ to be thrown in the lake of fire in the end. The work of Idolatry is a sin that is worse than death, according to Solomon, because he had committed such a sin when he did the works of his gentile wives who worshipped idols.

Many times in the bible, idolatry was mentioned as an abomination in the sight of the Lord. Even in the olden times, idolatry was an abominable act of men and commanded by God to discard and prohibited to do.

Many people who follow the teachings of the devil worship in vain the graven images that their hands have made. Habakkuk 2:18-19 “ What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols,”

Men have been blinded and have closed their minds to the truth. They do not even realize that these images made by their hands could not even help them. Those who make them will be like them. The bible describes these idols in Psalms 115:4-8, “ Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands, They have mouths, but

they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: they have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: they have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them”

The Prophecy of Moses

The LORD God commanded the first people of Israel not to bow down before any graven images. In Deuteronomy 5:9, “ thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve the for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” In this present Christian dispensation, many idolaters have been persisting in their idolatrous activities on many occasions, and yet they are not aware of the coming punishment to them who violate the LORD’s commandment on idolatry. As they are continuously idolatrous in many ways, they are also blasphemers, as they even use the name of the LORD in vain. They even changed the name of the Lord as they utter the word without hesitation into “Bro” or sometimes, “Papa” and other names of their own.

Letters Of Paul to the Romans

This is a clear blasphemy and a violation of God’s commandment, which states that you should not use the name of the Lord thy God in vain. These people are without respect and totally blinded by the god of this world as they worship idols and perform senseless rituals that have nothing to do with their salvation. In fact, the bible attests against the idolaters who have changed the truth of God into a lie. Romans 1:25 says, “ who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

The Prophecies Of Jeremiah & Habakkuk

The bible says that their gods cannot speak because they are only part of the tree and a mere wood. Jeremiah 10:5 says, “ They are upright as the palm tree, but

speaking not; they muse needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.” Habakkuk 2:18-19 says, What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.” The said verses will prove that the gods of the idolaters are nothing but a mute and dumb piece of wood, while they even melt and mold them with gold and silver, and yet no breath in them.

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

What happens to these idol worshippers on the last day or on judgment day? Revelations 21:8 says, “ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part on the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.”

Testimony of the bible :

Revelation 20:4 “ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Romans 2:6 God will give to each person according to what he has done.

2 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God. The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Acts 17:31, “ Because he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof, he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 5:13, “ But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore, put away from yourselves that wicked person.”

Romans 2:12 .All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law.

3 John 1:7 “because that for his name’s sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.”

1 Timothy 2:9 “wherein I suffer trouble, as an evildoer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.”

Titus 1:16 “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

Ezekiel 14:6 “Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.”

Chapter 14

The Prophecy Of Matthew

The Hour and Day Are Not Known

When Jesus was asked by his disciples about the hour and day of his return, he simply answered that no one knows the hour or the day, except for God the Father (Matthew 24:36).

Now that the Son is already in heaven sitting on the right side of the Father, of course, there will be communication between them, perhaps concerning the fate of mankind, salvation, and many things. Do you think they would not talk about the hour and day of the return of the Son since the Son is the One coming to earth? Of course, the One who is to be sent should know when He is coming.

Being the Son of God, who has been with the Father since His ascension to heaven, of course, this issue and question of His return will not remain with the Father. There is the Father and Son communication, as we on earth have a son relationship, we also have communication. Therefore, the Son already knows when he is returning to earth.

When the first Great Deluge struck the face of the earth and annihilated mankind and tiny creeping things, men were caught by surprise. Noah and his family were the only human beings who were saved when they built the Ark and embarked on it, but people were laughing and mocking them.

There were drinking, eating, and all forms of merriment that they did not even listen to or foresee what was going to come until the great flood rapidly swept and drowned them all. Take note that people were not prepared for themselves for salvation; instead, they immersed themselves in the pleasures of this world. Today, verse 37 says, the coming of the Son of Man will be like it was in the days of Noah. In

the last days, the gospel of salvation will be preached by the Christians of the Church of God, which is the church in the bible where many will understand and cleave to in the last days.

Those who do not listen to the true teachings of Christ will not be saved when He returns. Those who died in Christ will be first resurrected, and together with the living whose bodies will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, will be caught up in the air to meet the Lord.

But those who will be left on earth will suffer the terrible consequences of their inequities. However, sinners will be given a chance to be saved by listening to the gospel of Christ, where Lord Jesus Christ will reign for a thousand years on earth to preach to them. But when a thousand years is over, and when the earth nears its destruction due to nations' war, our Lord Jesus Christ, together with those who have renewed and accepted Christ, will ascend to heaven.

The annihilation shall begin when fervent heat will be experienced everywhere, followed by the explosion of nuclear bombs by warring superpowers, which would aggravate the extreme heat of the earth that is capable of melting everything on the surface of the land. Hence, everything will burn.

The time when Noah was constructing the ark was witnessed by the people who were mocking and laughing at him. People who did not know the coming destruction but indulged themselves in merriment were busy in their businesses, earning a living, building and improving structures, and other forms of earthly works.

Today, it is the same scenario that will occur, where apparently people are very busy in all forms of earthly works, merriment, building, development, and improvements are everywhere, which are indications of advancing civilization. People are going to and fro.

Still, there are many worsening global threats of war, as there are really wars happening in different parts of the world. Famine and natural calamity have been scourging humanity in many parts of the world. The worst scenario of animalistic or heinous crimes everywhere.

Torment and continuous suffering of many people around the world. Teaching and preaching of the gospel are also rampant, as there are many false prophets around the corner. But this is not yet the end, this is just the beginning of tribulation. The return is already at the threshold when mankind experiences the great tribulation, so shall the coming of the Son of God.

Many confessed church leaders or false prophets nowadays have been predicting the coming of the Lord. Predicting is to foretell the coming events. They are not supposed to predict because all predictions and prophecies had been told and written by the Old Testament prophets, and by the Lord Jesus Christ and his disciples in the New Testament.

All we have to do is read and study them. Other than these are the works of false prophets whose self-made predictions are no longer valid and will not happen. Observe that no predictions of present-day preachers are happening because they are all fallacious. They are making something out of themselves and glory.

