

YAHWEH'S RULING ORGANIZATION
THE HOLY CITY — THE NEW JERUSALEM
IS NOW REIGNING IN THE HEAVENS

The word church does not mean a building or a religion, but it does mean called out members. In the Greek, it is E C C L E S I A . The number of these called out members is limited to 144,000, and these alone have a heavenly reward, for we find recorded in Revelation 14:1:

"And I looked, and lo, a lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

Revelation 14:2&3 state:

"And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth."

A song consists of words put to music. Words convey a message. This would indicate a joyous message. However, in reading further on in the verse we find that no one could learn that song but the 144,000. This could not be true if this were referring to a literal song, because anyone who has the opportunity to hear a song, a sufficient number of times can learn any song. To disclose the hidden meaning implanted by Yahweh* so that only the Israel of Promise would understand it, we must, with His guidance, advance by degrees. It has already been established that a song symbolizes a joyous message. A message is given by an individual or individuals authorized to do so. In other words, they would have to be given a spe-

cific position of authority to understand and to sing this song. No one else being able to learn the song but the 144,000, would signify that no one else could attain this position. Revelation 14:4 states:

"These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb."

Many of those who made up the 144,000 were married and still many others were married women. So that the virtue of a literal virginity is out of context with reality in this verse and this explanation does not satisfy the intelligently inquiring mind. If the terms woman and virginity are not used literally, then Yahweh must be using them as symbols representing another object and another condition respectively. A woman is the name given by Yahweh to symbolize an organization. For instance, Jeremiah 6:2 likens Yahweh's capital organization Zion to a woman. "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman." Revelation 12 actually describes Yahweh's woman as being a heavenly one and Revelation 17:1-3 describes the devil's religious organization as a whore because she has had dealings with the kings or rulers of this world. In plain language, she has committed fornication with the politicians of this world to enhance her position in the earth, and is far from the virtuous woman which she claims to be. Getting back to Revelation 14:4, where it stated: "These are they which were not defiled with women," can now be understood to mean that the 144,000, which is the total number of the true church, did not pollute themselves by having any dealings with any of the organizations of this world whether political, commercial or re-

* Yahweh, the original Hebrew name of the living God, erroneously written Jehovah.

religious and her unadulterated behavior and devotion to Yahshua*, the King, precludes any illicit conduct by them with any king or ruler of this world. But these remain true to the bridegroom until the time that the bride (the true church) is taken up into the heavens to be forever with the Lord. This is not so with the religious leaders of this world who do all their works to be seen by men and who strive to please the rulers of this world, even going so far as to bolster the morale of the armed forces, encouraging men to kill those who do not share their political beliefs, even if these include men of their own religious convictions. By putting these political rulers before Yahshua, who is Yahweh's anointed King, they have sinned greatly and Yahweh's indignation is directed against them, and shortly, when the devil's organization turns on itself and destroys itself, religion will be the first one to go down, for they are by far the most guilty.

Continuing in verse 4: "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." The Lamb represents Yahshua, and Yahshua being the head of the church leads the 144,000 in the work that must be done to restore the pure worship of Yahweh. This work consists of enlightening an ignorant and confused world which is the result of Yahweh's permitting the devil to have full authority on the earth during the period of the Gentile (heathen) times. This period comes to an end when the nation of Israel begins to be restored and is given authority by Yahweh to begin ruling. This rule begins in the heavens and is administered by the New Jerusalem, which is rebuilt not on earth, but in the heavens. "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." (Galations 4:26) The remainder of verse 4 has this to say: "These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb." The word redeem means to regain possession of by payment of a stipulated price, or to repurchase. The price that was paid to repurchase them, and not them alone, but the whole human race from the sentence of death passed upon all men,

was the shed blood of Yahshua. He sacrificed His life as a man forever, to pay the price for man's sins and to redeem them from the power of the grave.

The very fact that Yahweh has caused to be recorded that these who attain to so lofty a position were redeemed from among men, would indicate that there will be no other men who will receive this reward. If all obedient men are to receive a heavenly reward, it would not be necessary to specify, in particular, that there are only 144,000 in the heavens with the Lamb, and these were redeemed from among men. I repeat, if all obedient men are to receive a heavenly reward, it would be common knowledge that those who are in heaven with the Lamb were taken from among men, and it would not be necessary to specify this concerning the 144,000. Their being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb means that the 144,000 are the first to be reaped from the earth and to receive Yahweh's reward. They now belong to Yahweh, for He has accepted them because of their integrity and unselfish devotion to Him.

Romans 8:35-39 states:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

They are also the firstfruits unto the Lamb whose name is Yahshua. Being the firstfruits unto the Lamb would also

* Yahshua, composed of the names Yah and Hoshua, signifying Yahweh-Savior in the Hebrew language and presently known as Jesus from the corrupted Greek version of Iesous.

mean that they are the first that are gathered to the Lamb; the first to be associated with him in the heavens, and according to Revelation 14:1, the only ones, for it does not mention any others in the heavens with him.

The task now before us is to prove that the apostles, who were gathered by Yahshua and all the other members gathered by the apostles, were a part of this same heavenly class which totaled 144,000.

James 1:18 states:

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

James, who was one of the apostles, was referring to himself, and to all of the members who made up the true ecclesia or church, and these are referred to as being a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. If the church is the firstfruits of Yahweh, and the 144,000 are also mentioned as the firstfruits, then they must be one and the same. The 144,000 who are with the Lamb and who are the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb are the church, and the church which is a kind of firstfruits to God is made up of the 144,000. I Corinthians 15:20-23 lends further evidence to this truth.

I Corinthians 15:20-23:

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

Verse 23 proves conclusively that the religionists of this world are wrong in claiming that the 144,000 are another and distinct class of people made up of fleshly Israel, who receive a heavenly

reward before or after the church, which is the bride of Christ.

Christ is first and is preceded by no one. He is the great High Priest who enters the most Holy beyond the veil alone (Leviticus 16:11-17). The veil which divided the tabernacle into two, divided the holy and the most Holy. Paul describes this separation as the first tabernacle and the second tabernacle. The second tabernacle pictured heaven itself, and the High Priest entered this second tabernacle alone. In the type this showed that the way had not as yet been prepared for the other priests to enter therein. Hebrews 9:6-8 states:

"Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing."

This was only a type and is fulfilled in Yahshua, the true High Priest, who, after offering himself as the true sacrifice for the sins of the human race, entered into the heavens alone.

