

# **The Journey towards The Book of Revelation. Transformed by the Word of God.**

## **The Journey of change to perfection.**

**Len Cutting**

**Book. 2.**

**This Journey from Salvation to The Book of Revelation can only come about through the Word of God.**

**This is a journey of experiences and faith that are recorded in the Bible from Genesis through God`s Word to the Book of Revelation.**

**The Purpose of me writing this Book is to help Christians and Non - Christians a like, understand and realize that the Bible and the Book of Revelation is not a Book to be scared about, but it is a Book the describes God`s creation through time leading up to the final events in the history of mankind and the world, as we know it.**

**There are many things that are going to take place in the days to come, in the world that we know of, and not that far down into the Future, that will be exciting for the Christian, but also devastating for those that do not believe in Jesus Christ and him Crucified.**

**The events that are about to unfold have been foretold for centuries, even from the time that Adam and Eve sinned, by disobeying what the Lord God had said to Adam, that he was not to do.**

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**I will not be talking about everything in the Bible leading up to The Book of Revelation, or things leading up to it, because there are just far too many experiences and events and situations to fit into one book.**

**There will be 3 Books with different Titles.**

**Book, 1 and 2 and 3.**

**Each Book will have a different Title.**

**Scripture Quotations By:**

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I do plan to write this book as a Study Guide, like most of my other books that I have written.

A lot of Christians that I know seem to find the book of Revelation hard to read and understand.

My heart is that I can put some of the more important events into easy reading words so that the people of God can get to understand his writings.

## **The Reason for writing this Study Guide on leading up to the Book of Revelation.**

I am not sure if it was earlier this year or late last year when a friend in Church asked me to put together a Bible Study on who the two Witnesses were in the Book of Revelation.

I did as he had asked and presented it and all was fine, so I thought.

Then Last Tuesday at the Bible Study questions were asked about a certain thing, then that lead to another question, and another, and another and so on.

A lot of the answers were to do with the last days and the Book of Revelation.

On my way home that night I started to think about the answers that were given, and I realized that I had not included a lot of what I had said in the original message on the Two Witnesses.

This week, now the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 I have started to add all the new information to the message.

Now today the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 the Lord has placed a thought into my Spirit about writing a book about some of the events leading up to the Book of Revelation. I just need to realize in God, which ones.

After a 10<sup>th</sup> month period of just being to busy to even look like getting back to the books, we have a forced period of time with the Coronavirus Pandemic that I am now able to get back into the books and hopefully go a long way into getting them finished, if not very close to getting the 3 of them finished.

## **About the Author.**

I have been a Christian since I was 16 years of Age. I am now 67 years young. I started ministering when I was 20 years of age and have traveled a lot both in Australia and overseas ministering.

I have an incredible passion for the Word of the Lord and am so grateful to the Lord for the gifts and calling that he has placed upon my life.

It is an honor to serve the Lord in this capacity.

**This is my 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Book, come Study Guide.**

**Titles of the other books written by the Author.**

- 1. Divorce. Do we as Christians have the Godly right?**

**The next ones are Study Guides for small groups and Churches.**

- 2. Foundation Principles. The Building Blocks for a Fulfilled life as a Christian**
- 3. A Famine of Hearing the Word of God. A Decision that will Affect out Eternal Future.**
- 4. Is There a Second Coming of Jesus Christ? What the Scriptures say about this Subject.**
- 5. Nehemiah. How a call on Someone`s life can Overcome Anything.**
- 6 And 7 and 8. A Trilogy of 3 books. The Journey towards the Book of Revelation. Covering Salvation from Genesis to Revelation. The Journey of Change to Perfection. A Journey to our place reserved for us in Heaven.**

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**They are.**

**Kevin Connor.**

**Richard Holland.**

**Bill Kean.**

**Also, no one gets knowledge or understanding without the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit impacting you and influencing you as a person, as you seek him, and to them I say thank you!**

# It`s Harvest Time.

## **Isaiah. 54;2-7.**

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

For thy shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Fear not; for thou shall not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

For thy maker is thine husband; The Lord of hosts is his name; and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

## **The Message Bible says.**

Clear lots of ground for your tents. Make your tents large, Spread out. Think Big.

Use plenty of rope and drive the tent pegs deep.

You are going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You are going to take over whole nations; you are going to resettle abandoned cities.

Do not be afraid. You are not going to be embarrassed. Do not hold back, you are not going to come up short.

You will forget all about the humiliation of thy youth, and the indignities of being a widow, will fade from memory. For your Maker is your Bridegroom, and his name is called, The God of the Angel Armies. Your redeemer is The Holy of Israel, known as the God of the Whole Earth.

You were like an abandoned wife, devastated with grief, and God welcomed you back.

Like a woman married young and then left, says your God.

### Points of Interests.

- Enlarge the place of thy tent, or your dwelling place, which speaks of the growth of his Church.
- Stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations or push out the sides of the Church building so that God can fill the place with new people.
- Do not hold back from enlarging the house of God. Extend your faith and just believe. We serve the God of the impossible.
- Lengthen the cords and drive the stakes in deep into the ground. Or, call upon the foundation of the Word of God that is in you to bring things to pass and get the elders and leaders to stand firm on the faith of the Word of God that is in your heart.
- Revival is going to break out all around us and people are going to come in from all sides, and the seed or the Word of God shall touch the heart of the Gentiles and cause them and the towns and cities where they live to become believers upon and in the saving power of Jesus Christ by the grace that is extended to all of us.
- Fear not, you will not be ashamed or discouraged, and God shall cause the shame of thy youth to no longer be remembered, not will anyone that feels discarded ever remember that again.
- For thy Maker, Jesus Christ is not only your maker but also your redeemer and deliverer, and the God of all the earth, and he shall welcome you back into his presence.
- You will never feel alone again but blessed because you were allowed to feel abandoned and devastated by grief, but my great mercies made sure that you were welcomed back and gathered up to be with me.

### Hebrews. 10; 23-26.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. [For he is faithful that promised.

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

### The Message Bible says.

So, let`s do it, full of belief, confident that we are presentable inside and out. Let`s keep a firm grip on the promises that kept us going. He always keeps his word. Let`s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching.

If we give up and turn our backs on all we have learned, all we have been given, all the truth we now know, we repudiate Christ's sacrifice and are left on our own to face the judgement.

**Points of Interests.**

- Keep the faith and do not let anything come in the way of your faith being able to be enlarged.
- Let us be mindful of one another as Christians and show the love of God toward everyone.
- Do not allow anything to stop you coming to church and fellowshiping with one another.
- If we sin and turn our backs on God after hearing all the truth of the word of God, then we need to remember that Christ has already paid the price that is needed, there is no other sacrifice that will be able to save you, and we will be left alone to face the judgement of God, and what a judgement it will be.
- Think about your life and where you stand in God, because it could determine where you end up.

**Genesis. 41;38-52.**

**In Genesis 37;5 it tells us that Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren and they hated him even the more.**

**In vs. 9 of this same chapter, Joseph<sup>d</sup> dreamed another dream and he told that to his father and brothers, and his father rebuked him, and his brothers wanted to kill him.**

In his dreams he knew that God wanted to raise him up and that he would be in a leadership position that people would bow down to him. He was 17 years of age, [vs. 2.] and it took 13 years before the plan of God was brought into fruition.

In that time Joseph went through many trials and his faith was tested.

**Psalm. 105;19.**

Until the time that his word came; the word of the Lord tried him.

**The Message Bible says.**

Until God`s word came unto Pharaoh, and God confirmed his promise. God sent the king to release him.

**The job of Joseph was to gather in the abundant harvest and store in warehouses for the sake of the people.**

**The harvest was enormous to say the least.**

**Everyone from Pharaoh, to his leaders and to kings of other nations as well as the ordinary people got to know about God because of Josephs wisdom.**

**Genesis. 41;52.**

For God caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

**John. 4:35-37.**

Say not yet, There, are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathered fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

**The Message Bible says.**

As you look around right now, would not you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I am telling you, that these Samaritan fields are ripe. Its harvest time!

The harvester is not waiting. He is taking his pay, gathering in this grain that is ripe for eternal life. Now the sower is arm in arm with the harvester, triumphant. That`s the truth of the saying, That, one sows, that one harvests.

**Points of Interests.**

- Do not think that there is plenty of time yet before Christ comes back for his church. We need to be gathering in as many souls that we can so that the people on the earth will be able to make it into the kingdom.
- Jesus said, open your eyes and lift them up and look, because the harvest field, [ the world ], is ready to be harvested, it just needs labourers!
- The harvest that you gather in, or souls will go into heaven until life eternal. This is also true to the one that`s sows the word of God into some one`s life, as well as the person that brings someone to the Lord because a seed or the word of God has been ministered by someone else, and the two of them may rejoice together.
- One will sow the seed or talk to someone about the Lord, and it may be someone else that is able to lead them to salvation by accepting Jesus Christ into their life.

**Matthew. 9:37-38.**

Then saith him unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

**The Message Bible says.**

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives.

When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. What a huge harvest, he said to his disciples. How few workers. On your knees and pray for harvest hands.

**Points of Interests.**

- Jesus said to his disciples, the harvest is now ripe and ready to be harvested.
- The harvest that he is talking about is, a harvest of souls from the world. It is plenteous and in abundance, ready for us to ask the Lord, who will I talk to, who will listen to me.
- Ask the Lord to bring someone across my path every day.
- Do not worry about what you are going to say and when, or how, for the scriptures tells us that the very hour we have need to speak, I, God, will put the words in your mouth.
- The more that we face our fears of sharing our faith, and what we believe with someone the closer or sooner that fear will die and disappear.
- Jesus said the labourers, or someone to share Christ and him crucified are few and far between.
- Jesus said, Pray, therefore that the Lord of the harvest, God, will send people into the worlds harvest field and declare the Gospel.

**1 Corinthians. 3;6-8.**

I have planted, Apollos watered; But God gave the increase.

So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

**The Message Bible says.**

Who do you think Paul is anyway? Or Apollos, for that matter? Servants, both of us, servants who waited on you as you gradually learned to entrust your lives to our mutual Master.

We each carried out our servant assignment. I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow. It's not the one who plants or the one who waters who is the center of this process, but God, who makes you grow.

Planting and watering are menial Servants jobs at minimum wages. What makes them worth doing is the God we are serving. You happen to be God's field in which we are working.

**Points of Interests.**

- As servants we all at some stage and time witness Jesus Christ and him crucified. If it be by talking or living and conducting our lives according to the word of God.
- It is God that moves upon what we say or do and causes the witness to take place.

- We are all equal in the body of Christ, and if some people do more than others, because of their heart condition in wanting to see souls saved and be accounted in the heavenly gathering, then they shall be rewarded for it. It is our choice.
- We are all in God`s field that can bring increase.

**God is causing the growth or the increase in someone`s life. God alone determines if and when a person believes in Jesus Christ.**

**We need to complement each other as workers in the body of Christ, not compete with each other. We are Gods fellow workers. We all work for God to better the kingdom of God.**

**Are we Spiritual Gardeners.**

- 1 Do we prepare the soil prior to sowing? In other words, do we pray about an individual or people, asking God to prepare somebodies heart so that they are able to receive the Word of God when they hear it. Whether it`s by the words that I say or somebody else.

**Sowing the seed.**

- 2 Are we putting the word before people? Are we asking God to bring somebody across my path every day and have them ask me a question about the Word of God, or God himself? Because if they approach us and ask a question, they will listen to everything that we have to say, and it will be easier for us to witness and talk about Jesus and him crucified.

**Cultivating the Soil.**

- 3 We do and say things to people that will encourage them to believe in the gospel. We will feel comfortable spending time with them, wherever they might be. If someone feels comfortable with us, then they will listen to what we have to say. Especially if what we say makes them feel good or is good news to them.