Testimony of the bible

As quoted in the bible, in Matthew 24:36-37: No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

The Dead Ones Shall Be Revived

The Prophecy of Ezekiel

One of the prophecies that has always been mentioned in the bible is the coming of Christ and resurrection of the dead on the last day to face judgment. The

prophecy and promise of Christ's coming are undoubtedly true because if He were not coming to save mankind on the last day, there would be no promise of resurrection, while the gospel would be in vain. As people know they would die, they also know that they would rise on the last day, except they do not believe in God. There are different beliefs about a person's death. Some believe that when a person dies, their soul returns and visits their loved ones, and their soul still wanders around until the fortieth day.

Other religious faith believes that when a person dies, their soul transforms into an animal, like a bird, flower, or insect. What is the truth behind this issue? What does the bible tell about the dead ones? Let us read Ecclesiastes 12:7, which says, "The body returns to the ground, as it came from, while the spirit returns to God who gave it." In other words, the body of the dead one returns until it is consumed by the ground or soil, while the spirit returns to God. The spirit which returns to God is the breath of life. The spirit that gives life to us is in our nostrils that make us breathe.

The Prophecy Of Job

Do dead ones really return when they die? What does the bible tell about this? In Job 7:9-10 says, "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more, He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more." Clearly, the verse affirms that the dead person returns no more to his house nor to his place.

The Prophecy Of Paul

When shall the dead resurrect?

The gospel of Christ says that those who died in Christ will be resurrected first and together with the living at the time of His coming will be caught up in the air to meet Christ. This is affirmed in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and

with the trumpet call of God. The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

At the time of His coming, the dead who hear his voice shall rise first. John 5:28,” Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

What happens to those who died without Christ?

They will be resurrected in the second resurrection after a thousand years, and they shall join the ones who were first resurrected in Christ to face judgment. John 5:29 says,” and they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

The biblical verse below is the testimony that mankind who died will be revived on the last day to face judgment. The process is that their bones will be assembled and covered with skin and flesh, and they will be revived. Those who died under the sea and out of the earth will be revived also, while those whose bodies were burned and exterminated will be returned also to face the reality of the coming judgment. No man that has appeared on earth shall be spared from that hour and day.

The Prophecy Of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37: 5 “ Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.”Therefore, on the last day, the dead ones

will be revived in the form of a body with flesh and blood. As prophesied by the prophet Ezekiel in 37:5, the bones of the dead ones shall be covered again with skin and flesh, and the spirit to breathe will be given, and they shall know God who has made these things revived.

After that, when mankind has returned into being, then shall be the time when all shall face judgment, and the condemned who will be thrown to hell will suffer the tormenting and excruciating pain of burning sulfur and brimstone that will consume their flesh and yet will not die, instead, regenerate again and will feel the same torment day and night. On that day, the condemned will seek death but will never find it, for they are bound to suffer the torment of fire day and night. The saved ones will be changed into glorified bodies to enter the kingdom of heaven, since no flesh and blood can enter heaven. And they will be with God, praising and worshipping Him forever.

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Referring to the prophecy in John 5:28-29, which says, “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

Testimony of the bible :

II Thessalonians 4:16-17, “ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God. The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

Ecclesiastes 12:7 “Body returns to the ground, as it came from, while the spirit returns to God who gave it.”

Job 7:9-10 says,” As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more, He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.”

Ezekiel 37:3-7 “ And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live, and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and ye shall live; and I will by sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.”

Revelation 20:4 “ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

II Thessalonians 4:16 “ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

2 Peter 3:10-13 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up”

The First And The Second Resurrection

The Prophecy Of Daniel

In the last days, the prophecy of the bible is a reality in the book of Daniel (Daniel 12:10) because it is already happening today. Many people today will be cleansed and purified because the gospel of salvation is being preached, while those wicked men will continue to be wicked and do evil.

Those evil men with hardened hearts shall never understand the word; even if it is preached instead, they will blaspheme the works of the upright and holy. Evildoers who die today and tomorrow will be raised on the second resurrection to face judgment. But their destiny is the lake of fire. There may be a number of instances in the bible and in this book that mention the significant event of how the resurrection of the dead will take place in the end times.

As mentioned in this book, the first resurrection will be for those dead in Christ, that is, before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and together with the living will be caught up in the air to meet the Lord. For a thousand years, the Lord will reign on earth and preach to those who are still wandering from their faith, and have not believed and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

A thousand-year reign is a lengthy period for men to accept and acknowledge the doctrine of Christ for salvation. They will be given a chance to believe in Christ to be saved. The bible says, God wants all men to be saved on the last day or on the day of judgment. However, after a thousand years, this earth will be destroyed together with those evil doers who did not want to listen to the Lord. After a thousand years, the second resurrection of the dead will happen, and this is the second resurrection of those who died without Christ and those who died when the earth was destroyed.

But before men are judged before the destruction of the old earth, the prophecy of the prophet Ezekiel comes to fulfillment when the bones in the grave of the dead ones shall be revived to be clothed with flesh, and breath of life in their nostrils shall be restored as they were before as living souls. (Ezekiel 37: 3-7).

Then, when living souls are already revived, they will face the judgment throne of God. All men shall inevitably face judgment simultaneously. How about those people whose bodies were burned and lost at sea and in space? They shall all be recalled as the seas shall give up their dead and Hades(Hell) shall give the dead ones. (Revelation 20:13) When everything is done, then judgment will proceed. The bible says, it is destined unto men to die once, and after that is the judgment. So, after dying, men shall wait for that day when they shall be resurrected and face judgment. Small and great will face the judgment throne of God. Those who are already in Christ until the end will be saved, and those who lived and died in shame will be condemned, as the bible says, the second death in the lake of fire is waiting for them.

In Galatians 5:20-22 and Revelation 21:8, the evildoers will be punished in the second death on the judgment day. No one shall escape judgment but shall face the reality of the coming judgment to all men.

Testimony of the bible

Revelation 20: 4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:13 “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.”

Galatians 5:20-22 “ idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do

such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.”

Revelation 21:8 “ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

The Gathering of Nations

The prophecy that many nations of the world shall be gathered during that time is a coming reality. As it is written on the judgment day, the nations of the world will be gathered. (Matthew 25:32) John, the beloved, saw the vision of how nations of the world will be gathered to face the Great White Throne Judgment. He saw the dead people, small and great (they are the known people on earth; the rich and the poor; the good and bad)(Revelation 20:11-12)

There shall be a gathering of all nations from all ends of the earth. As the sheep is gathered and separated from the goats, there shall also be the separation of the good nations from the evil nations. And there, the condemned shall be cast into the lake of fire and the good ones shall be to eternal life, the paradise intended for the saints.