John 3:13 states:

"And no man ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

Only to those, therefore, who look for him, shall he appear the second time. Hebrews 9:28 states:

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

For he comes as a thief in the night, and only those who are watching can discern his second presence.

Revelation 3:3 states:

"Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

Revelation 16:15 also states:

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Revelation 20:6 states:

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

This verse is referring to this same class who are the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. They are the first to be resurrected from the dead, for they belong to Yahshua (Jesus), because they are the true church. Over these the second death has no power for they have life within themselves. They can no longer die. Upon dying in the flesh, they are raised to immortality. Paul was referring to himself and to the other members of the 144,000 over which the second death hath no power, when he wrote these words recorded in I Corinthians 15:53-55 which states:

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall

be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Revelation 20:4 is referring to the position that those who are the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb, and therefore, of the first resurrection, are to receive. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:" also, II Timothy 2:12 states:

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:"

This means that they will be made kings and will be elevated above all the other heavenly creatures or angels except Yahshua himself, who is the head over the church, which is his body.

Ephesians 1:22&23 states:

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

This supreme position empowers them as judges. This authority that is given to the church is undeniable, for Paul states in Corinthians 6:2&3:

"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?"

This judgment is administered by the 144,000 kings who are given the crowns of righteousness, of which Paul was a member.

II Timothy 4:7&8 state:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

These same crowns of righteousness are mentioned in James 1:12 and Revelation 2:10. The latter portion of Revelation 20:4 states that these live and reign with Christ 1,000 years, indicating that they will be made kings. And the latter portion of verse six, makes mention of the other office conferred to them, for theirs is a dual ministration. It states that they will be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him 1,000 years. This means that apart from ruling as kings they will administer the office of the priesthood, which said office will be devoted toward the restoration of the human race. They will restore the human race to perfection by gradually removing the inherited sin of mankind until it is no longer present and man will again stand in the glory of perfection as he did in the beginning in the Garden of Eden. A total of 1,000 years will be required to resurrect, restore and prove the entire human race (all who have ever lived). At the end of this time, the perfected kingdom of mankind is returned to Yahweh, and accepted by Him, for it now meets with His approval.

I Corinthians 15:24-28 states:

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which

did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

It is now the perfection of beauty. Its beauty will lie in its Holiness. Holiness means pure, undefiled and wholly devoted to righteousness. "... the zeal of the LORD of Hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9:7)

The apostle John, who was a member of the true church, speaks of the office that this true church will receive from Yahshua. Revelation 1:5&6 state:

"...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

The positions of kings and priests is associated with the first resurrection in Revelation 20:6. This would mean that the apostle John has his reward in this first resurrection and is therefore, one of the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb mentioned in Revelation 14:3&4. This unalterable evidence would make John one of the 144,000.

When Yahshua was on earth, he began to gather only those members who would make up the true church; those who were to be associated with him in the heavens. These he refers to as a "little flock" (a small group set apart), and not the millions upon millions that the clergy of this world claim will go to heaven. Luke 12:32 states:

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Take notice that He tells them that: "... it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." For Yahweh to give

them the kingdom would mean that they would possess the kingdom, and who else could possess a kingdom but the kings themselves! Again, there is an unbroken line tying them to the 144,000. Other verses employed by the clergy of this world that would have you believe that all of those who believe in Yahshua or Jesus Christ will be taken up to heaven are found in I Thessalonians 4:14-18 (Revised Standard Version) which states:

"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord."

To claim that these verses apply to all of mankind who believe and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour will require the taking of a great deal of unauthorized liberty with Yahweh's word. It will require the elimination of the explanation of the true and original plan of Yahweh for mankind. It will require the elimination of all of the key scriptures that point to the ultimate fulfillment of this plan. It will require the twisting and bending of the word of God until they have educated themselves and their dupes to a point of absolute and total ignorance of Yahweh's original purpose defined in His Holy Word, the Bible. The word was originally given to Israel and its understanding is now revealed to the true Israel of Promise, the Restored Israel of Yahweh.

Clergymen of this world! If, as you maintain, that all those who accept the Lord Jesus Christ are going up to heaven,

how do you answer Yahweh who contradicts you with these scriptures?
Matthew 5:5 states:

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

Psalms 37:10&11 state:

"For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

Isaiah 11:4-9 states:

"But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Psalms 72:1-9 states:

"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto

the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust."

Psalms 37:22 states:

"For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off."

Psalms 67:1-7 states:

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalms 78:69 states:

"And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever."

Psalms 85:1-13 states:

"Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set in the way of his steps."

Psalms 104:5 states:

"Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever."

Psalms 105:6-11 states:

"O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:"

Psalms 115:16 states:

"The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

Ecclesiastes 1:4 states:

"One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth forever."

Isaiah 14:7 states:

"The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing."

Isaiah 45:18 states:

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."

Isaiah 66:1 states:

"Thus saith the LORD, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house

that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

Isaiah 60:13 states:

"The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious."

Habakkuk 2:14 states:

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Zechariah 14:9 states:

"And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."

Isaiah 65:21-25 states:

"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpents meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my mountain, saith the LORD."

All of these scriptures pertain to the earth, not to the heavens, and they are a fulfillment to men of flesh and blood and not to spiritual creatures. These are the ones that Yahshua points out as being sheep of another fold. These will also come under the care of the good shepherd, and together they will become one flock with the heavenly class, under the one who has been given all authority in heaven and earth — the King of kings (king over the 144,000 kings) and Lord of lords (Lord over all those in authority), Yahshua the Messiah. This earthly class is called out after the heavenly class has been selected and their number sealed.

Therefore, I Thessalonians 4:14-18 is referring to the heavenly class, which was still being gathered at that time whose number was not completed until about 1913 (Revelation 7:2&3, Matthew 24:45-47), just prior to the end of the 6000 years of Satan's rule. The devil was then thrown out of heaven, which brought woe to the inhabitants of the earth and resulted in the First World War (Rev. 12:7-12 and Rev. 11:17&18). We also find recorded in Revelation 12:1 that Yahweh's woman Zion, who is made up of Yahshua and the 144,000, was already in the heavens before the war in heaven began. This means that the first resurrection had already taken place and that the dead in Christ, who were to rise first, had already received their heavenly reward. This means that Yahshua made his second presence before 1914, in order to first resurrect the heavenly class, and second, cast the devil out of heaven. This resulted in the First World War (Rev. 2:10).