**Reaping the harvest.**

- 4 The harvest that we are after, are souls of people that are on the earth. The process of winning people for the Lord is driven by God. You need help in doing this. Ask the Lord. We all have the ability to say the sinners prayer, for a lack of a better word, to bring somebody to Christ.

**1 Corinthians. 9;19-23.**

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

To them that are without law, as without law, [ being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ, ] that I might gain them that are without the law.

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

And this I do for the Gospel`s sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

### **The Message Bible says.**

Even though I am free of the expectations and demands of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all, in order to reach a wide range of people.; religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized, and whoever.

I did not take on their way of life, but I kept my bearings in Christ. But, I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I have become just about every sort of servant there is, in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life.

I did it because of the message. I didn`t want to just talk about it; I wanted to be in on it.

### **Points of Interests.**

- Even though no man, controlled, Paul, he was prepared to go where he had to go, meet who he was able to meet in order to make people feel comfortable that he could minister the Gospel to them, in their environment.
- I became what I need to become, but at the same time keeping the virtues of my Christianity alive and functioning in order to be able to minister Christ and him crucified.
- Paul wanted to be able to touch all men in their different circumstances, wherever they were, if there was a chance that someone might listen to him about the Gospel.
- Paul understood that not everyone that heard what he has to say about the Gospel would accept the Gospel, but he wanted to make sure that everyone that he was able to access, had a chance to hear about Jesus Christ and him crucified. It was up to them if they received what Paul had to say or not.

**I read a long time ago that the average person had to hear about the Gospel between 7-14 times, before they were persuaded to accept what they heard. That`s a lot for people to hear and think about and then try to figure out what to believe.**

### **Galatians. 6;7-8.**

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

**The Message Bible says.**

Do not be misled; No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest.

The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others, ignoring God, harvests a crop of weeds. All he will have to show for his life is weeds.

But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

**Points of Interests.**

- Do not let ourselves be deceived by people and the things of the world.
- The Word of God is the life manual that we need to live by.
- Think upon your life and how you are living it. Is it according to the Word of God, or not. If not, then you need to look at how you can either change it or adjust it to bring it into line with the Word of God.
- What we put into our Christian life is what we are going to get out of it.

**Genesis. 8;22.**

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. What is this scripture talking about?

**Isaiah. 54;2-7.**

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2. List 4 things that are listed in this scripture!

**Hebrews. 10;23-26.**

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3. What happened to Joseph and what did he do?

**Genesis. 4;38-52.**

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4. What did the Word do to Joseph?

**Psalms. 105;19.**

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5. What does God cause to happen in our lives?

**Genesis. 41;52.**

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6. What condition is the harvest in?

**John. 4;35-37.**

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7. If the harvest is ready. What is missing?

**Matthew. 9;37-38.**

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8. What can happen when it comes to witnessing?

**1 Corinthians. 3;6-8.**

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9. How does Paul describe how he reacts to people and what does he do so as to win a soul?

**1 Corinthians. 9;19-23.**

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10. What does this scripture tell us not to be and why?

**Galatians. 6;7-8.**

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11. As long as the earth remains, what else is going to remain?

**Genesis. 8;22.**

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## Come Out from Among Them and be ye Separate

### **11 Chronicles. 7;14-16.**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made for this place.

For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

### **The Message Bible says.**

My God-defined people, respond by humbling themselves, praying, seeking my presence, and turning their backs on their wicked lives. I will be there for you; I will listen from heaven, forgive their sins, and restore their land to health.

From now on I am alert all day and night to the prayers offered at this place.

Believe me, I have chosen and sanctified this Temple that you have built; My name is stamped on it forever; mine eyes are on it and mine heart in it always.

### **The Hebrew translation of this scripture being translated back from the English into the original Hebrew, is as follows.**

Seeing that you are called out by me and have become the nation of God, and are starting to understand, that you have received an invitation from me and are even bidden by the Lord so that I can place my name upon you, so that the authority and character of the Godhead has been given as a charge upon you.

Because of the calling that has been placed upon you, I am asking, pleading, and desiring that you would humble yourself in your heart and spirit so that you would become subdued and submissive under my authority.

I would like you to become separated unto me from the things that surround you, purely because I have asked you to, so that you would begin to pray and intercede and talk to me and as you strive, ask, beg, beseech, and even desire to find that great relationship with me, so that my presence can begin to develop in your life.

I want you to turn away from all evil and bad mindedness and wickedness.

For as you do and you change your direction in life, and this will affect the way that you walk before me, I will begin to be mindful of you and hear of you from my dwelling place in heaven and I will be diligent concerning your wellbeing,, and I will pardon you and spare you from the snares of the wicked one and forgive your sin. Whatever it is.

Because a sacrifice will be made to destroy the punishment that is due unto mankind.

When I see this happen in your lives, I will be able to restore, make right your land and your nation, because of the calling that has been placed upon you, and you will begin to realize that you are chosen by the Lord, and therefore you belong to me.

### **Points of Interests.**

- God is saying. If my people hear me and do what I ask them to do. I will bless them.
- The Lord wants to place his name upon his people. But for the Lord to be able to do that, we his people must obey the word of the Lord and do what he asks us to do.
- The Lord has asked us to humble ourselves and pray unto him and seek his face and turn from all evil and anything that is not of the Lord.
- If we obey his word and do what he asks us to do than he will hear us from heaven and forgive all our sin and then heal our land and our nation.

**Let`s look at some individual wording here in Vs. 14 of Chapter 7.**

## **My People.**

### **Jeremiah. 7;23.**

But this thing command I then saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

### **The Message Bible says.**

When I delivered your ancestors out of Egypt, [ The World ] I never said anything to them about wanting burnt offerings and sacrifices as such.

But I did say this; Obey me. Do what I say, and I will be your God and you will be my people.

Live the way that I tell you.

Do what I command so that your lives will go well.

### **Jeremiah. 30;21-22.**

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near; and he shall approach unto me; for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the Lord.

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**The Message Bible says.**

I will punish anyone who hurts them, and their prince will come from their own ranks.

One of their own people shall be their leader. Their ruler will come from their own ranks.

I will grant him free and easy access to me.

Would anyone dare to do that on his own, to enter my presence uninvited? God`s decree.

And that is it; You will be my very own people, and I will be your very own God.

**Matthew. 22;36-38.**

Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

**The Message Bible says.**

Teacher, which command in God`s law is the most important?

Jesus said, Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it; Love others as well as you love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God`s law and the Prophets hangs on them.

**Luke. 10;27-28.**

And he answering, said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

**The Message Bible says.**

He said, that you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence, and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.

**Called by my name.**

**Or as the margin in my Bible says, Or, upon whom my name is called.**

**Acts. 2;38-39.**

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

**The Message Bible says.**

Peter said, Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven.

Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away, whomever in fact, our Master God calls.

**Acts. 19;4-6.**

Then said Paul. John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Jesus Christ.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake in other tongues and prophesied.

**The Message Bible says.**

That explains it, said Paul. John preached a baptism of radical life change so that the people would be ready to receive the One coming after him; who turned out to be Jesus.

If you have been baptized in John`s baptism, you are ready now for the real thing. Jesus.

And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus.

Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them.

From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God`s actions.

All together there were about twelve people there that day.

**Points of Interests.**

- The people were told to repent and be baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of 11 Chronicles chapter 7 says, which are called by my name. The name of the Lord Jesus Christ was placed upon them at Baptism, therefore they became called of God.
- Then we see here in the book of Acts that they received the gift of the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance and they became the temple of the Holy Spirit, that is also where God places his name, upon the Temple or Holy place of the Lord. Us.
- This also gave them power and authority to become the sons of God.
- **Acts. 1;8.** You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you.
- **Romans. 8;14.** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**Psalm. 9;10.**

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

**The Message Bible says.**

God's a safe house for the battered, a sanctuary during bad times. The moment you arrive, you relax; you are never sorry you knocked.

**Joel. 2;32.**

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

**The Message Bible says.**

Whoever calls, Help God. Gets help.

On mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be a great rescue, just as God said.

Included in the survivors are those that God calls.

**Points of Interests.**

- Who call upon the name of t Lord for help or salvation, Receives it.
- All of the called and chosen shall receive deliverance.
- It does not matter if there is a lot of a few, God`s hand will deliver them all because his name is upon them.

**John. 14;14.**

If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it.

**The Message Bible says.**

From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing. I will do it.

That is how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son, I mean it.

Whatever you request in this way. I will do it.

**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

**The Message Bible says.**

I send this letter to you in God's Church at Corinth, believers cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God filled life.

I include in my greeting all who can call out to Jesus, wherever they live. He is their Master as well as ours.

**Humility, Or Humbling ourselves.****1 Peter. 5;5-8.**

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder, Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

**The Message Bible says.**

When God who is the best shepherd of all, comes out in the open with his rule, he will see that you have done it right and commend you lavishly.

And you who are younger must follow your leaders, But, all of you, leaders and followers alike, are to be down to earth with each other, for God has had it with the proud, But takes delight in just plain people

So be content with who you are, and do not put on the airs. God's strong hand is on you; he will promote you at the right time. Live carefree before God; he is most careful with you.

Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You are not the only ones plunged into these hard times.

**Pray and seek my Face.****1 Thessalonians. 5; 15-23.**

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit.

Despise not Prophecies.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Message Bible says.**

And be patient with each person, attentive to individual needs. And be careful that when you get on each other's nerves you do not snap at each other. Look for the best in each other, and always do your best to bring it out.

Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you to belong to Christ Jesus to live.

Do not suppress the Spirit, and do not stifle those who have a word from the Master. On the other hand, do not be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what is good. Throw out anything tainted with evil.

May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you Holy and whole, put you together, spirit, soul and body, and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable. If he said it. He will do it.

**Just a few Scriptures relating to Prayer, and how we ought to pray continually.**

**James. 5;13.**

Is anyone in trouble, let him pray. Is anyone happy, let him sing songs of praise.

**James. 5;16.**

The fervent effectual pray of a righteous man availeth much.

**1 Chronicles. 16;11.**

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.

**Ephesians. 6;18.**

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

**Jeremiah. 29;12.**

Then shall you call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

**Mark. 11;24.**

Whatsoever things ye desire, when you pray, believe that you shall receive them, and ye shall have them.

**Matthew. 26;41.**

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

**Psalms. 145;18.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

**Luke. 18;1.**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

**Colossians. 4;2.**

Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

**Turn from your Wicked ways.****2 Chronicles. 30;9.**

For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return unto him.

**Proverbs. 28;13.**

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them, finds mercy.

**Ezekiel. 18;32.**

For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the sovereign Lord. Repent and live.

**Zechariah. 1;3.**

Return to me declares the Lord Almighty, and I will return to you, says the Lord Almighty.

**Joel. 2;13.**

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

**Luke. 15;10.**

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**Acts. 3;19.**

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

**Acts. 17;30.**

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

**1 John. 1;9.**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all our righteousness.

**Revelation. 3;19.**

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

## Then will I hear from heaven.

### Scriptures to show us that God actually hears us!

**Psalms. 66;19-20.**

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

**Jeremiah. 29;12-13.**

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will harken unto you.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

**John. 9;31.**

We know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

**John. 16;24.**

Until now you have not asked anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

**Philippians. 4;6.**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**1 Peter. 3;12.**

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

**1 John. 5;15.**

And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

**Forgiveness of Sin.****Psalms. 103;12.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**Isaiah. 1;18.**

Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord. Through your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

**Isaiah. 43;25.**

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my sake, and remembers your sins no more.

**Daniel. 9;9.**

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.

**Micah. 7;18.**

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

**Mark. 11;25.**

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

**11 Corinthians. 5;17.**

Therefore, if any is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here.

**Colossians. 1;13-14.**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Ephesians. 1;7.**

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**Ephesians. 4;32.**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

**Hebrews. 10;17.**

Then he adds. Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.

## **Healing our land or Our Nation.**

**Scriptures relating to different aspects of healing that benefit us as believers and overall go into healing our land and our nation.**

If the people are right in body, soul and mind and Spirit, then it goes a long way in the healing of a nation.