The bible says, in Luke 13:28-29, There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.”

During the judgment hour, the book of life will be the basis of men’s judgment according to what they have done on earth. (Rev.20-12) And after that, the

condemned shall be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur and brimstone as they are in the flesh that would suffer the excruciating pain of hell. One could hardly imagine those condemned to eternal punishment in hell. There will be gnashing of teeth and weeping, and the smoke of their torment shall evaporate in the presence of the Judge.

Testimony of the bible

Matthew 25:32,” 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 John 5:29 “ and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” Revelation 20 11-12, “ 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.”

Revelation 13:4 “ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who can make war with him? Revelation 12:9 “ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 13:16, “ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:”

Moment Of Truth

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

On the judgment day, the filthiness and shameful deeds of men shall be uncovered. No secrets would be hidden at that time when filthiness and shame that

were kept secret for life on earth are exposed to all. If there were unresolved crimes, unidentified culprits in the crime perpetrated, murderers, conspiracy, adultery, treachery, and other hidden crimes committed, and things said and done in secrets on earth would be divulged in the hour of judgment.

If a man dies with hidden filthiness, it would be uncovered in the presence of all other souls in the judgment hour, where they would be humiliated and suffer the shame of their works on earth. All unresolved mysteries on earth would be exposed, while those nonsensical utterings, schemes, and conceived plans and thoughts of men shall be exposed to shame on that day.

Letters Of Paul to the Romans

But the saints who died for the sake of His name, those who suffered for his gospel and died because of persecution for living a Christian life and those who died with Christ in the end shall be spared from this kind of judgment as what the bible is telling in Romans 8:1 which says, “ there is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”

The Ecclesiastes & the Prophecy Of Isaiah

But why do men continue to conceive and do evil works? Why can't they stop? The bible says, in Ecclesiastes 8:11, “ Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” So, people waiting for the time to stop evil works would be in the day of judgment because it is set unto men to die once, and after that, the judgment. There is only one day for everything to be judged or sentenced into finality. It is also stated in the book of Isaiah that the iniquities of men would be judged and ended. Isaiah 13:11 says, “ And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”

In the last days, men will go for worst as what the bible attests in Revelation 22:11, saying, “ He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Apparently, these days, wicked men continue to do evil as righteous men continue to be righteous. These are the signs that the prophecy in the bible is being fulfilled.

Testimony of the bible :

2 Corinthians 5:1-6 “ For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the spirit. Therefore, we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: “

Isaiah 47:3 “ Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.”

Chapter 15

The Fate Of The Dead

Letters Of Paul to the Romans

The prophecy is true that there will be no more judgment for those who are in Christ on the judgment day if they remain faithful until the end.

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

This is a very difficult experience for a struggling faithful while on earth. Living a Christian life is a very difficult life, but when you are already experienced and stable in faith, you will be able to overcome the temptations of the devil.

Those Christians who follow Jesus Christ and who persist until the end will be saved and will no longer be subject to condemnation on the judgment day.

The book of James says, Resist the devil and the devil will flee from you. But as the day nears its end, many who are already in the faith, even the very elect, will be misled and abandon their faith.

That day will be the day of apostasy, the day that men will abandon the sound Christian belief and turn into evil days to heed the call of the flesh. The danger is that they will be left behind until the coming of the Lord if they do not renew and return to Christ. The bible says, while there is time, return to Christ for the day is near.

Testimony of the bible

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God’s Saints Shall Judge The World And Angels

The Prophecy Of Moses

The prophecy pertains to those who judge sinners in this world. Are they really perfect? Yes. In the sense that they obey the law of God as they are His people in this generation. Is there really a perfect man? Yes.

The bible says in 2 Timothy 3:17, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Do they sin? Yes, sins that are not intentional but are forgiven when repented. An example of a perfect is Noah. Genesis 6:9 says, " These are the generations of Noah; Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

Therefore, it is undeniable that there is a perfect man. In this generation, perfect men exist, and they are also the people of God. Perfection does not mean that you don't sin at all, but the essence of perfection is in terms of knowing and obeying God's law.

Who is to judge the worldly people who are soaked in the mud of sins? They are, but the saints who have been doing the will of God as they are given the right in the bible to judge the world, meaning, they can rebuke and teach those who are disobedient, prodigal, and misled.

Letters Of Paul to the Corinthians

Who are these saints referred to in the bible? They are the members of the Church of God in the past and today. 1 Corinthians 1:2, " Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." They rebuke so that those who are misled are taken from the fire of hell. Jude 1:23 says, " and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; "

Angels shall be judged by the saints on the last day. This is attested by the bible in 1 Corinthians 6:3, saying, " Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How many more things pertain to this life?"

It is also asserted in the bible that saints (holy men) shall judge the world in the last day. 1 Corinthians 6:2 says, " Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the

world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" Psalms 16:3, " but to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight."And after the judgment, men shall not sin anymore. However, salvation belongs to God and Lord Jesus Christ, who will save all men in the judgment hour.

Testimony of the bible

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Prelude to the Great Tribulation

The Prophecy Of Daniel

In the first discussion in the book of Daniel (Daniel 12:1-4), knowledge of men will advance and will travel to and fro. This is the time in the prophecy during modern times that men will produce and discover sophisticated and advanced technology, such as lasers to cure diseases of humans, modern vehicles that will transport men at a speed of time, spacecraft, and modern equipment and machines for industrial use, and weapons of mass destruction. However, despite all these achievements of men in this modern civilization, there are lots of people suffering from poverty, hunger, calamity, pestilences, wars, and catastrophic occurrences that are being brought by nature and the works of men. All these things that have been causing men's agony and desperation since the dawn of civilization are still happening today.