It was in April of 1917, at the end of the 6000 years when Yahshua came to his temple and began his thousand year reign. The rest of the 144,000, who were alive at this time, had to remain faithful unto death in order to receive their crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

I Thessalonians 4:15 makes it clear that those who are alive at the time of Yahshua's second presence would not precede those who had fallen asleep (Rev. St. Ver.), or those who have previously passed away (Weymouth's Tran.). This makes it clear that Yahshua does not reward those who were alive at this time, but only those

who had remained faithful unto death. The other members of the bride of Yahshua, who were alive at this time, would have to prove themselves in the same manner as the ones who remained faithful to the end. Yahshua, the King of kings, shows no partiality to the last members of those chosen to make up the members of his body, but the same enduring test applies to all members.

Revelation 2:10 states:

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

"Ten" is a symbol of earthly completeness and means that the members of the true church would be opposed as long as they are on earth, even as their king Yahshua was, and those who are his must remain faithful unto death, even as he did. Hebrews 12:1 states:

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

Furthermore, Yahshua stated emphatically in John 15:18 & 19:

"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 the world, therefore the world hateth you."

These verses cannot begin to be applied to the clergy of this world who are taught and ordained in the schools and institutions of this world, which is the

devil's organization. Tell me, you so-called pastors who destroy and scatter the sheep of Yahweh's pasture (Jer.23:1), and you shepherds who feed yourselves of the flock rather than feed the flock that you have taken charge of (Ezk. 34:2&3), which one of Yahweh's faithful prophets received His revelations, understanding and mission from the institutions of this world? Did not Yahweh speak to them from the heavens? Did not the apostles and disciples receive the understanding through the pouring out of His holy spirit? Must not one who preaches be sent by Yahweh, and not by man or man's institutions, which incidentally are demon inspired, (Jer.1:9&10, Acts 2:1-4, John 1:6 and Romans 10:14&15)?

Verse 16 of I Thessalonians chapter 4 (Rev. St. Ver.) gives further evidence that Yahshua's first mission to be fulfilled at his second presence is to resurrect those who have remained faithful unto death. These would be resurrected first and would therefore, be the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb, making them part of the 144,000 (Revelation 14:1-4). The dead in Christ rising first, makes them of the first resurrection, and these live and reign with Christ 1000 years (Revelation 20:4-6). Furthermore, it is not necessary for Yahshua to LITERALLY descend upon the earth to raise the dead — no, not at this time nor at any other time in the future! This is explained in John 14:19 wherein is stated:

"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."

This means that the only ones who would see him again would be the members of the heavenly class, who would be resurrected into the heavens with him. "...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4). As for the members of this world, which is the devil's world, not only will they not see him, but they will not even recognize the fact that he has already made his second presence ("Behold, I come as a thief..."Rev.16:15). This is made manifest to the Israel of Promise, not only by

Biblical chronology, which shows us that the 6000 year time limit set by Yahweh before the beginning of Yahshua's 1000 year reign has been totaled and accounted for, but by the fulfillment of the physical facts at the close of this period when woes befell a multitude of nations suddenly and without precedent. This was followed by famine, pestilence, fear, insecurity and a corruption amongst the leaders and their followers, unequalled in magnitude at any time in history!

Luke 21:25 & 26 states:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

Also, by the greater understanding of Yahweh's prophecies foretelling the maneuverings of the demon inspired nations of this world in order to attain a strategic superiority that will render their ranks invulnerable to the invasion of Yahweh's 200,000,000 horsemen (Revelation 9:16). Furthermore, they are actually deceived into believing that they can forestall or even prevent the appointed time of their destruction (Daniel 7:25). However, Israel will gain a glorious victory over the demonized host, such as has not been seen or heard of to this time nor ever will be again. In this final battle some two and two-thirds billion people will die. Israel and those who have joined them will not have to strike a single physical blow. Yahweh has shown His people a prototype of the outcome of this last battle in II Chron. 20:1-30.

I Thessalonians 4:16 (Rev. St. Ver.) continues with these words:

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first,"

This entire verse is symbolical. There is no literal trumpet. There is no archangel's call. There is no cry of command. In fact, there is no noise or visible evidence of any kind. Yahshua doesn't even come down at all to resurrect the dead, but merely employs his universal sovereignty to raise the faithful dead into the heavens; for you notice that he descends with a cry of COMMAND. It is the COMMAND symbolizing his authority that will cause the dead to respond, or in plain language to restore the dead to life. A similar illustration of this heavenly power descending on earth for the purpose of ruling the earth is found in Revelation 21: 2 & 10. Verse 2 states:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Verse 10 states:

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."

In these verses, it is made to appear that the entire heavenly city is descending on earth, when actually what Yahweh is portraying is that this heavenly organization will rule and bless obedient and faithful mankind on earth and will communicate, influence and guide them as though its abode were literally on earth. However, the truth of the matter is that the new Jerusalem remains in the heavens, for Paul states in Galatians 4:26:

"But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

And Hebrews 12:22 states:

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels."

Jerusalem in the type was on earth and her king and his throne on the earth. Jerusalem in the antitype or in the fulfillment of the type is above, in the heavens, and will endure forever. Isaiah 9:6 & 7 state:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

Hebrews 1:8 has this to say:

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

Finally, I Thessalonians 4:17:

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Notice that by this time the dead in Christ have already been raised. However, there are yet those who are still alive, who are left or remain, indicating a time lapse between the resurrected dead and those who are still alive. Exactly how long is this lapse of time? This could be any length of time after 1913, within the life-span of a human creature, for those who are alive must in the same manner prove themselves as those who died in faith ("...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."), and when these died faithfully they joined the other members who had died before them and have already been resurrected. You may also

notice that they are caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Clouds and air both symbolize the heavens, for they are above the earth. If Yahshua were to come again on earth (literally) they would necessarily have to meet on earth at least for a time when he first descends, but they meet in the air, or heavens, indicating that he never left the heavens in the first place. The inconsistencies of the teachings of the clergy of this world is further evidenced by examining verse 50 in I Corinthians chapter 15 (Rev. St. Ver.), which states:

"I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

If those who are alive are taken to heaven at his second presence without first dying, they would have to be taken up in their present flesh and blood bodies. This is impossible, as Paul states in verse 50. For the physical body which is perishable or mortal cannot become imperishable or immortal unless it be changed into a spiritual or immortal body, and this change comes about after death. I Corinthians 15:35 & 36 (Rev. St. Ver.) states:

"But some one will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies."