**Heals Diseases.****Psalm. 103; 2-4.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. What is this scripture saying?

**11 Chronicles. 7;14-16.**

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2. What are we to do concerning the Lord?

**Luke. 10;27-28.**

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3. How do we receive the name of the Lord?

**Acts. 2;38-39.**

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4. After the people were baptized. What did Paul do and what happened?

**Acts. 19;4-6.**

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5. What will the Lord do to them that love him?

**Psalms. 9;10**

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6. What happens to anyone that calls on the name of the Lord?

**Joel. 2;32.**

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7. What does this scripture say that we are? 2 things.

**1 Corinthians. 1;2.**

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8. What are we encouraged to do?

**1 Peter. 5;5-8.**

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9. What are we to do? List 8 things.

**1 Thessalonians. 5;15-23.**

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10. What are we to do?

**James. 5;13.**

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11. If someone is a good prayer. What does it do?

**James. 5;16.**

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12. What does the Lord say he will do?

**Jeremiah. 29;12-13.**

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13. When we pray, what are we to do?

**Mark. 11;24.**

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14. What is the Lords reaction to us if we return unto him?

**2 Chronicles. 30;9.**

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15. What happens in heaven when a sinner repents?

**Luke. 15;10.**

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16. What wont God do and what will God do?

**John. 9;31.**

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17. What are we told not to do?

**Philippians. 4;6.**

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18. How far has God removed the sin from us?

**Psalm. 103;12.** .....

19. Who removes our sin from our lives?

**Isaiah. 43;25.**  
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20. We are encouraged to do what?

**Mark. 11;25.**  
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21. What does God say that he does for us?

**Colossians. 1;13-14.**  
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22. How are we to be?

**Ephesians. 4;32.**  
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## You have not passed this way Before.

This a prophetic Story that tells of the natural tribe of Israel about to possess the promise land that the Lord God has given them.

It tells what they the nation of God had to do before they entered the promised land, then what they did while possessing the promised land.

This is a type and shadow of the Spiritual Church of God possessing the promises of God in the Book of Revelation.

I am a firm believer in that what has happened in the natural in the Old Testament will happen Spiritually in the final part of this Church age as we are entering into the Book of Revelation and what is about to happen in the world system as we live today.

**Joshua. 3;1-17.**

This is the prophetic story of Joshua`s first assignment as leader of the nation of Israel as they go into the promised land after the death of Moses and about to tackle the city of Jericho after the spies were sent out unto it.

There is a lot in this story that we need to look at, and it is about, **Possessing the Promised Land.**

**Joshua. 1;1-2.**

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun. Moses minister, saying.

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people unto the land which I do give them, even the children of Israel.

**The Message Bible says.**

After the death of Moses, the servant of the God, God spoke to Joshua, Moses`s assistant.

Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country that I am giving to the people of Israel.

**The Jordon river here is a type and shadow of a death to self, experience, as Joshua was still a man and had feelings and emotions, just like we do.**

**Sometimes when we step out in God, it is a step of faith and we are nervous, upset, maybe, and maybe even afraid at times.**

**When the Lord moves upon us all to take a step of faith and do something that seems impossible and unachievable, we can all get concern, anxious, and even fearful.**

**Joshua 1;3.** Says, Every place, that the sole of our foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

**The Message Bible says.**

I'm giving you every square inch, [ or every square 25mm ] of the land that you set your foot on, just as I promised to Moses.

**The Lord is telling Joshua that I am with you wherever you go, and it does not matter how big the enemy is, or how great the obstacle is that is front of you, I will make a way for you. I will not tell you to do something without making a way for you to do what I have asked you to do. I will give you the land where I tell you to go to.**

**Points of Interests.**

- Joshua has just been told by the Lord that he, God has now elevated him to the leader of the Children of Israel.
- God tells Joshua to get up and arise for I have a task for you to do.
- God tells Joshua to cross over this river Jordan and into the land that I have promised him and the children of Israel.
- That seems fine in the statement, cross the river Jordan, but the river Jordan was in flood and was many miles or many kilometers wide and was very deep in places.
- But the Lord said to Joshua, cross this river into the land the I have given you and the children of Israel.
- Joshua not only had to step up physically, but also spiritually as far as his faith was concerned to be able to believe that the Lord was able to do what he said that he was going to do.

**We find in Joshua Chapter 1 that the Lord tells Joshua 3 times. To be strong and very courageous that thou mayest do all that I have said unto you. I will not forsake you nor will I fail thee.**

**That promise is also available unto us. As we trust in the Lord, we will make our promised land which is heaven.**

**We can see by the fact that the Lord encouraged the children of Israel on how they should be that the journey was not going to be easy. There was going to be obstacles. There were going to be wars.**

**Not everything was going to be a bed of Roses at times and we need to trust completely in the Lord. At all times.**

The children of Israel could not go into the promised land until all the people who did not have the faith to believe, were destroyed because they could not believe 40 years earlier to go into the promised land when the 12 spies went into the land, because all they could see was the size of the giants in the land.

Joshua and Caleb were the only two who did not look at the size of the giants of the problem but believed that they could do it under the grace and power of the Lord.

The two men were the only men of the spies that had a good report of the land and were not concerned or worried about the size of the giants.

**Rahab is telling the 2 spies after she hid them upon the roof of her house, how fearful they are of them because of what they have heard about what their God has done on their way to them and they had heard that their God had parted the Red Sea.**

**The Devil also has that fear and knowledge of the power and authority of the name of Jesus Christ, but he does not show it and attacks us continually hoping to wear us down and create fear within our lives.**

**Joshua. 2;9-11.**

And she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint, [ Or melt away. ] because of you.

For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt: and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you. For the Lord your God, he is God in the heaven above, and in the earth below.

Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father`s house, and give me a true token.

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and they removed from Shittim and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host.

And they commanded the people, saying, when you see the arch of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

### The Message Bible says.

Before the spies were down for the night, the woman came up to them on the roof. She said. I know that God has given you the land. We're all afraid. Everyone in the country feels homeless.

We heard how God dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you when you left Egypt, and what he did to the two Amorite kings east of Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you put under a holy curse and destroyed.

We heard it and our hearts sank. We all had the wind knocked out of us. And all because of you, you and God, your God, God of the heavens above and God of the earth below.

### Points of Interests.

- Rahab was a harlot, but because of what she has heard about what the Lord God had done in the lives of the children of Israel, I believe that she was converted before the spies got there to Jericho, otherwise she would not have hid the two spies up on the roof of her house and nor would she have lied to her leaders and countrymen.
- Listen to the words that Rahab uses to describe the Lord and God. It is not someone who does not know the Lord, or had an experience in him.
- Rahab said, I know that the Lord has given the land and that the terror that you have stuck across the land on your way here is well known.
- We the inhabitants of the land faint, or melt away with fear because of you and the power of your God.
- Rahab was amazed of what she had heard about the Lord drying up the Red Sea and how the Lord utterly destroyed the 2 Amorite kings.
- Rahab told the 2 spies that as soon as her and her people heard about the exploits and the power of your God, our hearts did melt and there was no courage in any man to make war or fight against you and your God.
- Then she describes the Lord as someone who knows him personal, not someone who was speaking about a foreign God of some sort.
- Rahab says, I ask you to swear unto me by your Lord since I have showed you kindness that you show kindness unto me as well and unto my father's house. In other words I want you to spare all my family from death when you invade Jericho.
- **The Message Bible says it this way.** And because of you and your God. The God of the heavens above and God of the earth below.
- **Rahab was born again. Complete surrender over to the Lord. God used her later on in the Godly Line.**
- We need to understand that the devil thinks this way about us as well but does not let on and is very good at bluffing us into believing that he is stronger than the God that we serve.

**As it says in Joshua 1;15. "As he has given you, Go and possess the Land."**

**Joshua. 3;1-9.**

As we look at these scriptures, we see that Joshua packed up the multitudes of people that were under his leadership and went to the river Jordan, whereas, he waited on the Lord, the

Lord told him to go and there he allowed the people to rest while, he waited to receive instructions from the Lord.

After 3 days, the leaders of the people went around to all the people and made sure that everyone knew what they had to do, and what to look for before they moved.

The leaders gave specific instructions concerning the ark of God, or the presence and the glory of God, as the Ark represented the covenant that God made with his people, and where the Ark was in the Tabernacle, it caused the Shekina Glory to be shown in the form of a cloud by day and a fire by night.

In the Ark was the tablets of stone, [ the ten commandments, or the word of God ] Aarons rod that budded, which speaks of the Holy Spirit, and a bowl of manna which speaks of God`s provision.

They, the children of Israel were told to watch the Ark and when it moves, you move.

It was God`s commandment that the Ark could only be carried by the tribe of Levi, which are God`s priestly tribe.

They are the ones that step out bearing the Ark and all that is in it, so we need to realize that it is Priestly leaders that step out with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, and God`s provision, but that does not mean that we the people do not have a role to play in the moving of God.

**We all, once we accept Jesus Christ into our lives as our Lord and Savior, Become a Priest in him, because of our faith in him.**

**1 Peter. 2;9-10.**

You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Which in time past were not a people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**The Message Bible says.**

They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for his high calling of Priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God`s instrument`s to do his work and speak for him, to tell others of the night and day difference he made for you. From nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

**Revelation. 5;10.**

And hast made us unto our God, Kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.

**The Message Bible says.**

Slain, Paying in Blood, you bought men and women.

Bought them back from all over the earth.

Brought them back for God.

Then you made them a kingdom. Priests for our God, Priest – Kings to rule over the earth.

**We see from these scriptures that through the blood of Jesus Christ, we have been made kings and priests before our God, and being a rightful heir in Christ to all that Christ was heir to, then we are able to accept the priesthood of all believers, and like the Levitical priesthood, we are accepted in and through God to carry the Word of God, move in the Holy Spirit, and be recipient to the provision of God as we step out into the promises of God and into what the Lord has called us into.**

**Joshua. 3;4.**

Yet there shall be a space between you and it, [ Ark ] about two thousand cubits by measure; come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; **for ye have not been this way before.**

**The Message Bible says.**

Make sure you keep a proper distance between you and it, [ Ark ] about half a mile, [ 1.1 kilometers. ] Be sure now to keep your distance! And you'll see clearly the rout to take.

**When we look at this in the natural, it says that we must keep 2000 cubits from the Ark.**

**When we look at this spiritually. It is 2000 years from the birth of Christ till now and we are about to get ready to go into our promised land which is the kingdom of heaven.**

**You've never been on this road before.**

When we look at the Word of God here, we see that the people were instructed to keep a distance from the Ark. As they journeyed into the promised land.

In Jewish history we find that anyone other than men from the tribe of Levi, touched the Ark, they died, because of the power of God that it represented. Also, it was ordained by God that only his priests could handle or move the Ark, and no one was even aloud to look upon it.

**Exodus. 25;14-15.**

And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the Ark, that the Ark may be borne by them.

The staves shall be in the rings of the Ark, they shall not be taken from it.

**The Message Bible says.**

Cast four rings of Gold and attach them to its four feet, two rings on one side and two rings on the other. Make poles from acacia wood and cover them with a veneer of gold and insert them into the rings on the sides of the Chest for carrying the Chest. The poles are to stay in the rings; they must not be moved.

**Instruction from the Lord as how the Ark of God should be carried, and by whom.****1 Chronicles. 15;15.**

And the children of the Levites bare the Ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, As Moses commanded according to the Word of God.

**The Message Bible says.**

The Levites carried the Chest of God exactly as Moses was instructed by God, commanded, Carried it with poles on their shoulders, careful not to touch it with their hands.

**1 Chronicles. 13;7-10.**

And they carried the Ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadad and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

And when they came unto the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the Ark, for then oxen stumbled.

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the Ark, and there he died before God.