Wars and Rumors of Wars

The Prophecy Of Matthew

History has witnessed the many bloody wars that early civilization had fought in the beginning, such as the wars of the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Persians, and other powerful tribes and empires, but more wars have been fought in the world until the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries, which are all included in the prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ. These wars are just a prelude to the threshold of the coming of the Great One, as it is written in Matthew 24:6-7, “ And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass; but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Wars in many countries today continue; the cold war and rumors of wars; conflict of kingdom against kingdom, just to mention a few conflicting kingdoms in the countries in Africa, Asia, and other monarchial countries, and faraway ends of the earth. In today's modern military, discoveries of weapons have replaced conventional warfare with more sophisticated and advanced weapons of mass destruction that may cause terrible deaths and mass annihilation of humans when these weapons are used. Superpowers have been continuously developing advanced weapons and armaments to defend their interests. The race had even reached space for years and was continuously exploring the infinite space for new findings.

There have been political conflicts among neighboring countries and cold wars that may one day result in a destructive encounter. The theory is that only time will tell when these superpowers will release their nuclear weapons to put things to an end. But because it is not yet time for this horrible scenario to happen according to its prophecy, the earth is still preserved and being held back by the hand of the LORD. The minds of the leaders of these superpowers are still crystal clear about the reality of nuclear war. However, the reality is going to happen after a thousand

years before the first resurrection, and those who will be left on earth will be the ones to experience the terrible effects of the nuclear war.

What may cause that fervent heat that is so terrible that it would even melt everything on earth? Perhaps, the radiation that was brought by the explosions of nuclear bombs used in the wars of nations. The aftereffect of the nuclear explosion is greatly horrifying, as the fervent heat and radiation that the explosion would bring would intensely aggravate global warming on earth, which, according to the bible, would cause everything to melt.

It means that if the stiffest thing were to melt, then human beings would immediately disappear when radiation and fervent heat hit the soft skin of humans. Let us read the testimony of the bible in 2 Peter 3:10, which says, “ But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise; and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. The earth and the works that therein shall be burned up.” Added to this scenario is a terrible sight of raining balls of fire coming down from the skies. There would be earth movement due to volcanic eruptions, which would emit burning lava that would increase the earth’s temperature. There will be no more escape for all living things on earth.

Hence, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, thus, the earth vanishes, and so is the passing away of the heaven. There is one astronomical theory of scientists that is hypothetical about the banishment of Earth and heaven. According to their scientific prediction, the great black hole in outer space, which has a very powerful magnetic field, would be moving towards an unspecified direction that it would absorb heavenly bodies that it may encounter along its path, including Earth and other galaxies of stars.

On the other hand, another possible scenario in their study states that there would be movement in the heavenly bodies or the so-called planetary alignment that it may cause the system to change its axis or rotation that would cause the planets to come nearer that the gravitational pull of the sun would be absorbed and

dissolved these planets and that eventually the sun would lose its power and be darkened until it also disappears.

Scientists were amazed when they saw with their advanced telescope and sun rover that caught views of a solar flare, which was emitted by the surface of the sun; thus, several eruptions were seen when asteroids hit the sun.

You can observe from the solar flare that was emitted from the surface that may reach other nearby planets nearer the sun, or there could be a tendency that emission might even be greater, stronger than it may reach farther to be pulled by any gravitational pull that is enough to cause fervent heat and radiation.

The scientist's hypothetical study may be related to the facts stated in the bible that even heaven will pass away, and on that day, there would be no more sun that would give its light, as there would be no more day and night because God and the Lamb will be the light for all who will be saved.

The Prophecy Of John the Beloved

As stated in Revelation 21, 22-24, which says, “ And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city did not need the sun, or the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which have saved shall walk in the light of its; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.”

Therefore, the works of scientists who may not believe in God (but not all) have a scientific basis in the bible, although they are not aware of it. In this respect, the bible is really the source of knowledge. Things on earth will really coincide with the prophecy in the bible, as the bible says, all things for it to those who believe.

Earthquake

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Another sign is the earthquake. In the past, killer quakes had caused disastrous effects on human habitat and had claimed lives and thrown victims into desperation and suffering. History says killer quakes have caused destructive

tsunamis that have sunk islands and drowned towns in the coastal areas of affected countries.

Today, many countries in different parts of the world have been hit by strong quakes and tremors. Lately, earthquake struck Indonesia, which has damaged crops and properties and killed thousands of people including the nearby countries, Haiti was also hit causing damages to buildings, utilities and people were left hungry, and desperate, next is Chile which caused damages to buildings and utilities downed, quake was frequent in Japan, and lately in Mexico was jolted by 7.2 magnitude earthquake reaching some states in the U.S., and Philippines also was experiencing tremors in cluster parts of the island.

Earthquakes are so frequent in Indonesia and Japan, now going widely up to South America. Why are earthquakes so frequent nowadays? What is an earthquake to do with the present world situation? Since an earthquake is one of the signs that was prophesied to occur in the near end of time, we will know that its occurrence is brought by God.

Although it has its scientific basis, that is, the movement of layers of boulders of rocks beneath the surface of the earth, still God holds its course.

The bible, in Hebrews 12:26, says, "whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more shake not the earth only, but also heaven." In Psalms 29:8, it says, "the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh."

The Prophecy Of Isaiah

Isaiah 2:19, And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

In other words, the LORD God causes the earth to shake, and in one verse of the bible, because of God's anger, every day he is causing the earth to shake. He is

angry with people who continuously disobey and commit sin every day, and that is why his anger is every day.

Famines and Pestilences

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

Famines and pestilences have been existing in many parts of the world ever since the beginning, as it is prophesied that these scourges for men will really come. Thousands and thousands of humans have died because of famines and pestilences in different places of the world. Many cannot cultivate land and plant because of drought, say for instance the drought in African countries that has made people suffer hunger and poverty.

In Asian countries, drought has hit some tropical countries badly, probably because of global change. Hunger or starvation kills many victims of poverty due to scarcity of food, while pestilences destroy the crops of farmers. There are many reasons why pestilences occur; the influx of swarms of insects, birds, and different animal species, probably because of climate change, which may have destroyed crops and plants.

Natural Calamity

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

If there have been any records of worldwide disasters, natural calamities, famines, pestilences, global warming or climate change, and human sufferings, these bizarre occurrences are all absorbed in the prophecy mentioned in the bible to be fulfilled before the end time.

These events are a realistic prelude to the end of days, as they are written to happen. Aside from the reality and signs of the end of time is the prophecy of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:4, “ And Jesus answered and said unto them.