Paul emphatically states that nothing comes to life (spiritual life) unless it dies; so there is no change without death, and death comes at the end of life. Verse 44 (Rev. St. Ver.) states:

"It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body."

There is still another point to be brought out in verse 50, when Paul states that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,". To inherit it means to

possess the kingdom. This means that Paul and the other members of the church, which is the body of Yahshua (Eph. 1:22&23), were again, cannot possess the kingdom. These, again, cannot be separated from the little flock to whom Yahshua said: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32). This little flock would possess or inherit the kingdom; they would be priests of God and Christ, and would reign with him 1000 years (Revelation 20:6), and these are a part of the first resurrection. They would be of the first resurrection or firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb and therefore, a part of the 144,000. They would be those who are Christ's and are resurrected first after Christ, himself (I Cor. 15:23).

Yahweh deals with Israel alone. He gives the understanding of His word and purpose to them only (Psalms 147:19 & 20). The earthly portion of Israel is made up of those who recognize Yahweh's resurrected prophets and accept the truth as revealed through these men. These come out of this world, which said world is of the devil and they give their hearts and allegiance over entirely to Yahweh, and to His kingdom. These become citizens of the newly established kingdom, whose king, Yahshua, is now reigning in the heavens with his bride, the church, whose total number is 144,000.

The task that Yahweh entrusts to Israel, and which Israel accepts with all joyfulness of heart, is to restore all of the understanding once given to His prophets and apostles. This is necessary because the devil, by the use of organized religion, has so confused the original understanding that there are, at this time, some 800 different so-called Christian religions. By their unauthorized attempts to interpret Yahweh's word, they have caused the public to believe that the Bible is an instrument on which any tune can be played. This shakes the people's confidence in the existence of a supreme being. This causes people to shy away from anything that has to do with the Bible. This casts reproach on Yahweh's name as though He were a God of confusion (I Cor. 14:33), and all these results are exactly what the devil has been trying to accomplish from the time

that he deceived Eve! Yahshua predicted this when he stated in John 14:30:

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

This means that after he would have accomplished his mission which was: first, to vindicate his father's name, by proving the devil a liar when he claimed that he could turn all men against Yahweh (Job 1:6-11 and Job 2:1-5). Secondly, Yahshua shedding his life's blood to redeem man from the sin which man inherited from Adam. Then would the scripture in John 14:30 be fulfilled; for Yahshua will have then left the earth, and then the prince of this world, who is the god of this world, Satan the Devil, would return to begin taking full possession of mankind once again. While still on earth, Yahshua was tested by the devil in many ways. One was when the devil offered him all the kingdoms of this world and their glory, if he would worship him instead of Yahweh, the true God. The devil finally withdrew, only to bring opposition, accusations, and reproach upon Yahshua by and through his earthly organization (take notice that it was the religious leaders who took the lead in this shameful activity of claiming to be worshipping Yahweh).

Yahshua also shed his life's blood to redeem man from the sin which we inherited from Adam. He alone of all men, who were on earth after Adam, could do this: for he alone was perfect as Adam was before sinning. Yahshua was free of inherited sin because he was not a child conceived by the union of Joseph and Mary; for Mary was with child before they came together. This means that Yahweh had transferred the perfect life of His beloved son into the womb of Mary, and Mary was merely used to nourish this life in her womb until he was taken from her womb at birth. He then grew and became the only other perfect man after Adam. This perfect man, Yahshua, was willing to be sacrificed to pay the price for Adam's original sin; by having the death sentence that was pronounced on Adam car-

ried out on him. Yahshua was, therefore, executed as a sinner, and thereby ransomed the entire human race from the power of the grave. Now, everyone who has died may be brought back from death and given an opportunity to be taught, corrected, restored to perfection; and, upon proving themselves righteous, gain everlasting life. Fifty days after Yahshua shed his life's blood, having already ascended into the heavens, he sent the holy spirit on his apostles and followers. The resultant miracles of revealing the keys of the kingdom, of speaking in tongues and healings, which have never been equaled on earth by any of the devil's religions, proves that these were the doings of Yahweh, and that this was Yahweh's foundation for His heavenly organization, and that mankind should seek his God in no other foundation. Anyone continuing the work adds to the building, but care must be exercised as to just how he builds thereon and that he does not get sidetracked by the devil, for when the truth is revealed it will be tested and measure; he will be held accountable for his building and what sort of work he has done. If the work does not measure up by meeting with Yahweh's approval, it will be burned up, and the only way that the offender can be saved, is to be able to survive the agony of being exposed to the view of all of Israel. These have the clear vision of being able to recognize the offense. This is referred to as being through the fire (I Cor. 3:1-15).

These miracles continued during the lifetime of the apostles, for they were the foundations of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:9-14); but they were not to continue forever, for Yahweh is gathering a people who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and these will be filled with the pure, loving, and just message of the truth, which is revealed in the last days, which we are now in. Those who require miracles to be convinced, would not measure up to the class of people that Yahweh is now selecting. His people must be able to discern the difference between a message of love and a message of selfishness; one of justice or one of injustice; one of wisdom or one of idiocy, and because these search with all of their

hearts to find the truth, Yahweh blesses them by pouring His Holy Spirit upon them. These are now able to see clearly and can now separate the truth from the lies. Those who require miracles would have no understanding of Yahweh's plan and would fall out anyway, as soon as the miracles ceased. Yahweh does not want these people, for they do not prove themselves. For this reason, these words of instruction have been recorded in Matthew 16:1-4:

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed."

One more crucial point to be clarified is the national origin of the true church. What nationality, race or tongue are these taken from? The clergy, who have not been blessed by Yahweh's Holy Spirit, and, therefore, have no understanding of Yahweh's purpose, and do much less understand the composition of His heavenly and earthly organizations, have been gently nudged by Satan the Devil and by the use of private interpretation (which Yahweh forbids, II Peter 1:20&21), have concluded that the church and the 144,000 are two distinct groups. The purpose of the devil is to prevent, or at least to impede, the understanding of Yahweh's word spoken by His people, Israel. He does this by causing His agents, the clergy of this world (by way of illustration), to throw a monkey wrench into the gears, in order to stop the progress. These wrenches are carefully removed by Yahweh's anointed members and progress is maintained. However, mainten-

ance is not the word, for it will accelerate to speeds unheard of in spite of the clergy, for Yahweh states in Isaiah 60:22: "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time." Actually, the only thing that the clergy will accomplish is that they will prove to all creation that they are on the side of the devil, even as their prototypes, the scribes and pharisees proved this, and made it a fact that they were serving the God of this world, Satan the Devil, even though they carried the scrolls of Yahweh's word with them and taught the same in their synagogues. To you sincere students of the Bible, please read all of the 23rd chapter of Matthew.