**The Message Bible says.**

Let us bring the Chest of God back, the Chest that was out of sight and out of mind during the days of Saul. The entire assembly of Israel agreed, everybody agreed that it was the right thing to do, So David gathered all Israel together, from Egypt`s Pond of Horus in the southwest to the pass of Hamath in the northwest, to go and get the Chest of God from Kirath Jearim.

Then David and all Israel went to Baalah, [ Kiriath Jearim ] in Judah to bring back the Chest of God, The Cherubim, Throne of God, where God`s Name is invoked.

They moved the Chest of God on a brand new cart from the house of Abinadad with Uzza and Ahio in charge.

In procession with the Chest of God, David and all Israel worshipped exuberantly in song and dance, with a marching band and all kinds of instruments.

When they were at the threshing floor of Kidon, the oxen stumbled and Uzziah grabbed the Chest to keep it from falling off. God erupted in anger against Uzzah and killed him because he grabbed the Chest. He died on the spot. David was angry.

**Davis learnt a hard lesson here. Obey what the word of God says, and do not think that you as a person can get away with anything. Despite who you are!**

**Numbers. 4;15.**

The sons of Kohath shall come to bear it, but they shall not touch any Holy thing lest they die.

**Vs. 20.**

But they shall not go in to see the Holy things covered, lest they die.

**The Message Bible says.**

But the Kohathites themselves must not go in to look at the Holy things, not even to glance at them, or they will die.

**1 Samuel. 6;19.**

And then he smote the men of Bethshemesh because they looked into the Ark of God. 50,070 died.

**The Message Bible says.**

God struck some of the men of Bethshemesh, who out of curiosity, irreverently peeked into the Chest of God. 50,070 died.

**The Ark was covered in a three- layer thickness so no one could look in.**

**This speaks of the Triune Godhead. 3 in 1.**

**The God head in unity covered and indorsed the mercy seat on top of the Ark of God where the sacrificial blood was sprinkled and the atonement for the sins of the people were done once a year by the high priest, hoping that God would forgive the nation of Israel.**

**Jesus Christ is our High Priest and the one immortable act, he became the sacrificial lamb, so that his blood would become the atoning grace for the forgiveness of all our sins. He took upon himself our sins, even though in himself there was no sin.**

**As the priests carried the Ark through the river Jordan into the promised land, so we by the blood of Jesus Christ and by our faith in Jesus Christ and his atoning blood, we walk by faith into the promised land, known as heaven, or the promises of God knowing that it is impossible for God to lie, so we know that we are going to be where Christ is because his word says that we can and we will.**

The distance between the Ark or the glory and the presence of God and the people of God was 2000 cubits. Or about ½ a mile, or 1.1 kilometers, so that the direction that the people of God had to go could easily be seen.

It is 2000 years from the birth of Jesus Christ to now and we have been able to see the direction or where to go in God because he tells us in his Word, as well as the Holy Spirit leads and directs our path.

Everyone of us when we accept Jesus Christ into our lives must then learn, and know the Word of God, so that we can see Christ in front of us through the Word and having that Word directed by the Holy Spirit.

We also need to realize that the river Jordan is a type and shadow of death to self or surrendering our lives not only to God but also to his will which includes his will in us.

When the children of Israel crossed the river Jordan, their first job was with the city of Jericho, warfare, which they were not expecting, because the journey that they were on, going into the promised land, they the children of Israel thought that it was going to be a time of rest, and God in his wisdom gave Joshua the wisdom on how to bring down the walls of that city.

God says that the battle is not ours but his. **11 Chronicles. 20;15.** and he will always cause us to be the victors, as long as we trust in him.

We need to realize that there is an enemy out there that does not want any of God`s people to make it to heaven, so he is going to do anything to upset God`s people, so as to try and stop us serving the Lord, so we need to realize that it is time to go to war against the enemy, by praying, reading God`s Word and trusting in the Lord.

I personally believe that this story is a prophetic word for the end time church, showing us how we are to live our lives in Jesus Christ.

### **Habakkuk. 2;2-3.**

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision down and make it plain upon tables, that he may run, that readeth it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but in the end, it shall speak, and not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come. It will not tarry.

**The Message Bible says.**

And then God answered. Write this, What you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run.

This vision message is a witness, pointing to what's coming.

It aches for the coming, it can hardly wait, it's on it's way. It will come right on time.

**I believe that this picture of the Ark, is a revelation to us of the Church, that we as Christians, we are the Spiritual Ark of God, because of what the Scriptures say is in us. That is. The Word of God. The Holy Spirit Dwelling within us. And the fact that the lord provides all of our needs.**

**Galatians. 3;23-29.**

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

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

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

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**The Message Bible says.**

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for.

But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your Baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start.

It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe, that is Christ's life, the fulfillment of God's original promise.

In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female.

Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also since you are Christ's family, then you are Abraham's famous descendant, heirs according to the covenant promises.

### **1 Corinthians. 15;44-49.**

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written. The first man, Adam, was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit. [ Jesus Christ. ]

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

**First the natural, then the Spiritual.**

**We are the Spiritual Ark of God.**

**In the Ark was the Tablets of Stone, with the 10 Commandments written on them, which speaks of the Word of God. Aarons Rod that Budded, that speaks of the Holy Spirit. Taking a dead branch and being placed at the Alter, and being brought to life again. That speaks of us being dead in trespasses and sin, but forgiven by the blood of the Lamb and impowered by the Holy Spirit. We have newness of life. The bowl of manna, which fed the Children of Israel in the Wilderness, this speaks of the provision of God.**

**On top of the Ark was the mercy seat, where the sacrificial blood of the sacrifice was placed.**

- In us is the Word of God.
- In us is the Holy Spirit.
- In us, works the spirit of the provision of God, in and for us.
- In us, and on us, is the Shekina Glory that rested on the tabernacle as a cloud by day and a fire by night. The Shekina Glory represents the presence and the power of God in us.
- The Ark was only allowed to be carried by the priest`s on their shoulders. The shoulders speaks, Government and the Authority in God.
- We have the Priesthood of a believer, and in God we are allowed to have the responsibility carrying the Word of God and the Holy Spirit on our shoulders, which is authority in God, which allows us to also bear the power and the Glory of God in our Christian walk and journey in Christ.

- The mercy seat was where the sacrificial blood was placed, for the atonement of the house of Israel. At the time that we accept Christ into our lives, the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ is placed upon us, and we carry that blood all through our Christian journey, wherever we go, receiving all the grace and mercy from the throne of God.
- The dwelling place of the Ark of God was in the Holies of Holies in the Tabernacle.
- We are the Temple of the Holy Ghost, because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, and we have every right to be and dwell in the presence of God which is in heaven itself, around the throne, in the presence of Jesus Christ himself.
- The veil was torn from top to bottom, from corner to corner. This allows us to go into the presence of the Lord in heaven, which can speak of the Holies of Holies in the Tabernacle, whenever we want to or need to, with no restriction from the throne of grace. The only limitation that there is, is, do we have the desire to enter into the Lords presence.
- Sin cannot enter into the presence of the Lord, so we need to make sure that our sins are forgiven by asking Jesus Christ into our live as our Lord and savior and asking him to forgive us our sins. That is all that we need to do.

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. What did God say to Joshua that he was to do?

**Joshua. 1;1-2.**

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2. What did the Lord say to Joshua that he would give him?

**Joshua. 1;3.**

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3. List some things that Rahab said unto the 2 spies!

**Joshua. 2;9-11.**

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4. Who was to carry the Ark?

**Joshua. 3;1-6.**

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5. What was the distance that was between the Ark and the people as they crossed the river Jordan and what does it speak of?

**Joshua. 3;4.**

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6. According to this scripture, what are we in God?

**1 Peter. 2;9-10.**

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7. What does this scripture say that we are?

**Revelation. 5;10.**

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8. What happened to the men that looked upon the ark and how many did this happen to?

**1 Samuel. 6;19.**

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9. If we get a dream or a vision. What are we to do?

**Habakkuk. 2;2-3.**

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10. What does it say that the law is to us?

**Galatians. 3;24.**

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11. What comes first?

**1 Corinthians. 15;44-49.**

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# The Heart of God

## What is it?

### **John. 3;15-17.**

That whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world, not to condemn the world; but that the world, through him might be saved.

### **The Message Bible says.**

No one has ever gone into the presence of God, except the One who came down from that Presence, the Son of Man.

In the same way that Moses lifted the serpent in the desert, so people could have something to see, and then believe. It is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up, and everyone who looks up to him, trusting and expectant, will gain a real life, eternal life.

This is how much God loved the world; He gave his Son, his one and only Son.

And this is why; so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son, merely to point an accusing finger; telling the world how bad it was.

He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it.

And why? Because of that person's failure, to believe in the one of a kind Son of God, when they were introduced to him.

### **What points do we see here?**

- Whoever believes in the Son of God, will not perish, but have eternal life.
- The heart of God loved mankind so much, because we were made in his image, that he gave his one and only perfect Son to die for every one of us, so that the sin that came into the world because of the disobedience of Eve and Adam would be taken away.
- This wonderful act of love, showed to all of us, how much the heart of God is extended toward every one of us.

- When the heart of God sent his only Son into the world to die for us. He didn't send his Son as an act of condemnation or accusation, but one of love and extension of his hand, saying, hey everyone, I am here, this is the way, and the way out of all your problems and concerns.

**All through the Scriptures, the love of God is shown and demonstrated, and even stated.**

**John. 15;13-21.**

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what the Lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me, before it hated you.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of this world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

**The Message Bible says.**

I've told you these things for a purpose; that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature.

This is my commandment; Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things that I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants, because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No. I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. Everything!

You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

But remember the root command; Love one another.

If you find the godless world is hating you, remember it got its start hating me. If you lived on the world's terms, the world would love you as one of its own.

But since I picked you to live on God's terms and no longer on the world's terms, the world is going to hate you.

When that happens, remember this; Servants don't get better treatment than their masters; If they beat on me, they will certainly beat on you. If they did what I told them, they will do what you tell them.

They are going to do all these things to you because of the way they treated me. Because they do not know the One who sent me.

### **Points of Interests.**

- Greater love does a man show for his friends, than this. That he is prepared to lay down his life for his friends, and we do not think in our heart or mind, that they are wrong, and we are right. It's all about seeing the need that a friend has, and have the attitude in us, how can I help? I need to forgive and forget, and if need to, apologize to them, then do it. if I have said or done anything that may keep someone away from church because off??? Then go to a brother or sister and right any wrong, if there is any. This can be seen as laying our life down for a friend.
- Jesus saw the need in mankind, and that need was sin, so he did what he had to do, to eradicate that sin. He humbled himself and laid his life down, so as to remove that sin.
- Jesus said you are not my servants but friends because I tell you what you must do, and then I ask you to do it. This is not always easy to do and can be very hard to do because of whatever.
- Remember that Jesus said that he has called us out of the world and put us back into the world, so that God bearing fruit is going to come out of us, for the benefit of us, and those that we come into contact with.
- Jesus said, show your love for one another, by doing the things that my word not only instructs you to do, but also asks you to do, so that you demonstrate my love to everyone.
- Because you are mine, the world and the people in the world, are going to hate you, and cause unpleasant things to happen to us, which may affect, friendships, family, work colleges, relationships.
- We need to remember that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, spirits, and all kind of wickedness in high places. **Ephesians. 6.**
- All this is going to happen because of my name's sake, that I have placed upon you.

**The True love of God can and does affect so many aspects of our lives.**

**1 John. 4;7-21.**

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God; and knoweth God.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the savior of the world.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath towards us. God is Love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not perfect in love.

We love him, because he first loved us.

If a man say. I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God, loveth his brother also.

**The Message Bible says.**

My beloved friends. let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves, is born of God, and experiences a relationship with God.

The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love. So, you can't know him if you don't love.

This is how God showed his love for us; God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.

This is the kind of love we are talking about, not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us, perfect love.

This is how we know that we are living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us; He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son, as savior of the world.

Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son, participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on judgement day. Our standing in the world is identical with Christ's.

There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life, fear of death, fear of judgement, is one not yet fully formed in love.