Take heed that no man deceive you. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

Why are these things happening in men's lives? Aside from being a prophecy, spiritually speaking, the work of Satan and his cohorts is actively working in the lives of ungodly people today because the hour of judgment is near for them.

As the end of days is near, so is the work of Satan and his cohorts near to an end. As much as possible, his objectives for men must be executed so that many souls will accompany him in the lake of fire.

False Prophets

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

The prophecy tells of the emergence of false prophets, and in fact, today, many of them have gone out into this world preaching their own doctrine to convince many. They have become by themselves a prophet, a pastor, an evangelist, and a minister. Some of them may not have heard the genuine doctrine of Christ, so how could they call on Him and believe the One they have not known and be baptized in the Spirit when they have not accepted the doctrine of salvation?

How did they become sent? Do they represent the Church of God in the bible that was preached by Jesus?

Letters Of Paul to the Romans & Corinthians

The bible says in Romans 10:14-15, "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? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? "

They perform great signs and wonders: healing the sick, making the lame walk, making the blind see, and if possible, they raise the dead and drive out evils using the name of the Lord. These works are deceptive, as they manipulate things to trick people in order to consummate their objectives.

The bible tells that there is only one church and religion in which the Lord shall establish with his people in the last days where those believe shall cleave

(Romans 12:9)with to the which is good. That church is the church of God that is being taught in the bible.

1 Corinthians 1:2 says, “ Unto the church of God which is at Corinth to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus our Lord, both theirs and ours.” This is also affirmed in Acts 20:28. The church in Corinth was just one of the churches established by the apostles at that time.

There was also a church in Judea where they also established for the brethren located there. Today, since the church is already established as taught in the bible, the followers of Christ shall just cleave and follow the commandments of Christ in the bible.

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

As the church of God is already established, many false churches emerge today, a sign that the fulfillment of the prophecy has come. As they appear, so also appear many false prophets teaching different doctrines of Christ in the bible.

As it is prophesied, there will be false doctrines to be taught by false prophets whose motives are different but financial gain and personal interest.

John 7:16-18 says, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.”

In other words, those professing to be of God teach or speak only for their own glory. According to John 7:18,” He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory:” The bible instructs us that if there be different gospels other than the gospel taught by Christ, let them be a curse.

However, while these false prophets and churches are teaching different gospels and doctrines, the truth will not be upon them, and the mystery to understand the word shall not be revealed to them, but to the church of God in these days.

The Prophecy Of Ezekiel & the Christ

It is the church where God shall dwell until the end of time, as the bible teaches in Ezekiel 43:7. The bible affirms and warns us not to be deceived by the emergence of false prophets, for they use sweet words and flattery to persuade many to believe them.

One of the testimonies of the bible that they are false prophets is the attestation in Romans 10:15, which says, “ and how shall they preach, except they be sent? Therefore, they appear for their own personal interest and motives only.

They are not sent by God to teach because they have not heard the truth and have not believed in the doctrine of Christ in the gospel. (Romans 10:14) Some of them are even idolaters who are apparently performing abominable works in the sight of God. They all confess with their lips about God and the Lord.

The bible says, in Matthew 7:21-23, “ Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name have many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Economic Recession

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

The prophecy about the world economic condition has also been prophesied in the bible and is one of the most highlighted signs of the end times. While economic recession that causes poverty and hunger in many countries is still the number one problem in these last days, it is also an imminent sign that we are already at the threshold of the great tribulation.

The Vision of John the Beloved

While hunger and scarcity are two plagues that mankind will suffer in those days let us read what the bible is prophesying in Revelation 6:6 that says, “ And I

heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.”

While the verse is asserting a fact that is ongoing in our time, it has been a reality that many have been suffering from economic crisis, such as indebtedness, scarcity of staple food and products, like rice, flour, wheat, barley, and other basic needs of people, high cost of living, fuel, energy, and other services.

However, many governments are still capable of providing measures and remedies to meet the demands of their people, but as we get nearer to that day, the more we will feel and experience the tightening of the belt.

As you can notice in the verse, wheat and barley are mentioned in terms of money; as a penny and three measures of barley, which means their costs will be much higher until it reaches the point of scarcity and eventually disappear, which will cause people to panic. Oil and wine in the verse are symbolic because people may live without oil and wine. It may pertain to food and basic human needs.

As we can see today, many countries in the world, such as the rich and the poor, are already facing economic crises that make people go out in the street clamoring for better grants. The reality in the future is inevitable; more and more people all over the country will cry out for a better quality of living because their needs are gradually being deprived due to economic difficulty.

This will be aggravated by militant protesters who will take advantage of the situation to express their political sentiments. Things will be worse when the problems are multiplied by other crises. In other words, the future of the world in this scenario will be gloomy, for the prophecy is unalterable on this path.

Ravaging plagues

The Prophecy of Moses

The prophecy about the occurrence of ravaging plagues is affirmed in Deuteronomy 28:61 that says, “ Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not

written in the book of this law, then will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.” History tells of many plagues that destroyed people in many lands. The bible tells of the plagues that Moses warned the Pharaoh of Egypt when the latter refused to let his people go.

During the Dark Ages in Europe, nations were infested by mysterious bubonic plagues and other deadly diseases. Other countries in the world were hit by many plagues in the past centuries.

Today, plagues have attacked many nations again, and some of these popular epidemics have killed many, such as Dengue, Ecoli virus, HIV, SARS, and AH1N1(formerly called swine flu) virus. Other kinds of sicknesses have been infesting people in various parts of the world. Aren't these plagues brought by the LORD because of the sins of the world?

This perhaps reminds us of the earth's inhabitants to go back to the LORD, for the time is near. Notice and experience that there have been destructive tremors or earthquakes, untimely and unpredictable hard rains, and floods anywhere in the world, allegedly brought by global warming. The changes in the world ecosystem and weather conditions today have something to do with the coming events.

The Coming

The Prophecy Of Jesus Christ

This is the fulfillment of the prophecy about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 24:29 says, “ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

And many, especially the false prophets, will prophesy about his coming. For many decades, men had been prophesying the coming of Jesus Christ to the people. Some church leader even instructed their members to prepare to dig a cave in order that may be able to find refuge when that turbulent time of coming occurs.

They stored food that would last for many days, but the thing is, some of these pastors ordered in their custody the properties, valuables, and wealth of their members, which, according to them, would not be of use to them in the end times.