The line of reasoning employed by the clergy, which causes them to conclude that the 144,000 and the church, or bride of Yahshua, are two distinct groups, is the fact that the church, or bride, are selected from all races and nationalities, while the 144,000, according to Revelation 7:1-8, are taken from the twelve tribes of Israel. In fact, it states the number that are taken from each tribe ...12,000 from each tribe. First, let us consider the verses that the church, or bride, is selected from all races of man: Romans 2:9-11:

"Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God."

I Corinthians 12:12 & 13:

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body: being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Ephesians 3:1-10 (Rev. St. Ver.):

"For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places."

Acts 11:15-18:

"And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at 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. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace; and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life."

Acts 10:34 & 35:

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Romans 9:24-26:

"Even us, who he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God."

Romans 3:9 & 10:

"What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Acts 10:43-48:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."

Acts 13:46-48:

"Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

Acts 14:27:

"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles."

Acts 15:7-9:

"And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

Acts 15:12:

"Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them."

Acts 15:14:

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name."

Acts 15:23:

"And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:"

Acts 18:5 & 6:

"And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles."

With all this evidence it cannot be denied that the church, or bride of Yahshua, is chosen out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation. Now the task set before us is to give the final proof that the church, or bride of Christ, is made up of the 144,000, and that the church, or bride, and the 144,000 are one and the same class, and that these ALONE receive a heavenly reward.

First, Revelation 14:1-4 makes mention of only 144,000 being with the Lamb, and the Lamb is understood to be Yahshua (Jesus). Then verse 4 goes on to say that these were redeemed from among men, and, if according to the clergy, all believing Christians go to heaven, it would not be necessary to stress this point, nor would the number be limited to 144,000, for the number would run into the billions. The next point to be brought out is that these 144,000 members are the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. That these firstfruits would include the apostles, is proven in

James 1:18 which states:

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures."

The firstfruits means the first to be harvested, or in plain language the first to receive their reward. This reward is in the heavens because the Lamb is in the heavens. Being as they must be resurrected in order to receive their reward, or to be with the Lamb, they would have to be the first to be resurrected.

Revelation 20:6 states:

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

This means that those of the first resurrection would have to be kings and priests, and that James, who was of the firstfruits, is also of the first resurrection. This would make him one of the 144,000. Although he was a Jew, and one of the Apostles, we find that the way was later opened for the Gentiles to share the same heavenly reward. Revelation 20:4 states:

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

This is further proof that those of the first resurrection were to become kings, and that the judgment committed to them was fulfilled in the members of the church, or bride of Yahshua.

I Corinthians 6:2 states:

"Do ye not know that the saints

shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"

As further proof that the kings and priests, who are of the first resurrection, and are therefore part of the 144,000, are made up of all kindreds, tongues, people and nations, reference is made to Revelation 5:9 & 10. (Rev. St. Ver.) which states:

"And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth.'"

The phrase "on the earth" should be rendered "over the earth" (Goodspeed and Weymouth trans.). Being as all of this evidence points to the fact that the church, or bride of Yahshua is made up of 144,000 and that the 144,000 are actually made up of every kindred, tongue, people and nation, why does Yahweh state that the 144,000 are taken from the 12 tribes of Israel? Yahweh has a reason. Originally, Yahshua admonished His followers in this manner.

Matthew 7:6 states:

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

That which is holy, and the pearls mentioned herein represents the precious word of truth as revealed to Israel (for he deals with Israel alone) and spoken by them. No one can judge the heart of man, or what truly motivates him when he takes a certain stand, for Yahweh alone knows the heart. There are those who are sincerely hungry and thirsting after righteousness and these will be filled with an abundance of the hidden manna (Rev. 2:17), which is the word of Yahweh, and which is not understood by the world. Yahweh promises that those thirsting will drink of the waters of life freely (Revelation 21:6). Again

the truth is represented by the living waters, waters that are able to impart life to those who partake of them. Yahshua quoted from Deuteronomy 8:3, when he stated, concerning the truth, in Matthew 4:4:

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Those that Yahshua referred to as dogs and swine are those who show no appreciation for Yahweh's revealed truths and oppose Yahweh and His servants down to the very last, fighting Israel, even though the fulfillment of prophecy proves Israel to be accurate in their understanding of the scriptures.

In order to weed out the insincere ones that they may not inherit Yahweh's blessings along with Israel, Yahweh speaks to them in a strange language, the final result of which will be that the sheep will be separated from the goats; the sheep representing the docile and meek of man's kind who will inherit the earth, and goats representing the stubborn, hardheaded individuals who are too stupid to realize that they are conducting themselves in a most inhuman and ungodly manner by rejecting the message of truth — a message of love, justice and wisdom backed by Yahweh's almighty power. One of the events that occurred to the disciples of Yahshua, which caused them to question his manner of teaching, is found in Matthew 13:10 & 11 which states:

"And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

Yahshua's answer clearly demonstrates that there are those to whom He does not want to give the understanding. Those who

appreciate the fact that the living God, Yahweh, has caused His purpose for mankind to be recorded, and also how to receive His blessings, will strive earnestly to attain it. This they do by trying to get an understanding, and, even though Yahweh does not deal with them directly, but deals only with His resurrected prophets, and when these prophets begin to make clear the hidden meanings preserved in His Holy Word, these people will rejoice at having their prayers answered, and their hearts' desires fulfilled. These will study to show themselves approved unto God and grow in knowledge and understanding. These will take their stand with the prophets and the others of Israel and, take part in the teaching work that is assigned to Israel alone. Yahshua's promise to His people concerning finding the truth is in the form of a guarantee. Matthew 7:7 & 8 state:

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

The converse is also true: those who are not given the understanding are not asking. Those who do not find the truth are not seeking, and finally, those who do not have the doorway of truth opened up to them are not knocking nor are they even trying.