We though are going to love, love and be loved. First, we were loved, now we love. He loved us first.

If anyone boasts, I love God, and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he cannot see? The command we have from Christ is blunt; Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

### **God wanted a man that had a heart like unto his own.**

#### **1 Samuel. 13-13-14.**

And Samuel said to Saul. Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee; for now, would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel forever.

But now thy kingdom shall not continue; the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

**The Message Bible says.**

That was a fool thing to do, Samuel said to Saul. If you had kept the appointment that your God commanded, by now, God would have set a firm and lasting foundation under you, kingly rule over Israel.

As it is, your kingly rule is already falling to pieces. God is out looking for your replacement right now.

This time he'll do the choosing. When he finds him, he'll appoint him leader of his people. And all because you didn't keep your appointment with God.

**What do we see here?**

- Saul had been very unwise in his dealings with the Lord.
- He did not keep the Word of the Lord that God spoke to him about.
- If Saul had kept the Word of the Lord and did what he said that he would do, God would have established him as a King over all Israel.
- Samuel said to Saul, because of your disobedience, your kingdom is already falling apart, and God is looking for another man who's heart is after his own.
- When God finds this man, God is going to make him captain over all his people, not only because of his heart, but also because you Saul, you have not kept the word of the Lord that was said unto you.

**Acts. 13;22-23.**

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them, David, to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel, a savior, Jesus.

**The Message Bible says.**

After Saul had ruled for forty years, God removed him from office and put King David in his place, with this commendation; I've searched the land and found this David, son of Jesse. He's a man whose heart beats to my heart, a man who will do what I tell him.

From out of David's descendants, God produced a Savior for Israel, Jesus, exactly as he promised, but only after John had thoroughly alerted the people to his arrival by preparing them for a total life-change.

**Points of Interests.**

- After Saul had ruled for 40 years, the Lord God removed him from his rulership, because he disobeyed the word of the Lord.
- The Lord searched for a man that had a heart like unto his own.
- God found this heart in a man called David.
- The Lord God said that this man David, shall fulfil my will.
- The Lord said that from this man David`s seed shall there be raised up the Savior. Jesus, According to the promises of the Lord.
- If we can love like the heart of God loves, then we will be able to be a great witness for the Lord.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. What did God do so that the world could be saved?

**John. 3;15-17.**

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2. If someone has a great love, what does he do?

**John. 15;13-21.**

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3. What are we encouraged to do?

**1 John. 4;7-21.**

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4. What did Saul do wrong and what was God doing to fix the problem?

**1 Samuel. 13;13-14.**

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5. What did God do and who did he raise up?

**Acts. 13;22-23.**

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## 3 Signs from God Given to Moses

### Exodus. 2;11-25.

We know the story of Moses how he saw an Egyptian hitting on, or beating up, a Hebrew man.

He looks every way that he could and then stepped in to help the Hebrew man, but he killed the Egyptian man and hid him in the sand.

When he went out the next day, two Hebrew men were having a disagreement, and Moses thinking that he was doing some good, stepped in and asked the man that had hit the other man, why did you hit this man.

The answer that Moses got back surprised him.

Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you plan to kill me as you killed the Egyptian man yesterday? The man said.

Moses feared because he knew that it was now known what he did.

When Pharaoh heard about it, he wanted to kill Moses.

Moses fled from Egypt and dwelt in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.

While he was there resting 7 daughters of the priest of Midian came to draw water for their household as well as fill the troughs that were there so that they could water their Fathers flocks.

Some shepherds came and drove the women away so that they could get some water to water their own flocks, but Moses stood up for the women and helped them water gather the water that they needed as well as helped them get water for their own flock.

Because Moses was able to help them get the water they were able to get home early and their Father enquired as to why you are home early and they told him that an Egyptian helped them get the water for the household and get enough water for the flock as well as drive the other shepherds away so that they could get access to the water first.

The daughter`s Father asked them, where is he? Why did you not bring him home with you so that he could eat some bread.

Moses was content to stay with the Midian priest and the priest gave unto Moses Zipporah his daughter in marriage and she bare a son, which they called Gershom, which means a stranger here.

And it came to pass that in the process of time that the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried unto the Lord, and their cry was heard by God and he

heard their groanings, and God remembered the covenant that he had made with Abraham, Isaac and with Jacob.

God looked upon the children of Israel and had respect for them.

**Vs. 11-25.**

And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens, and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together; and he said to him that did the wrong. Wherefore smites thou thy fellow?

And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? Intendest thou to kill me, as thou killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely, this thing is known.

Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses, but Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their fathers flock.

And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

And when they came to Ruel, their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon today.

And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.

And he said unto his daughters, Where is he? Why is it that ye left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses, Zipporah his daughter.

And she bare him a son, and he called his name, Gershom; for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

And it came to pass in the process of time, that the king of Egypt died; and the children sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

And God heard their groanings, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

**The Message Bible says.**

Time passed. Moses grew up. One day he went and saw his brothers, saw all that hard labor. Then he saw an Egyptian hit a Hebrew, one of his relatives. He looked this way and then that; when he realized there was no one in sight, he killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand.

The next day he went there again. Two Hebrew men were fighting. He spoke to the man that started it; Why are you hitting your neighbor?

The man shot back; Who do you think that you are, telling us what to do? Are you going to kill me the way that you killed the Egyptian?

Moses panicked; Word`s gotten out, people know about this.

Pharaoh heard about it and tried to kill Moses, but Moses got away to the land of Midian. He sat down by a well.

The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came and drew water, filling the troughs and watering their father`s sheep. When some shepherds came and chased the girls off, Moses came to their rescue and helped them water their sheep.

When they got home to their father, Ruel, he said, That didn`t take you long. Why are you back so soon?

An Egyptian, they said, rescued us from a bunch of shepherds. Why, he even drew water for us and watered the sheep.

He said. So, where is he? Why did you leave him behind? Invite him so he can have something to eat with us.

Moses agreed to settle down there with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah [ Bird ] to him for his wife. She had a son, and Moses named him Gershom, [ Sojourner ], saying, I`m a sojourner in a foreign country.

Many years later the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cries for relief from their hard labor ascended to God.

God listened to their groanings. God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

God saw what was going on with Israel. God understood.

### Points of Interests.

- Moses killed the Egyptian because he thought that no-one would see him.
- One or more Hebrews saw what Moses had done.
- Moses knew that it was known and revealed what he had done. He murdered an Egyptian. **The Bible says in Luke. 8;17. that all things shall be revealed.**
- Pharaoh tried to kill Moses.
- Moses fled from Egypt to Midian and sat down beside a well to rest. **This speaks of the water of the word of God, giving Moses Rest.**
- Seven sisters came to the well to water their sheep and were driven off by some shepherds, so Moses stepped in and helped the women by sending the shepherds away.
- The Priest of Midian invite Moses back to his place for a meal and invited him to stay and then gave to Moses one of his daughters to be his wife, and he had a son to her.
- Many years later the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel cried unto the Lord and he heard them and remembered his covenant that he had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### Genesis. Chapter 3.

#### Vs. 1-6.

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father in law, the Priest of Median; and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

And the angel of the Lord appeared unto to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of the bush; and he looked, and behold, the bushed burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses, and he said, Here am I.

And he said, Draw, not high hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

### The Message Bible says.

Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father in law, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the west end of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, Horeb.

The angel of God appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away, but it did not burn up.

Moses said, What`s going on here? I can`t believe this. Amazing. Why doesn`t the bush burn up?

God saw that Moses had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, Moses, Moses.

He said, Yes, I am right here.

God said, don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground.

#### Points of Interests.

- Moses had been running away from Egypt, speaks of the world.
- He ended up in the wilderness. This can bring you to the end of yourself.
- Moses was shepherding a flock of sheep. This speaks of a minister, being a shepherd of the flock of God that he has been given charge over, and in their journey, as Christians, the minister was leading the church to a place where God was.
- He Moses took them into the wilderness that led to the mountain of God. Mount Horeb. No doubt, that journey had some up and down experiences in it.
- It was here that the angel of God, saw Moses, and, made contact with him, at the mountain of God in a ball of fire, out of a burning bush.
- The situation was different in that the bush was burning and on fire, but it was not being consumed.
- This situation, got Moses's attention, so he stopped, turned and looked at the bush that was on fire but not being consumed.
- **What does God have to create within our lives in order for us to stop and turn and look, so that God sees that he has our attention.**
- When God saw that Moses had stopped in his journey. Turned and looked to where the angel of the Lord was, within the burning bush. God spoke and called to Moses, **Moses, Moses.**
- Moses recognized God's voice and said, **Yes, I am right here Lord.**
- God said, don't come any closer. Take your shoes off your feet. You are standing on holy ground.
- God revealed himself to Moses by saying, **I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.** Moses **was afraid**, and hid his face, because he was in the presence of almighty God. **The great I am.** The imperfect nature of man feels convicted by the Holy Ghost in the presence of God.
- The act of taking his shoes off has a very significant meaning to it according to Jewish customs.

**When we see here that the Lord asked Moses to take of his shoes because he was on holy ground.**

**It wasn't just because he was in the presence of the Lord, but it meant something.**

- Moses was in the wilderness. He had been 40 years running and hiding from the Egyptians.
- God had working it out by all the experiences that Moses had been through, both good and bad.
- Moses did not hesitate to remove his shoes.

- Moses now had come to a place in God, that he was able to surrender everything about his life to the will and desire of the Lord.
- Moses had been in Egypt for 40 years before he fled out of Egypt for fear of his life.
- It now took God 40 years to get Egypt or the world, out of the heart mind and spirit of Moses.
- He was ready to surrender unto the Lord.
- The Bible says that we have been brought with a price. To seal this agreement. Moses took his shoes off, signifying that the deal was now complete and that now he belonged to the Lord and was prepared to do what the Lord wanted and when.

#### **Ruth. 4:7-8.**

Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was a testimony in Israel.

Therefore, the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

#### **The Message Bible says.**

In the older times in Israel, this is how they handled official business, regarding matters of property and Inheritance; a man would take of his shoe and give it to the other person.

This is the same as an official seal or personal signature in Israel.

So when Boaz`s redeemer relative said, Go ahead and buy it. He signed the deal by pulling off his shoe.

It was the custom in Biblical times for business to be done at the gateway to the city where people lived.

At the conclusion or agreement of that business, the shoe was taken off and given to the other party as a sign of agreement and completion of that business.

The people that were present at the time, like elders of the Church, leaders of the city, or friends of the two people that were involved in the business, became the witnesses to the event and the removal of the shoe, became the signature, or the seal, to indicate the completion of that business.

Moses gave his surrender to God by taking of his shoes and saying to the Lord. Ok, you win, I`ve had enough of 40 years wandering in the desert, I surrender to you and your will, do what you want with me and send me where you want to send me, and do what you want to do with me.

#### **God`s response to the surrender of Moses unto the Lord, when he took his shoes off.**

**Vs. 7-9.**

And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task masters; for I know their sorrows.

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of the land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto a place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Now therefore behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me; and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

**Points of Interests.**

- God said that he has seen the affliction of us, his people, the affliction, that Egypt or the world can cause to come upon us, even in this day and age.
- I have heard you cry as you pray and call out to me. I hear you says the Lord.
- I am moving now so that the worldly systems cannot cause you any more grief and sorrow.
- I am going to cause you to come into a place in me, where our relationship together is just going to grow and grow and grow.
- I hear the cry and prays of my people, I understand the hardship that you face and endure, but things are going to change. Believe me.

**God now tells Moses what the call is that he God, has placed upon his life and how he is to accomplish it.**

**Genesis. 3;10-15.**

Come now therefore, and I will send you unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel out of Egypt.

And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

And he said, certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee; When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

And Moses said unto God. Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me. What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**; and he said, Thus, shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM**, hath sent me unto you.