But why and where did they intend to put it when, in fact, it is already the last of the days? And what happened is that when the appointed time for the alleged return of Christ had passed and nothing happened, the members were confused and tried to claim their belongings.

In other words, it was a false prediction. Remember, that no person, no church leaders or pastors know the exact time for Christ's coming except they learn the signs and mysteries of the word that is already written in the book of Matthew. Many professed pastors and church leaders have predicted His coming and, in fact, gave exact dates for his coming and yet failed.

The only basis to determine the coming of the Lord is the bible, which contains the prophecy that has already been fulfilled in the past, and all we have to do is read it. But to those who are in the church of God, who are given the gift to understand, they will be able to understand. As the bible says, the mystery is only revealed to the people of God in the last days.

To those who are pretentious and do not belong to the church of God that have not received the doctrine of God, how can they learn and how can they preach to that which they do not know?

Now, after all these signs (mentioned in the above discussion about the verses in the book of Matthew) of the coming of the Son are seen, the coming is anticipated in those days while waiting for the last sign to appear and experience. More than

two thousand years ago, the disciples asked Jesus Christ about His coming. The signs were told to them.

The bible tells that only the Father knows the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, but since the Son is already with the Father, there is no doubt that the Son already knows exactly the time and hour of his coming to earth.

While it is already written in the bible that many are still asking When is He coming? What is taking that significant event so long? Many have died waiting, and yet many more are asking about His coming.

The bible says, His coming is at the threshold when those signs are already seen. What are these signs? These are the signs that have been mentioned in the previous discussion in the book of Matthew.

Those signs already exist and are happening now, and the last sign we are waiting for now is the great tribulation, which will be preceded immediately by the coming of the Son of man. Hence, the so-called rapture or the meeting in the air of the dead in Christ and the living in Christ will take place. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

The bible has already answered that question, and the only event we are waiting for now is the great tribulation. Tribulation had been happening in the past and is being experienced these days by many people. Tribulation has a similar meaning to affliction: anguish, calamity, distress, grief, misery, oppression, persecution, sorrow, suffering, and trouble.

These are the conditions that are happening today, as tribulation exists among men. The term tribulation is quoted in the following verses of the book: Deut 4:30, Eph. 3:13, John 16:33; Rom 8:35; Rom 12:12. But the word “tribulation” is different and distinctive from the phrase or term “great tribulation” in which the latter is mentioned in Revelation 7:14 and Revelation 2:22.

One instance and scene of tribulation in Old Israel is when people were dying of starvation, they slaughtered the flesh of their children and ate them. This is one of the worst scenes of tribulation that men have experienced, but what more when the

great tribulation happens in this generation? If this scenario of tribulation in Old Israel is so horrifying and unthinkable, what kind of tribulation is the great tribulation?

Let us read Matthew 24:20-22, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day; for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

That horrible day will only be shortened or stopped because there might be no flesh left to be saved in the last day, and had it not been for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened.

What is this scenario where there is a need to shorten the days because there might be no flesh to be saved?

Flesh refers to a person as a human being who is to be saved. It seems that in this scenario, there is a bloody scene taking place. Could killings, murders, and massacres happen? And had it not been for the elects, this scenario would have been shortened. Who are the elects? The elect are those Godly people.

And so, the Godly people would be the cause for shortening the time so that these persons will be saved. We could imagine what kind of scenario this would be and why. We could imagine things that may be worse, but we could also think, why would that scene happen? It is up to us to imagine and conclude, depending on the understanding we have of the explanation of the verse.

Try to elaborate and expound the verse, and we might be able to get the message. But the thing is, it looks like the flesh was being slaughtered. Your practical analysis and conclusion answer the scenario, but this is a prophecy that is to be fulfilled on that day when this actually happens, then it becomes its reality. Remember that in the book of Revelation, the four horsemen of the Apocalypse were mentioned.

These four horsemen of the Apocalypse are symbolic of these coming plagues and salvation to the world. Revelation 6:2-8 and Revelation 19:11.

Hence, when this scenario happens and the shortening of the days occurs (perhaps one week or two weeks or one month)immediately the sun will be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and there will be an earthquake; and the tribes of men on earth shall mourn.

Just imagine this scene when all tribes of men on earth shall mourn that day would be unthinkable to happen because of global distress and anguish. So in this very situation of the appearing of the Son of man, the meeting in the air will immediately take place also (that is, the “catching up” in the air in 1 Thessalonians 4:16) and this is proceeded by the trumpet horning of the angels and the dead in Christ shall rise first and together with those still living on that day will meet the Lord in the air.

Will God let the great tribulation happen while we are already in the midst of tribulation? The future is in the hands of God, while mankind is still unrepentant and evil works keep rising today, it may happen.

Like in the days of Noah, when all men were in revelry, drinking, marrying, doing business without thinking of God anymore, then suddenly the great flood engulfed them all, it will also be in these days when men are also doing the same things.

The Prophecy Of Jonah

However, in the days of Jonah, Nineveh was supposedly to be destroyed by God, but was spared when they repented. Let us read, Jonah 1:1-5, “ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

But Jonah rose to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

After the first chapter of his story, where he was freed from the stomach of a big fish, the word of the LORD came upon Jonah again.

Jonah 3:1 says, “ And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days’ journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.”

In other words, the people were repentant of their sins and wickedness, and even the king laid his robe from him and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God did not destroy Nineveh anymore and spared the land from destruction when they repented.

Perhaps it would be the same if all nations of the world today did the same thing; they would also be spared from the coming scourge. However, it would seem that it is most unlikely that all nations today would do the same because of different religious beliefs, and that people have been blinded by false beliefs and have become ungodly.

Observe that earthquakes are very frequent in most countries today. Why? Because it is God’s way of signifying his anger upon nations that have forgotten him and have been doing their iniquities. But the thing is, the prophecies have been written, and it shall be done, and there is no way we can stop it. In reality, there is an end for everything, and the reality is that the earth is bound to destruction.

Testimony of the bible:

Matthew 24: 29-30, “ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from

heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

Luke 21:10-11, “ Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.”