The earnest student of the scriptures should, by this time, have been convinced that the apostles were the first members of the bride of Yahshua to be selected. Their immediate followers were all taken from fleshly Israel, for Yahweh had dealt with Israel alone; he had dealt with no other nation, for Psalms 147:19, 20 state:

"He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes, and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord."

These Israelites were the children of the prophets and of the covenant which Yahweh made with their forefathers, for Peter says in Acts 3:25,26:

"Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

This is further made evident in Romans 9:4,5, which states:

"Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

For this reason Yahshua states in Matthew 15:24: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." However, because of the stubborn, stiff-necked opposition Yahweh received in response to His call, and the indifference which they manifested in doing His will by openly transgressing His commands, they (Israel), as a nation, proved that they could not be depended upon to bear the vessels of the Lord, for they would have to be completely separated and set apart from such adulterous activity (Isa. 52:11). I Corinthians 10:11 (Living Bible) states:

"All these things happened to them as examples — as object lessons to us — to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end."

This means that the events that be-

fell Israel were examples not to benefit the Israel of the flesh, which was completely rejected (This refers to the Israel under the law and to all of its adherents). These would never again receive Yahweh's mercy — never again be forgiven. Hosea 1:6 (Revised Standard Version) states:

"She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, 'Call her name Not pitied, for I will no more have pity on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.'"

Amos 8:2 (Moffatt) has this to say:

"Then said he, 'Amos, what do you see?' 'A basket of ripe fruit,' said I; and the Eternal said to me, 'So is the doom ripe for my people Israel; never again will I pardon them.'"

The examples that were set, and the lesson to be learned was to benefit the true Israel of Yahweh, which is now being gathered. These strive for Yahweh's blessing, which is what the name Israel implies. Weymouth's translation renders I Cor. 10:11 in this manner:

"All this kept happening to them with a figurative meaning; but it was put on record by way of admonition to us upon whom the ends of the Ages have come."

This means that the Israel under the law, or the Israel of the flesh, and Yahweh's dealings with them were emblematic, or typical, a mere blue print of the true nation of Yahweh, and of the authority He would employ to rule His people, and of His universal plan for all obedient creatures.

When Yahweh employs symbols to instruct His people, symbols that typify a purpose that shall be lastingly established, He is not deceiving His people, but He is providing a way out for all those who are not meek and humble. He is providing a way out for all the vain and haughty, who are

not righteously disposed, and who will therefore not submit themselves to His universal sovereignty. These are a source of irritation to Yahweh and He describes them as a smoke in His nostrils (Isa. 65:5).

Those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness shall be filled with an abundance of spiritual food and drink. This is brought about by Yahweh revealing to His prophets His precious truths which have been kept a secret throughout the ages. The prophets, in turn, publish these truths throughout the earth and the righteous ones partake of them.

The symbols employed by Yahweh always have some characteristics which can be associated with whatever they are to represent. For instance, Yahshua, caring for his people, is pictured as a shepherd. The shepherd represents the master, or owner, and the sheep are the meek or submissive ones. When he wants to represent the stubborn, stiffnecked, obstinate ones, he employs the term "goats" and he says that he separates the sheep from the goats, putting the sheep at his right hand (place of favor) and the goats at his left hand (place of disfavor). When Yahweh states that the 144,000, or the heavenly class, are taken from the twelve tribes of Israel, he is merely stating that he is choosing them from His people, who in a typical form, were made up of twelve tribes. He is choosing them from the Israel of Promise, for "the Israel of the flesh is not the Israel of God" (Romans 9:6-8).

Now for the Coup de Grace — the stroke that will end the suffering of all sincere people, who have been rendered spiritually impotent because of the illogical and inconsistent teachings taught by the religionists of this world, who are the agents of the devil and used by him to deceive the whole world. Of course they could not render such efficient service if they were not thoroughly confused themselves. These are to be left alone; Yahweh's work must proceed without them and in the near future, in spite of them. These are the blind that lead the blind and both shall fall into the ditch (Matt. 15:13, 14).

Revelation 21:9,10 has this to say:

"And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"

This means that Yahshua was about to reveal to John what actually constituted the bride, or wife of Christ. That which he did show him, was the great city, the holy Jerusalem. This is the same Jerusalem that Paul mentions in Galatians 4:26 when he states: "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." He also says in Hebrews 12:22: "But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels," This is a heavenly Jerusalem, a heavenly city, or a heavenly ruling organization that shall remain in the heavens forever and never literally descend on earth, as has already been explained, though it may bear repeating.

Isaiah 2:3 states:

"...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

This means that the word of Yahweh, which is the will of Yahweh, shall come down from the heavenly Jerusalem to the earth, that Yahweh's will may be done "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10 - Rev. St. Ver.). This is further emphasized by the verses in Rev. 5:9,10 (New Jerusalem Ver.), which states:

"They sang a new hymn: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and break the seals of it, because you were sacrificed, and with your blood you bought men for God of every race,

language, people and nation and made them a line of kings and priests, to serve God and to rule the world."

This means that the kings and priests who make up the new Jerusalem will rule the world, or the new kingdom. They will be the ones who will reign over the earth. Revelation 21:14 has this to say:

"And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

This means that the apostles were the first of the heavenly class to be selected and these were given a greater portion of His holy spirit, so that they were endowed with miraculous capabilities of understanding the mysteries of the kingdom which, until then, had been locked, or kept hidden (Matthew 16:19 & John 20:23). They were also given power to heal the sick and to speak different languages; languages that they had never previously learned.

These twelve apostles are the twelve foundations of the typical city, which means that they are the beginning of the selection of the 144,000, for the construction of a literal building always begins with the foundation. They are also the greatest in the kingdom of heaven for the rest of the building rests on them. Peter says, concerning the heavenly class, that they are as living stones that are built up into a spiritual house (I Peter 2:5). This means that this house is not constructed of actual building materials, such as stone or wood, but is made up of living creatures. This proves, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that He is not referring to a literal building that will be erected anywhere on earth. Understanding, therefore, that the heavenly class is made up of kings and priests, Yahweh uses them to build a ruling organization, a sheltering organization, a spiritual house. This is done for the blessings of the human race.