And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you; This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

### Points of Interests.

- After Moses surrendered his shoes, the Lord said, ok Moses I am going to send you back into the world where you will go before Pharaoh and say unto him, let my people go.
- Moses replied, Who, am I that you send me, remember I fled from there 40 years ago in fear of my life and you want to send me back again. Come on God. Get real. You are saying that you want me to bring your people out of the world.
- Certainly, says God, you can do it with my help. When you do this, **not if**, I want you to serve me on this mountain. **Genesis. 3;12.**
- Moses was still trying to get out of God`s call upon his life, and he asked God, who shall I say to the people that sent me. God said, tell them that the great I am sent you.
- Then the Lord said, tell the people that the God of your fathers sent me. That is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- God said that this was his name for ever and is a memorial for all future generations.
- Blessed are thy that see and believe, but more blessed are they that see not and believe, for they shall inherit the Kingdom of God. Sometimes we must step out in faith.

### Genesis. 3;16-22.

Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me saying, I surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

And they shall hearken to thy voice; and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him. The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no not by a mighty hand.

And I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that, he will let you go.

And I will give this people **favor** in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty.

But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver and jewels of gold, and raiment; and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

**The Message Bible says.**

Now be on your way. Gather the leaders of Israel. Tell them, God, the God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, appeared to me, saying, I've looked into what's being done to you in Egypt, and I've determined to get you out of the affliction of Egypt and take you into the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, a land brimming over with milk and honey.

Believe me, they will listen to you. Then you and the leaders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt and say to him: God the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness where we will worship God, our God.

I know that the king of Egypt won't let you go unless forced to, so I'll intervene and hit Egypt where it hurts. Oh, my miracles will send them reeling, after which they'll be glad to send you off. I'll see to it that this people get a hearty send off by the Egyptians. When you leave, you won't leave empty-handed. Each woman will ask her neighbor and any guests in her house for objects of silver or gold, for jewelry and extra clothes; you'll put them on your sons and daughters. Oh, you'll clean the Egyptians out.

**Points of interests.**

- Go and gather the leaders of the church and tell them what it is that I have told you. Let them know that I the Lord have visited you.
- I will cause you to come out of the affliction that you are experiencing.
- The enemy, has to harken unto my voice. I the Lord Jesus Christ has the authority over him and his spirits. He has to obey me, whether he likes it or not.
- I can do all types of signs and wonders that can and will astound everybody.
- The wealth of the wicked is reserved for the just. I can use the wealth of the world to bless my people.

**Moses still tried to get out of going before Pharaoh.****Genesis. 4.; 1-9.**

And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor harken unto my voice; for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

And the Lord said unto him, What, is in thine hand? And he said a rod.

And he said, Cast it upon the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

And the Lord said unto Moses. Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

And the Lord said furthermore unto him. Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

And he said. Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and behold, It was turned again as his other flesh.

And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither harken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

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

### **The Three Signs are.**

- The Staff turning into a snake, then turning back into a staff when we lay our hand upon it.
- The hand becoming leprous, and then becoming clean and healthy again.
- The water from the river becoming as blood as it was poured out upon the dry land.
- **Leprosy speaks of sin.**
- **The water turning into blood speaks of the blood of Christ and our salvation as the blood of Christ touches that dry barren condition of the ground, or our heart, and we see life coming into the heart of man when we are in a sinful state and are dry and barren, the blood of Christ gives us life in that we believe.**

### **Vs. 10.**

Moses objected again to God about using him to go to Pharaoh.

### **Vs. 11.**

God said, who do you think has made man's mouth? I have.

### **Vs. 12.**

Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

### **Luke. 12;11-12.**

And when they bring you into the synagogues, and unto the magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say;

For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

**The Message Bible says.**

When they drag you into their meeting places, or into police courts and before judges, don't worry about defending yourselves, or what you'll say or how you'll say it.

The right words will be there. The Holy Spirit will give you the right words, when the time comes.

**Other scriptures say that he, God, is going to put the words in our mouth, as to what we need to say and when. He says that he will even give us wisdom in what we say.**

**Matthew 10;19.**

But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour, what ye shall speak.

**The Message Bible says.**

Don't be upset when they haul you before the civil authorities. Without knowing it, they have done you and me a favor, they have given you a platform for preaching the kingdom news.

And don't worry about what you'll say or how you'll say it. The right words will be there; The Spirit of your Father will supply the words.

**Luke. 21;15.**

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

**The Message Bible says.**

Make up your mind now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters.

**Chapter 4. of Exodus.****Vs. 13.**

The anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, because of his disobedience.

God then said that Aaron his brother shall be glad to see you.

**Vs. 14.**

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite, thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh to forth to meet thee; and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

**Vs. 15.**

And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth; and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

**Vs. 16.**

And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and he shall be, even he shall be to thee, instead of a mouth, and thou shall be to him, instead of a God. [ Or as an Inspiration from God. The words that I speak unto you come from God himself, and as if it were you shall be a type of the Holy Spirit unto Aaron, for he, the Holy Spirit speaks the words from God unto the people. ]

**Vs. 17.**

And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs. { **The Rod speaks of the authority and power of the Godhead. Mainly, { The Word of the Lord Jesus Christ. }** }

**Vs. 18.**

And Moses went and returned to Jethro his Father-in law, and said unto him, let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

**God encouraged Moses in what he said unto him.**

**Vs. 19.**

And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt; for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

**Vs. 21.**

And the Lord said unto Moses, when thou goest, to return to Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand; but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

**Vs. 22.**

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn.

**Vs. 23.**

And I say unto thee, Let, my son go, that he may serve me; and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

**Vs.24.**

And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, [ Moses ] and sought to kill him. [ because of his disobedience.]

**Vs. 25.** Then Zipporah, [ his wife, or the church ] took a sharp stone, and cut of the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, [**Wiped it across the feet of Moses, thus changing and effecting his walk.**] and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

**The circumcision of the flesh, can speak of the circumcision of the heart, as well as the blood of Christ upon our lives.**

**This the blood, takes away the wroth of God, that would have normally been against us.**

**Circumcision of the heart.**

**Romans. 2;28-29.**

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh.

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

**Exodus Chapter 4.**

**Vs. 26.**

So he, [ God ] let him go; then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

**Vs. 27-31.**

The Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

**Vs. 28.**

And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord, who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

**Vs. 29.**

And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel.

**Vs. 30.**

And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

**Vs. 31.**

And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their afflictions, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. What did Moses do that made him flee from Egypt?

**Exodus. 2;11-25.**

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2. Where did Moses flee to and what did he end up doing?

**Exodus. 2;11-25.**

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3. What was Moses doing while he was in this new land?

**Genesis. 3;1.**

4. An Angel appeared to Moses in what and what did he ask Moses to do?

**Genesis. 3;2-5.**

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5. What did God say to Moses?

**Genesis. 3;7-9.**

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6. What did God say to Moses that he was going to do with him?

**Genesis. 3;10.**

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7. What was Moses still trying to do?

**Genesis. 4;1.**

8. What did God show Moses was in his hand?

**Genesis. 4;2-4.**

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9. What are 3 signs that God gave to Moses?

**Genesis. 4;1-9.**

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10. When Moses still tried to get out of going to see Pharaoh, what did God say to Moses.

**Genesis. 4;11.**

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11. What did God say that he would do for Moses?

**Genesis. 4;12.**

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12. What does the word say will happen to us when we have a need to speak?

**Luke. 12;11-12.**

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13. When we need to speak. What will happen?

**Matthew. 10;19.**

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14. What is the Lord going to give us?

**Luke. 2;15.**

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15. What does the rod speak of?

**Genesis. 4;17.**

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16. When Moses went back to Egypt, the Lord said that he was going to do what?

**Genesis. 4;21.**

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# How do we react when we are completely overwhelmed?

This account concerns Jehoshaphat, who was king at the time and a great multitude of the enemy came up against him and Jerusalem and Judah, and it tells of their reaction and how they dealt with the situation, but also how it changed their lives.

If you read **Chapter 19**. You find that Jehoshaphat set leaders in order of positions. He set the high priest in his position of Authority. He set over Judah, Zebadiah to be the ruler over the house of praise and worship, and the kings matters.

He set the Levites, the priests in order into their offices and told them all to deal courageously, and the Lord shall deal good with you.

Because of the growth of the house of the Lord and the way that the office bearers were set in place, the enemy was stirred and came against Jehoshaphat and the house of Israel.

## **11 Chronicles. 20;1-37.**

### **Vs. 1-4.**

It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon and with them, other beside the ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, Their cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side, Syria; and behold they be in Hazazon Tamar, which is En-gedi.

And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord and proclaim a fast throughout all Judah.

And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord; even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

- Moab, means in Hebrew. A house where God is not.
- The enemy joined forces to make sure that they overcame the nation of Israel, but it did not work.
- Some well to do Christian came and told the Pastor that he was in trouble, because the enemy was coming against him. The Church does not need people like that in the house of the Lord.
- It creates fear.
- Just the sound of the coming battle and the amount of the enemy in numbers sent shivers through the king and the people.

- Jehoshaphat declared a fast throughout all of Judah, or the house of praise and worship and set his face to seek the Lord.
- All of Judah, from every city came together to seek the Lord, to ask of help from the Lord so that they would overcome the enemy, or the situation. Whatever it is.
- What we see here is a unity amongst the believers. Every church if you like, came together in a unity and a faith, a common cause to seek the Lord. The name that was over their Church door did not matter.

### **The Message Bible says.**

Sometime later the Moabites, accompanied by Meunites, joined forces to make war on Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat received this intelligence report, that a Huge force is on it`s way from beyond the sea to fight you. [ **The sea in scripture means people.** ] There is no time to waste, they`re already at Hazazon Tamar, the oasis of En Gedi.

Shaken, Jehoshaphat prayed. He went to God for help and ordered a nationwide fast. The country of Judah united in seeking God`s help, they came from all the cities of Judah to pray to God.

### **11 Chronicles. 5-12.**

And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court.

And said, O Lord God of our Fathers, art not thou God in Heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham, thy friend forever?

And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying.

If when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgement, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, for thy name is in this house, and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

And now behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, who thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and destroyed them not;

Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

O our God, wilt thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee.

- Jehoshaphat stood still in the presence of the Lord.
- He began to tell God all what he had done and how the enemy were coming against his people and wanting to take the land back that he, God, had given them.
- Jehoshaphat asked God to judge these people for what they were trying to do.
- We have built a house of the Lord here and they want to destroy your house.
- Your name is in this house and in our affliction, we are crying out to you so that you will hear us and help us.
- We have shown them grace and mercy in days past and now they have come to bite the hand that showed them that grace and mercy.
- God, we expect you to judge this people because we have not the ability to stand against this large number of people. We do not know what to do, but to cry out unto you. Please hear us and help us.
- As Christians, a lot of different things come against us at times that can overwhelm us. They can be family issues, work issues, relationship issues. Financial issues or even just life issues in itself. We need to do what Jehoshaphat did. He fasted and prayed for the Lord God to deliver him out of this situation.

**The Message Bible says.**

Then Jehoshaphat took a position before the assembled people of Judah and Jerusalem at the Temple of God in front of the new courtyard and said, O God, God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven above and ruler of all kingdoms below? You hold all power and might in your fist, no one stands a chance against you!

And didn't you make the natives of this land leave as you brought your people Israel in! turning it over permanently to your people Israel, the descendants of Abraham your friend? They have lived here and built a Holy House of worship to honor you, saying, When the worst happens, whether war or flood or disease or famine, and we take our place before this Temple. We know you are personally present in this place, and pray out our pain and trouble, we know that you will listen and give victory.

And now it's happened; men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir have shown up. You didn't let Israel touch them when we got here at first, we detoured around them and didn't lay a hand on them, and now they've come to kick us out of the country you gave us.

O dear God, won't you take care of them? We're helpless before this vandal horde ready to attack us. We don't know what to do; we're looking to you.

**11Chronicles. 13-17.**

And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation.