Matthew 24:3,5-8,21,22,29 “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 5. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows. 21. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 29. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken;”

Luke 17:26-30 “ And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.” Likewise, as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but the same day that Lot

went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

The Glory of Heaven

The Prophecy Of Christ

The bible is telling us that nobody has ever seen God and lived. But after the resurrection and judgment, the saints shall see God face to face and all the angels in heaven worshipping and singing praises to God and the Lamb.

In the same way that those who will be saved will see their loved ones if they are also saved, but consequently, if the saved ones do not see their loved ones and those whom they know, it means that their destiny is on the other path, as there are only two paths that men should go: heaven and hell.

Tears will fall from the eyes of those saints who fail to see their loved ones, but the Lamb will wipe them dry, and the tears will not flow anymore because the memory of sorrows will be taken away from them.

It will be changed with everlasting joy, and there will be no more hunger, sorrow, or darkness, but the Lamb will serve as light forever.

Chapter 16

The Day of the Lord God

Why do sinners continue prospering in their abominable sins and live? Simply because there is a time for everything, to punish sinners despite the chances given to them to change while still living. Can they be forgiven on their deathbed if they ask for forgiveness? The bible says, No. Think that when you were still strong, you ignored the word of God, as you said, you would care later. But now, you are sick and dying, asking for forgiveness. Proverbs 1:24-31 say,

But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,²⁵ since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, ²⁶ I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you—²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you.²⁸ “Then they will call to me, but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, ²⁹ since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. ³⁰ Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, ³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

Therefore, the reality of the word is true. God is slow in punishing mankind as cited in 2Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance". Do not ignore Him when the word comes your way while you enjoy life, because the aforementioned verses are real. This is what God will do to those who are in riches and enjoyment but ignore the word of God. Zephaniah 1:8, say, And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.”

Remember that mankind is already living in these last days before the prophecy at the advent of the 20th century as stated in Daniel 12:4 that describes a command to Daniel to seal the book of prophecies until the "time of the end" because many people will "run to and fro," meaning they will travel and search for understanding, and "knowledge will increase" as these prophecies are better understood in the future. This verse is often interpreted as a sign of the end times." Observe that the 20th century was the time when many began to travel by air, sea, land, and outer space through modern vehicles as knowledge increased by the discovery of advanced technology, medicines, and many other advances for the benefit of mankind.

Signs and Wonders are Seen

Thus, many signs and wonders have been occurring in many parts of the world. There are famines, calamities, wars, and rumors of war as cited in Matthew 24:6, which says, 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

Current events testify to the tribulation of many people as genocide in Gaza City in the former biblical Israel is ongoing, starvation has been ravaging lives also in Sudan under the grip of men's terror, war between Ukraine and Russia has been catastrophic, while terrorism has been depriving peace among African countries, and many other events that were foretold in the bible. God's wrath can be experienced through his power because of mankind's iniquity. He can move mountains and shake the earth as cited in Job 9, 1-8, which says," 5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. 6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. 7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. 8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea."

Troubled World

In reality the world is in trouble as mankind is living in perilous time as cited in 2 Timothy 3:1-4 which say, This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"

In fact, today, many false prophets have appeared on earth, deceiving and showing wonders as stated in Matthew 24:24, which says, "24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

The Dreadful and Spectacular Coming

But when the Son of God is coming there will be weeping" refers to a prophecy in the Bible, specifically Matthew 24:30 where it states that "All nations on earth will weep when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds in the sky with power and great glory" In addition, signs will appear in the sky as cited in Joel 2:30-32 describes a coming "great and terrible day of the Lord" where signs of blood, fire, smoke, and a darkened sun and blood-red moon will appear."

When mankind has been experiencing the wrath of God in this Great Tribulation, the Son of God will appear from heaven with the trumpet sound of an angel. At the twinkling of an eye, believers will be changed as cited in 1 Corinthians 15:52, saying, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." This spectacular event will be followed by the change in persons of the faithful as cited in 1Thessalonians 4:16-17 which say, 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The bible also warns us of the prophecies being prophesied by self-proclaimed prophets and prophetesses. This is stated in Deuteronomy 18:22, which says, if a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord and their prophecy does not come true, then the Lord did not speak the message, and the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Therefore, people should not fear or be alarmed by such a false prophet.

The word of God is real and happening because God can't lie, as cited in Hebrews 16:18, which says, That by two immutable things, in which God couldn't lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."

Non-Bible Prophets & Prophecies

Several non-biblical prophets have prophesied future events, but they did not come to reality. These include church pastors who prophesied several times and yet failed: The Jewish Essene sect of ascetics saw the Jewish uprising against the Romans in 66–70 in Judea as the final end-time battle, which would bring about the arrival of the Messiah. By the authority of Simon, coins were minted declaring the redemption of Israel.

- Hilary of Poitiers, a French bishop, announced that the end of the world would happen during this year, 365A.D.
- Martin of Tours, a French bishop, stated that the world would end before 400 AD, writing, "There is no doubt that the Antichrist has already been born. Firmly established already in his early years, he will, after reaching maturity, achieve supreme power.
- Biatius of Liebania, a Spanish monk, prophesied the Second Coming of Christ and the end of the world on that day in front of a large crowd of people, 793 AD.
- In 1284, Pope Innocent III (died 1216) predicted that the world would end 666 years after the rise of Islam.

- In 1600, Martin Luther, a German priest and professor of theology, predicted the end of the world would occur no later than 1600.
- In his Book of Prophecies (1501), Columbus predicted that the world would end during this year, 1656. Columbus claimed that the world was created in 5343 BCE and would last 7,000 years. Assuming no year zero, that means the end would come in 1658.
- Joseph Mede claimed that the Antichrist had appeared in 456, and the end would come in 1660.
- John Masn, an Anglican priest, predicted the Millennium would begin by this year, 1694.
- In 1697, John Mather, a Puritan minister, predicted the world would end this year. After the prediction failed, he revised the date of the end two more times. In 1716, He revised his prediction after his 1697 prediction failed to come true. In 1736, Mather's third and final prediction for the end of the world again failed.
- In 1836, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, foresaw the Millennium beginning this year. He wrote that Revelation 12:14 referred to 1058 to 1836, "when Christ should come".
- Although it was not officially endorsed by their leadership, many Millerites expected the Second Coming to occur on 28 April or at the end of 1843.
- On May 21, 1844, Miller, a Baptist preacher, predicted Christ would return on this day. After Christ did not return on 21 March 1844, the Millerites then revised William Miller's prediction to 22 October the same year, claiming to have miscalculated Scripture. The realization that the predictions were incorrect resulted in the Great Disappointment.