That which reveals to earthly Israel that the bride of Yahshua, which is the new Jerusalem, is made up of only 144,000

members, is the total figure arrived at after measuring the entire city. Revelation 21:15,16 has this to say:

"And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

The New Jerusalem translates it in this manner:

"The angel that was speaking to me was carrying a gold measuring rod to measure the city and its gates and wall. The plan of the city was perfectly square, its length the same as its breadth. He measured the city with his rod and it was twelve thousand furlongs in length and in breadth, and equal in height. He measured its wall, and it was a hundred and forty-four cubits high — the angel was using the ordinary cubit."

This means that all measurements are equal, as they would have to be, in order for the city to be perfectly square. However, verse 16 states that the height is also equal to the length and width. This would make the city a cube. A structure that is a cube cannot be built by merely measuring three measurements, for a cube has twelve measurements and each must be accurate, in order for the structure to be a perfect cube. The length, width and height measuring 12,000 furlongs each, would require that each of the twelve measurements be 12,000 furlongs. And $12 \times 12,000$ equals 144,000.

In order to unravel this mystery, Yahweh gives Israel many clues. Firstly, this cannot be a literal city, that He is referring to, because the new Jerusalem is the bride of Yahshua, and his bride is made up of the resurrected saints, who have a heavenly calling. Neither can living crea-

tures be used for building materials for the construction of any building.

The apostle Peter gives us another clue when he states in I Peter 2:5 (Rev. St. Ver.) :

"and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

This spiritual house which is made up of living members, turns out to be a heavenly organization which renders praise to Yahweh, for in I Peter 2:9 it states:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

These chosen members become a royal, or reigning priesthood which would make them the kings and priests mentioned in Rev. 20:6, which states:

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

And again in Rev. 5:9,10 (Rev. St. Ver.) it states:

"And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth.'"

These are the first to be resurrected and are therefore, the firstfruits unto God and

to the Lamb, mentioned in Revelation 14, and these total 144,000.

The number arrived at in totaling the measurements of the city, means that the Holy City, which is the ruling organization, will be made up of 144,000 members, and these, and these alone will make up the bride. And these, and these alone are associated with the Lamb, who stands on Mount Zion, meaning that he dominates it, or is the head, or chief one in Zion. This Zion is made up of Yahshua and the 144,000, or the bridegroom and the bride. Together they make up Yahweh's universal organization Zion, which is Yahweh's wife (Isa. 54:5). The authority given to Yahshua over Yahweh's universal organization is made manifest in Yahshua's own confession recorded in Matthew 28:18, which states:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

This is further explained by Paul in Eph. 1:19-23 (Rev. St. Ver.), which states:

"and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority, and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all."

Those who do not understand Yahweh's purpose for mankind — that is, to bless them with everlasting life on a paradise earth, and rule and guide them from the heavens believe that the literal earth, which Yahweh states will endure forever (Ecc. 1:4,5), shall be burnt up and destroyed. At this time or just prior to this, millions of so-called true Christians shall be taken up into heaven(?). You, who

have accepted this teaching have been misdirected in your reasoning, and you have been taught to believe a lie. For instance, why should a just and all-wise God take vengeance on an inanimate planet; a planet that has no will of its own, a planet that is subject to Yahweh's laws of the universe? How can this planet possibly do anything on its own to meet with Yahweh's wrath and bring about its own destruction? As proof that the literal earth will be burnt up, the religionists, who are wise in their own conceit, but are truly most ignorant of the subject of which they are supposed to have knowledge, namely Yahweh's plan for mankind quote these scriptures to support their contention: II Peter 3:12 & Revelation 21:1.

Destroying the heavens would not make the angels any more obedient and righteous, anymore than destroying the earth and creating another one would cause righteousness to dwell on the earth, for the literal heavens and literal earth are guilty of nothing. Therefore, creating another earth would not correct the unrighteousness of the human race. If they had sinned on this earth, they would also sin on another earth, for it is not the earth that is at fault. Yahweh has caused to be recorded in Isaiah 65:17,18, just what the new heavens and new earth symbolize:

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy."

Herein, we find that the new heavens is the new Jerusalem, and the new Jerusalem is the bride of Yahshua, which said bride is made up of the 144,000 members, all of which is invisible to human eyes. The new heavens, therefore, represent Yahweh's invisible, righteous, ruling organization. The people who are ruled over by this righteous, heavenly organization are represented by the term "earth", for the earth is visible. The earth, therefore, is employed as a symbol of the people who will re-

joice under the righteous administration. This righteous rule is the kingdom of Yahweh in operation, for which He taught us to pray saying, "thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The battle of Israel is not a carnal battle. The battle of true Israel has been and now is a battle against the old wicked heavens, or the invisible wicked ruling element, composed of the devil and his demons. The apostle Paul was well aware of this fact, and so states in his letter to the Ephesians in Ephesians 6:12 (Rev. St. Ver.) :

"For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Only Israel, who are the only people that Yahweh deals with, recognize that the devil is the God of this world, or system of things. Only Israel realizes that all of the nations existing today are a part of the devil's organization regardless of what they call themselves — Christian, Jew, Moslem, etc. This makes the two superpowers, the U.S.A. & U.S.S.R., the greatest tools the devil has to work with, for he will shape the new world order, which will make up the Abomination of Desolation, by the influence and pressure applied by these two superpowers on the smaller nations, until the whole world will conform to their will (all except Israel, of course). This is why Yahshua said, "ye shall be hated of all nations..." (Matt. 24:9). Here is something to think about: if the Christian nations hate the Lord's people, then the Christians are not the Lord's people, for Yahweh is not the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33). The true Lord's people are not a part of this world, as the Christians are!

Cheer up, all you lovers of righteousness — all of you intelligent, honest-hearted creatures who are seeking to know what it's all about. There is now truth in the earth and it will reach all of His

people, and when these exercise the proper effort they will possess this truth.

As has been previously mentioned, Yahweh speaks in a manner that only His people will understand, and He screens out all those who are not truly honest-hearted in their efforts to honor Him. To the insincere individuals, the word of Yahweh is a mass of confusion, and, even though they claim to understand portions of the scriptures, the understanding of the entire mystery of Yahweh's purpose is not attained. For this reason, most of what they claim to understand is out of context with Yahweh's purpose for mankind. As an example, one born again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ told me to divide the Bible in two, between the Old and the New Testaments. He then placed the entire palm of his hand over what is popularly called the Old Testament and looking at me said, "Forget all of this, don't try to understand it, just stick with the new." Needless to say he had approached the wrong Bible student, and I, in turn, looked at him with hopeless pity, for he had received his instruction from the religionists of this world! His understanding was so warped, that only a miracle could help him. The religionists of this world, like their prototypes the scribes and Pharisees, shut up the kingdom of God to the laity and even though they will not enter into it themselves if they continue to pursue their present course, the truly sad state of affairs is, that they prevent others from entering who would otherwise enter therein. (Matt. 23:13).