And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou King Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; **for the battle is not yours, but God`s.**

Tomorrow go ye down against them; behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Jerusalem; fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them; for the Lord will be with you.

- All of Judah stood before the Lord with all their families. Their wives and their children.
- Then upon Jahaziel, A Levite priest, came the Spirit of the Lord, in the midst of the Church.
- Listen to me and take heed as to what the Spirit of the Lord is about to say to you. Be not afraid, nor be upset because of this great multitude that dares to rise up against you, for the battle is not yours, but God`s.
- We as Christians, has what the Bible says, is the priesthood of all believers. Therefore, we to can have the Spirit of the Lord fall on us if we are a believing and praying person in the Holy Spirit, and we fast as often as we can.
- We don`t need to physically fight against whatever comes against us, but to stand still in faith, seek the Lord and believe, and see the salvation of the Lord.
- We must not fear. Know the scripture and speak it to the Lord and if we have to, remind God what his word says.
- God may still require us to be present in the warfare, but not actually participating.
- God can or may give you instructions as to where to be and how to be there but not actually doing anything.
- Stand still and trust the Lord. Sometimes not putting our hand to something in warfare can be the hardest thing that we have to do.
- **It`s called trusting in God.**

**The Message Bible says.**

Everyone in Judah was there. The little children, wives, sons. All present and attentive to God.

Then Jahaziel was moved by the Spirit of God to speak from the midst of the congregation. Jahaziel was the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah the Levite of the Asaph clan. He said, Attention everyone, all of you from out of town, all you from Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat, God's word is, don't be afraid; don't pay any mind to this vandal horde.

This is God's war, not yours, tomorrow you'll go after them; see, they're already on their way up the slopes of Ziz; you'll meet them at the end of the ravine near the wilderness of Jeruel. You won't have to lift a hand in this battle; just stand firm, Judah and Jerusalem, and watch God's saving work for you to take shape.

Don't be afraid, don't waver. March out boldly tomorrow. God is with you.

**11 Chronicles. 20;18-21.**

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face towards the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping him.

**We find that in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Nehemiah when Ezra the high priest stood up on the pulpit that had been made out of wood for the first time since they came out of Captivity, the people stood up, and raised the hands to the Lord and when he opened up the scrolls they fell to the ground in worship and appreciation of the Lord.**

And the Levites of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever.

**Joshua had musicians go before the army of God as they encamped around the city of Jericho.**

**Worshippers are great as we go into battle. It brings in the presence of the Lord.**

**The Message Bible says.**

Then Jehoshaphat knelt down, bowing with his face to the ground. All Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshipping God. The Levites, both the Kothathites and Korahites stood to their feet to praise God, the God of Israel; they praised at the top of their lungs.

They were up early in the morning, ready to march into the wilderness of Tekoa. As they were leaving, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, Listen, Judah and Jerusalem. Listen to what I have to say.

Believe firmly in God, your God, and your lives will be firm. Believe in your prophets and you'll come out on top.

After talking it over with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed a choir for God; dressed in Holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing, Give thanks to God, His love never quits.

**11 Chronicles. 20;22-30.**

And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them; and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another.

And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the Lord; therefore, the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah unto this day.

Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the Lord.

**And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.**

**So, the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.**

- At a time of the battle when the people of God were facing a warfare, the people began to sing and to praise and worship the Lord.
- When the worship started, God set out to destroy the enemy.
- When Judah, the house of praise and worship came to the battle are, all they saw were dead bodies.
- The people saw on the dead bodies great wealth and riches, and precious stones.
- It took Israel 3 days to gather all the wealth from the bodies of the enemy.
- It was a time of blessings in a time of stress and warfare.
- When they returned to their homeland of Judah and Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat was in the front of them.
- The Lord caused them to rejoice and be happy over the victory in the battle.
- The fear of the Lord went into all countries, when they heard how God had fought for his people.
- The realm or the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was peaceful because he walked in the way of the Lord.

### **The Message Bible says.**

As soon as they started shouting and praising, God set ambushes against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir as they were attacking Judah, and they all ended up dead.

The Ammorites and Moabites mistakenly attacked those from Mount Seir and massacred them. Then, further confused, they went at each other, and all ended up killed.

As Judah came up over the rise, looking into the wilderness for the horde of barbarians, they looked on a killing field of dead bodies, not a living soul among them.

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to carry off the plunder, they found more loot than they could carry off. Equipment, clothing, valuables.

It took three days to cart it away. On the fourth day they came together at the valley of blessing, [ Beracah ] and blessed God. Financially. That's how it got the name, The Valley of Blessing.

Jehoshaphat then led all the men of Judah and Jerusalem back to Jerusalem. An exuberant parade. God had given them joyful relief from their enemies. They entered Jerusalem and came to the Temple of God with all the instruments of the band playing.

**When the surrounding kingdoms got word that God had fought Israel's enemies, the fear of God descended on them. Jehoshaphat heard no more from them; as long as Jehoshaphat reigned, peace reigned.**

**11 Chronicles. 20;31-37.**

And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah; he was thirty- five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty five years in Jerusalem. And his mother`s name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

Howbeit the high places were not taken away; for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto God of their fathers.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah, king of Israel, who did very wickedly;

And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Eziongaber.

Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah the Lord has broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

- Jehoshaphat was 35 years old when he began his reign as king and he reigned of 25 years.
- Jehoshaphat walked in the way of his father and doing that which was right before the Lord.
- Jehoshaphat did the wrong thing within the nation, he did not pull down the high places or the places of false worship, and had not prepared the hearts of the people from their fathers.
- Jehoshaphat joined himself to a king that he did not ask the lord first, should he. As that king did wickedly in the sight of God.
- A prophecy was spoken against Jehoshaphat because he had joined himself to the wicked king and God destroyed the work that was done between Jehoshaphat and the wicked king.

**The Message Bible says.**

That about sums up Jehoshaphat`s reign over Judah. He was thirty five years old when he became king and ruled as king in Jerusalem for twenty five years. His mother was Azubah, daughter of Shilhi. He continued the kind of life, characteristic of his father Asa. No detours, no dead ends. Pleasing God with his life.

But he failed to get rid of the neighborhood sex and religion shrines. People continued to pray and worship these Idolatrous god shops.

The rest of Jehoshaphat`s life start to finish, is written in the memoirs of Jehu, son of Hanani, which are included in the Royal Annals of Israel`s Kings.

Late in life Jehoshaphat formed a trading syndicate with Ahaziah, king of Israel, which was wrong for him to do. He went in as partner with him to build ocean-going ships at Ezion Geber to trade with

Tarshish. Eliezer, son of Dodavahu of Mareshah preached against Jehoshaphat`s venture; Because you joined forces with Ahaziah, God has shipwrecked your work.

The ships were smashed and nothing ever came of the trade partnership.

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. How many enemy forces came against Jehoshaphat and the people of God?

**11 Chronicles. 20;2.**

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2. What came over Jehoshaphat?

**11 Chronicles. 20;3.**

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3. What did Jehoshaphat do?

**11 Chronicles. 20;3-4.**

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4. What happened as all of Judah stood before the Lord?

**11 Chronicles. 20;13-17.**

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**4A.** What was the word from the Lord that Jahaziel got?

**11 Chronicles. 20;**

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5. What was the instruction that the Lord gave the people?

**11 Chronicles. 20;16-17.**

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6. To show his appreciation to the Lord. What did Jehoshaphat do?

**11 Chronicles. 20; 18-19.**

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7. What was the word of encouragement that Jehoshaphat gave to the people?

**11 Chronicles. 20;20.**

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8. Before Jehoshaphat went to war. What did he do?

**11 Chronicles. 20;21.**

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9. When the Lord heard the praise and worship of his people, what did he do?

**11 Chronicles. 20;22.**

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10. What did the children of Israel find when they reached the battle ground?

**11 Chronicles. 20;24.**

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11. What did the people of God get from the dead bodies?

**11 Chronicles. 20;25.**

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12. What did Jehoshaphat do?

**11 Chronicles. 20;26.**

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# Ananias and Sapphira.

## They Lied to the Holy Ghost over Money.

### Acts. 5;1-12.

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the Apostles feet.

### The Message Bible says.

But a man named Ananias, his wife Sapphira, conniving in this with him, sold a piece of land, secretly kept part of the price for himself, and then brought the rest to the Apostles, and made an offering of it.

### Points of Interests.

- Ananias the husband connived and schemed with his wife, Sapphira, to keep part of the money they received from the sale of the land they owned for themselves and then make out that they have given all.
- In doing this they were lying to the Holy Ghost and God.

### Acts. 3-4.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? and keep back part of the price of the land.

Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

### The Message Bible says.

Peter said, Ananias, how did Satan get you to lie to the Holy Spirit and secretly keep back part of the price of the field? Before you sold it, it was all yours, and after you sold it, the money was yours to do with as you wished.

So, what got into you to pull a trick like this? You did not lie to men, but to God.

**Points of Interests.**

- Peter asked, Ananias, how did Satan get into your heart so that he could make you lie?
- What was so important that you needed to keep back part of the money?
- Surely you know that the Lord would look after all your needs.
- Before you sold the land, and after you sold the land, the money was all yours to do with what you wanted to do with it.
- What thought or imagination got into your heart to make you believe that it would be alright to try and deceive the Holy Ghost and God?
- The word tells us that there is a place prepared in the pit of hell fire for liars, along with the devil and all his co-horts.

**2 Corinthians. 9;6-8.**

But this I say. He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

**The Message Bible says.**

Remember; A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind, what you will give.

That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting.

God loves it, when the giver delights in the giving.

**Points of Interests.**

- What money that we have is ours to do with what we want.
- If our heart is such in God that we do not want to give much to the house of God or God`s work, then, according to scripture, God cannot bless us either.
- That lack of blessing in our lives, is often brought about by our own heart condition.
- If we decide to give just because we want to bless the house of God, then God will bless you bountifully and you and your house will never lack in anything.
- God loves a cheerful giver, and he, God will bless you abundantly.
- Every man or woman, has the ability in God to make their own decision what they want to give, and God will bless them accordingly.
- Give because you want to, not because you feel you have to.
- God is able to make all grace abound towards you, in all sufficiently.

**Acts. 5; 5-8.**

And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost; and great fear came upon all them that heard these things.

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

And Peter said unto her. Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea so much.

**The Message Bible says.**

Ananias, when he heard these words, fell down dead. That put the fear of God into everyone that heard it.

The younger men went right to work and wrapped him up, then carried him out and buried him.

Not more than three hours later, his wife, not knowing of what had happened, came in. Peter said, tell me, were you given this price for your field? She said, Yes, that price.

**Points of Interests.**

- When Ananias heard these words of exposure and Judgment. He fell down dead.
- The Fear of God fell upon everyone that heard the words of God spoken, as it revealed an untruth and a lie.
- The younger men of God, being fitter than the older Apostles jumped to their feet and carried the body of Ananias out and buried him.
- A few hours later, His wife, Sapphira came in, unawares of what had happened to her husband. It would have been different if she saw her dead husband lying there.
- Peter then challenged her by asking her did she get this much money for the field that they sold, and she replied, yes.

**Acts. 5;9-12.**

Then Peter said to her, How, is it that agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door and shall carry thee out.

Then fell she down straight away at his feet and yielded up the ghost; and the young men came in and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

And great fear came upon all the Church, and upon as many as heard these things.

And by the hands of the Apostles, were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon`s porch.

**The Message Bible says.**

Peter responded, What`s going on here that you connived to conspire against the Spirit of the Master? The men that buried your husband are at the door, and you are next.

No sooner were the words out of his mouth than she also fell down, dead. When the young men returned they found her body. They carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

By this time, the whole Church, and, in fact, everyone who heard of these things had a healthy respect for God. They new God was not to be trifled with.