- In 1862, Joseph Morris, an English convert to Mormonism, had revelations to gather his followers and wait for the Second Coming, through successive prophesied days.
- In 1874, Charles Taze Russell, a Christian minister, predicted the return of Jesus to occur in 1874, and after this date reinterpreted the prediction to say that Jesus had indeed returned in invisible form. Russell said, "...the battle of the great day of God Almighty... The date of the close of that 'battle' is definitely marked in Scripture as October 1914. It is already in progress, its beginning dating from October 1874."
- In 1901, the Catholic Apostolic church, founded in 1831, claimed that Jesus would return by the time the last of its 12 founding members died. The last member died in 1901.
- In 1936, Herbert W. Armstrong, the founder of the Worldwide Church of God, told members of his church that the Rapture was to take place in 1936 and that only they would be saved. After the prophecy failed, he changed the date three more times. In 1943, the first of three revised dates from Armstrong after his 1936 prediction failed to come true. In 1972, the second of three revised dates from Armstrong after his 1936 and 1943 predictions failed to come true. In 1975, his fourth and final prediction again failed.
- In 1941, Jehovah's Witnesses predicted the end of the world, a group that branched from the Bible Student movement.
- In 1967, Jim Jones, the founder of the People's Temple, stated he had visions that a nuclear holocaust was to take place in 1967
- From 1966 on, Jehovah's Witnesses published articles stating that the fall of 1975 would be 6,000 years since man's creation and suggested that Armageddon could be finished by then.

- William Branham, a Christian minister, predicted the Rapture would occur no later than 1977.
- In 1981, Chuck Smith, the founder of Calvary Chapel, predicted that the generation of 1948 would be the last generation and the world would end by 1981. Smith said that he "could be wrong" but added that his prediction was "a deep conviction in my heart, and all my plans are predicated upon that belief."
- In 1982, Pat Robertson predicted in late 1972 on his The 700 Club TV programme that the end of the world would come in this year. In April 2007, Robertson, in his 1990 book The New Millennium, suggests this date as the day of Earth's destruction.
- In 1985, Lester Sumrall, a Pentecostal minister, predicted the end of the world in this year, even writing a book about it entitled I Predict 1985. This minister predicted the end in his book, I Predict 2000
- On Sept.6, 1994, Harold Camping predicted the Rapture would occur on 6 September 1994. When it failed to occur, he revised the date to 29 September and then 2 October. On March 31, 1995, Camping predicted the fourth predicted date for the end. This would be Camping's last prediction until 2011. Camping predicted that the Rapture and devastating earthquakes would occur on this date, with God taking approximately 3% of the world's population into Heaven, and that the end of the world would occur five months later on 21 October. When his original prediction failed to come true five months earlier, Camping revised his prediction by saying that on 21 May a "Spiritual Judgment" had taken place, and both the physical Rapture and the end of the world would occur on 21 October 2011.

- In July 1999, A quatrain by Nostradamus that stated the "King of Terror" would come from the sky in "1999 and seven months" was frequently interpreted as a prediction of doomsday in July 1999.
- In 2014-2015, John Hagee and Mark Blitz predicted the so-called blood moon prophecy, first predicted by Mark Blitz in 2008 and then by John Hagee in 2014. These Christian ministers claim that the tetrad in 2014 and 2015 may represent the beginning of the Messianic end times.

Modern End Time Prophecies

There are no credible scientific predictions of an apocalypse; instead, predictions of global doom for 2025 come from interpretations of prophecies by psychics like Baba Vanga and Nostradamus, or from religious prophecies, such as the end of the Kali Yuga cycle. These include a major conflict in Europe, economic collapse, and significant climate events, though these are not based on scientific evidence and are speculative at best. For Instance:

- Baba Vanga predicted a war in Europe, economic chaos, the discovery of new energy sources, and a major climate event, such as the melting of ice caps.
- Nostradamus predicted a possible asteroid encounter, a resurgence of an old plague in England, global economic collapse, and the resolution of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- Hindus predicted the end of the Kali Yuga cycle, which some interpret as an "end-times" period, was predicted to begin around March 2025, bringing global cataclysms and widespread violence. Baba Vanga supposedly predicted a huge underwater earthquake or tsunami to hit the Asian continent, particularly near Japan.

- He raised a serious alarm among geologists and disaster management professionals since Japan is situated on the Pacific Ring of Fire, one of the seismically active regions on the planet.
- Japan and the surrounding areas have already experienced heightened seismic activity this year. Although the mega-tsunami has not happened yet, early warning systems have been alerted. 2. A global financial meltdown starting in significant markets, ultimately causing economies worldwide to destabilise.
- The Doomsday Clock, maintained by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, is set close to midnight. This reflects ongoing global dangers like nuclear and climate threats, not a specific prediction for 2025, according to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.
- In the meantime, the Scientific Predictions said that any actual apocalyptic events predicted by science are in the far distant future, such as the Earth being engulfed by the Sun in billions of years. Prophecies from figures like Baba Vanga and Nostradamus are based on interpretations and are not scientific forecasts. Many interpretations of these prophecies are often vague, allowing for later adjustments to fit current events.
- In accordance with the predictions in Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi's book The Religion of God, this spiritual organization believes that the world will end when an asteroid collides with Earth in 2026.
- According to this Sunni Muslim theologian, the world will end in 2129.
- According to an opinion about the Talmud in mainstream Orthodox Judaism, the Messiah will come within 6,000 years of the creation of Adam, and the world may be destroyed 1,000 years later. This would put the beginning of the period of desolation in 2239 CE and the end of the period of desolation in 3239 CE.

- According to this Egyptian-American biochemist's research on the Quran, the world will end in 2280.
- The bible also warns us of the prophecies being prophesied by self-proclaimed prophets and prophetesses. This is stated in Deuteronomy 18:22, which says, if a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord and their prophecy does not come true, then the Lord did not speak the message, and the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Therefore, people should not fear or be alarmed by such a false prophet. The word of God is real and happening because God can't lie, as cited in Hebrews 16:18, which says, That by two immutable things, in which God couldn't lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."

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