**Points of Interests.**

- Sapphira was then challenged as how you have connived and conspired to lie to the Holy Spirit and God?
- God revealed through the Holy Spirit the real accurate price that Ananias and Sapphira has received for the piece of land, and no doubt, that would have shocked her.
- Then to find out that her husband was dead, and she was about to follow may or may not have given her time to get shocked before the judgement of God fell on her and she died.
- An even greater fear fell upon the Church, and an even greater respect for the power of God hit all the people in the Church.
- Many signs and wonders were done by the Apostles among the people. No doubt their faith would have increased a lot when this happened.
- We need to realize that all this happened not long after the fulness of the Holy Spirit was released upon the 120 people in the upper room. Great power and judgement was given to the Church in those days.

**Hebrews. 6;1-2.**

Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of **eternal judgement.** [ In the house of God. ]

**The Message Bible says.**

So, come on, let`s leave the preschool finger painting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ.

The basic foundational truths are in place, turning your back on salvation by self-help, and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead, eternal judgement.

**Points of Interests.**

- The word is telling us not to go back in any way in Christ. But move forward.
- Do not go over the ground that we have already covered.
- But believe through Christ for what he has instructed us in concerning the Word of God.
- Believe and expect that one day the Spirit of God is going to move within our meetings, and great fear and shock is going to take place in many Christians hearts, as they see the power and judgement begin to happen.
- Eternal Judgement in the house of God, in its fulness, we have yet to see being released in the Church yet.
- It is coming as we draw closer to the coming of the Lord.

**We need to understand that the only doctrine from these two scriptures, that has not really taken place in its fulness in the house of God is eternal judgement.**

**What we see happening in Acts 5 here in relation to Ananias and Sapphira will begin to happen in a greater way in the house of God as we get closer to the time of the coming of Christ when the bridegroom shall come for his Church, The Bride of Christ.**

**We know that Jesus Christ is perfect in every way, so why cannot we expect that one day we shall be perfect just as Christ is, because the word of God is doing a perfect work of redemption in us.**

**Isaiah. 28;10.**

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept. Line upon line, upon line; here a little, and there a little.

**Isaiah. 28;13.**

But the word of the Lord was unto them, precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line. Here a little and there a little.

**The Message Bible says.**

So, God will start over with the simple basics, and address them in baby talk, one syllable at a time. Da, da, da, da, blah, blah, blah, blah.

That's a good little girl, that's a good little boy.

And like toddlers, they will get up and fall down, get bruised and confused and lost.

# Notes.

# Questions.

1. What did Ananias and Sapphira do?

**Acts. 5;1-2.**

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2. What did Peter say to Ananias?

**Acts. 5;3-4.**

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3. How we give or sow unto the Lord determines what!

**2 Corinthians. 9;6-8.**

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4. What happened to Ananias when he heard the word that was spoken?

**Acts. 2;5-6.**

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5. What was the reaction of Sapphira when she was challenged about her lying about the money?

**Acts. 5;7-8.**

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6. What did Peter say to her?

**Acts, 5;9.**

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7. What happened to Sapphira after the words were spoken?

**Acts.5;10.**

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8. What came upon the church when word got around about what had happen?

**Acts. 5;11-12.**

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9. What are we to repent of in our life?

Hebrews. 6;1-2.

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10. How quick are we able to learn the word of God?

Isaiah. 28;10.

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# When Does the Holy Spirit impact our lives?

## And is there a difference of Being Baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Yes, believers do receive the moving, or touch of the Holy Spirit at Conversion. Without the Holy Spirit's impact upon our lives, there could be no conviction.

What we have to come to know and realize is that, the Holy Spirit is involved in everything and anything Spiritual, that may happen in our lives.

Once we accept Jesus Christ and him crucified, as our Lord and savior, we need to understand that it is he, the Holy Spirit that has caused us to see and then know, and then be convicted, that we need Jesus in our lives, for us to receive salvation.

**Acts. 4;10-12.**

Be it known unto you all, and all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised up from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**The Message Bible says.**

Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one.

## **Holy Spirit Conviction.**

Jimmy Swaggart made this statement in one of his books, "**Here is my Question about the Holy Spirit.**"

**He says, The Holy Spirit works entirely within the framework of the finished work of Christ, ie. The Cross. and in fact, He will not work outside of those parameters.**

**I love this statement. It is so true.**

**We as Christian do not have the right to condemn ourselves or put ourselves down. When things happen in our lives, all we need to do is ask the Lord for forgiveness in the Name of Jesus, then get on with life.**

**He, Jesus, then forgives us. It is done. No, criticism then from the Lord after that.**

**Romans. 8;1-4.**

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

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**The Message Bible says.**

With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved.

Those who enter into Christ's being here for us, no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud.

A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

God went for the jugular when he sent his own son. He did not deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all.

The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never had done that.

**This means that when we come to Christ, we need to make every endeavor to change our life style! What we watch, how we speak, where we go, and who we associate with.**

**The bible says in.**

**11 Corinthians. 5;17-18.**

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

And all things are of God who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

**The Message Bible says.**

Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah fresh start, is created new.

The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other.

God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins.

God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We are to drop their differences and enter into God`s work of making things right between them.

**We need to realize and understand that it is the Lord Jesus Christ that draws us unto him, and uses the Holy Spirit to convict the Word of God that we have heard in us, so that we come to the realization that we need to ask Jesus to forgive us, then that will enable our names to written in the Lambs book of life in heaven.**

**John. 6;44.**

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me, draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

**Matthew. 3;11.**

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

**The Message Bible says.**

I am baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next; The main character in this drama, compared to him, I am a mere stagehand. He

will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, The Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside, out.

He is going to clean house, make a clean sweep of your lives. He will place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he will put out with the trash to be burned.

**Acts. 1;4-5.**

And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

**The Message Bible says.**

As they met and ate meals together, he told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem, but must wait for what the Father promised, the promise you heard from me. John baptized in water; you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. And soon.

**Peter said. In Acts. 11;15-16.**

And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us in the beginning.

Then remembered I, the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

**The Message Bible says.**

So, I started in, talking. Before I had spoken half a dozen sentences, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as he did on us the first time.

I remembered Jesus's words. John baptized with water; you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. So, I ask you; If God gave the exact gift to them as to us when we believed in the Master Jesus Christ, how can I object to God?

**The work of the Holy Spirit is always tied to the cross.****John. 3;16-17.**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**The Message Bible says.**

This is how much God loved the world; He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why; so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

God did not go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And Why? Because of that person's failure to believe in a one of a kind, Son of God, when introduced to him.

**The only thing that stands between man and eternal hell, is the Cross of Jesus Christ.**

**Ephesians. 2;18.**

For through him, [ Jesus ] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

**The Message Bible says.**

Through him, [Jesus] we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

**John. 3;5.**

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**Is there a difference between, Born of the Spirit and Baptized in the Spirit?**

**Yes, there is.**

**Born of the Spirit.**

Born of the Spirit is at the conviction time in our Salvation, when we first see that we need to have Jesus Christ in our life to forgive us of our sins.

Born of the Spirit is the first step into having our lives changed because of the Cross of Jesus Christ and is the first in-rows into a walk of perfection through Jesus Christ and him Crucified.

**Baptized in the Spirit, is where we have the evidence of Speaking in Tongues.****Titus. 3;5.**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

**The Message Bible says.**

That we have had a thorough washing, inside and out by the Holy Spirit, so that we have a fresh outlook for our new journey.

**John. 14;16-17.**

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

**The Message Bible says.**

I will talk with the Father, and he will provide another friend so that you will always have someone with you.

This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world cannot take him because it does not have eyes to see him, does not know what to look for.

But you know him already because he has been staying with you and will even be in you.

**Without a believer being baptized in the Holy Spirit, precious little is truly going to be done for the Lord.**

Those who do not believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as a rule have very little moving of the Holy Spirit upon their lives because they are not looking for it.

**1 Corinthians 2;12.** Tells us that the natural man cannot discern the things of God, so if this is the case, then what man may think of, would most likely be birthed by man, and man operated, which cannot be received by God, because it is not spirit generated.

The Lord can only accept that which is conceived by the Holy Spirit, and carried out by the Holy Spirit.

It is true that the Holy Spirit uses man to do things, but only if they are conceived by the Holy Spirit and not man.

**Being Baptized in the Spirit includes many different aspects in our life.**

- **In John. 14;6.** The Holy Spirit is described as a Comforter.
- **In John. 16;13.** The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth.
- **In John. 16;13.** The Holy Spirit will show you of things to come.
- **In John. 16;14.** The Holy Spirit shall glorify Christ in the heart of the believer.
- **In John. 16;14.** The Holy Spirit shall show us all things.
- **In Acts. 1;8.** We shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon us.
- **In Romans. 8;10.** All life is in the Spirit.
- **In Romans. 8;11.** The Holy Spirit quickens our mortal bodies.
- **In Romans. 8;14.** Tells us that we will be lead by the Holy Spirit.
- **In Romans. 8;26.** The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us.
- **In 1 Corinthians. 12;8-11.** Tells us that the Holy Spirit functions through us by the means of his gifts.
- **1 Corinthians. 14;2.** Those who are baptized with the Holy Spirit, have the privilege of praying in other tongues, which speak directly to God.

**Salvation is God`s greatest gift to the world.**

**Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in other tongues by the Holy Spirit, is God`s greatest gift to the Church.**

**At times over the years I have heard statements made by people, that the Lord must be pleased with them accepting him as their Lord and savior.**

**I have at times corrected this that has not always gone down well.**

**The scripture is quite contrary to this statement.**

**Ephesians. 1;4-6.**

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

**The Message Bible says.**

Long before he laid earth`s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. What pleasure he took in planning this! He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

**Points of Interests.**

- The Lord God has chosen us in days past, before he even laid down the foundation for the world.
- In doing this the Lord wanted us to be Holy, without blame, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and loved unconditionally by him, the creator of all of mankind.
- He, God had predestinated us unto the adoption of all non-Jewish people into the family of the Lord, by the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ, according to the great please that the Lord had in being able to do this, by his perfect will. *pleasure*

And by the blood of Jesus Christ, we have been made accepted through him.

- We find that he, God, had us in mind, and had such a great love for us, even though we were not yet born, or created, but we became the focus of his love.
- It says that the Lord took great pleasure in planning what he needed to plan, so that we could become what he wanted us to become, by the hand of his beloved son.

**John. 15;15-16.**

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**The Message Bible says.**

I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.

You didn't chose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil.

As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

**Points of Interests.**

- The Lord does not look at us as a servant, because he lets us know about everything that he is doing.
- We are called friends by God, just like Abraham. The Lord thinks that much of us all. He, God, and his son Jesus only wants the best for us.
- The Lord says that he has chosen us, and ordained us as his children, and anointed us by the infilling of the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the spirit gives us utterance.
- Jesus, then says, that whatsoever we ask the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, he will give it to us, as long as it is according to his will.

**Jeremiah. 29;11.**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

**The Message Bible says.**

I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home again. I know what I am doing, I have it all planned out. Plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

# Questions.

1. How is Jesus described here in this scripture?

**Acts. 4;10.**

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2. What don't we have in our lives now as Christians?

**Romans. 8;1-4.**

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3. How are we now described?

**11 Corinthians. 5;17-18.**

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4. How do people come to Jesus?

**John. 6;44.**

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5. Through Jesus we get baptized with who?

**Matthew. 3;11.**

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6. What was the promise of the Father?

**Acts. 1;4-5.**

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7. Through Jesus we have access by what?

**Ephesians. 2;18.**

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8. What do we need to be born of to be able to enter the kingdom of Heaven?

**John. 3;5.**

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9. Jesus said that he will pray to the Father to send who?

**John. 14;16-17.**

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## Notes.

10. What cannot the natural minded man do?

**1 Corinthians. 2;12.** .....

11. List as many aspects as you can from the list on page 100 of the Holy Spirit!

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12. How have we come to know the Lord?

**Ephesians. 1;4-5.**

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13. We have been what in this scripture?

**John. 15;16.**

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14. What does the Lord have for us?

**Jeremiah. 29;11.**

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