Matthew 5:20 has this to say:

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

Being as they are friends of this present wicked world, or system of things, they become a part of this world, and this world belongs to the devil. Therefore, it comes as no surprise, that those servants of the devil, like their father, the devil, would want to keep the gospel or good news of

the kingdom hidden from their flocks. II Corinthians 4:3,4 states this very plainly:

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

The gospel, or good news, is not limited to the fact that Yahshua came on earth nearly 2,000 years ago and shed his life's blood for man's inherited sins; thereby, giving them the opportunity to gain everlasting life, which most people do not believe because they don't understand how this is all coming about, thanks to the devil and his agents, the religionists. But that which is truly good news to the sighing and groaning masses of humanity, is the understanding of just how Yahweh will bring about His blessing to the human race. This will be brought about only by the full establishment of His kingdom, that will vindicate the name of the Most High, Most Holy, and the only true God Yahweh. Only in His kingdom will these promises be fulfilled. "Glory in the highest unto God! And on earth peace, among men of goodwill." (Luke 2:14, Rotherham's Ver.) Hosea 2:18 has this to say:

"And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely."

Micah 4:3,4 continues with this:

"and he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit

every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it."

These promises given by Yahweh to His people, Israel, could not possibly be fulfilled as long as these disobedient, wicked and hypocritical nations are present, for they will continue to interfere and attempt to oppress Yahweh's people. These scriptures could only be fulfilled when these present godless nations are completely exterminated from off the face of the earth. And exterminated they shall be, for Yahweh has so decreed. His promise to His people shall be fulfilled, for Yahweh cannot lie (Heb. 6:18). He is not campaigning for your vote. He is certainly no politician, or Big Business tycoon, or a member of the organized religions of this world. He is Yahweh, the Almighty, and the universe is His, and He answers to no creature.

To the Israel of old, which was later completely destroyed, Yahweh pointed out these grievances recorded in Isaiah 1:23 (Moffatt's tran.):

"your rulers are unruly men, hand in hand with thieves, every one fond of his bribe, keen upon fees, but careless of the orphan's rights, and of the widow's cause."

How much more so is this true today! How much more certain is the doom of this present system!!

Getting back to II Peter 3:12, the key to the understanding is the establishment of righteousness. The only things that will be destroyed are the unrighteous ruling authorities. The only thing that will be changed is the present unrighteous system of things. Wickedness will be everlastingly destroyed, and a righteous system of things put in its place (Rev. 21:1). After the first heaven (wicked, invisible ruling element) and the first earth (wicked visible ruling element) are passed away and the new heavens (righteous invisible ruling element) and the new earth (righteous visible ruling element) are put in their place, it was found that there was

no more sea. The sea represents the restless masses of humanity alienated from Yahweh because of ignorance. These individuals are automatically doing what is wrong, for they are products of a system that breeds lawlessness. They live in fear of a cold, heartless and competitive system, which, like a cruel, cancerous growth, mercilessly devours its own members. Intelligent people understand this. Is it any wonder that they are restless! You would have to be out of your mind to feel otherwise, a veritable Alfred E. Newman, who for obvious reasons has no worries!

Under Yahweh's righteous rule, these agonizing conditions will disappear forever, for the present system, which causes this insecurity and pain will have disappeared forever. The resultant effect of this toward Yahweh's righteous people, is described in Isaiah 11:9. Isaiah 14:7 states:

"The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing."

There will truly be no more sea (restless masses of humanity) in the very near future.

There is one more doctrine that the religionists of this world have, without authorization from Yahweh, interpreted to suit themselves, and in so doing have obediently served the devil in his efforts to make havoc of, to devastate, to utterly destroy the truth understood by Israel alone and this doctrine deals with the true manner of Yahshua's return. To understand this, one must not only understand the redemptive price, but, also the blessings made available to all of those who accept the sacrifice of his perfect human life for our sins. These must be willing to follow the resurrected Yahshua wherever he leads them. We must also understand how extreme and how unalterable, how everlasting the payment of this price would affect the one who had to pay it.

Let us investigate all that is involved in the payment of the ransom for the death penalty that was passed upon the entire human race through the sin of our forefather Adam. First, as to the death

penalty itself.

Genesis 2:16,17 has this to say:

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

To die is to go out of existence. He would return again to the mere chemical compositions and ingredients with which the earth abounds, and out of which he was created.

Yahweh made it clear that because of man's disobedience and the resultant alienation from his God, that the lot of man would not be a happy one, and he would finally return to the ground out of which he was taken, for in Genesis 3:19 it states:

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

No hell-fire, no purgatory, nor limbo, for the soul (or life) that sins. It shall die (Ezk. 18:4), because the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Sin is a transgression of the law of the Almighty, All-wise creator Yahweh. Therefore, disobedience to Him would constitute sin.

The death sentence passed upon Adam (Gen. 2:16,17) was an everlasting death sentence, for he could not redeem himself from the death sentence that he brought upon himself. He could do nothing while he was alive, and he could certainly do nothing after he had gone out of existence in death.

In order to understand the magnitude of the affects of Adam's sin on Adam and his offspring, I must make an effort to explain what being perfect really means. I cannot explain it by describing my own perfection, for I am also imperfect as you

are — such being the will of Yahweh, that I may better understand you — but what I must do is make clear to you that which I have been able to absorb and understand of the instruction that He has given me. First, the primary attributes of Yahweh are love, justice, wisdom and power. Love means unselfishness expressed. The word is translated as charity in the Authorized Version of I Cor. 13:1, meaning to desire to give without expecting anything in return. These attributes were not created in Yahweh, as they have been in man, for no one had anything to do with Yahweh's creation, for He is the self-existing One who is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the creator, who, at one time was alone, and who has created all things that now exist, whether visible or invisible (Isa. 43:10). Yahweh possesses these attributes in complete fulness, entirely free from deficiency, in complete perfection, so that there is absolutely no room for even the minutest measure of any other foreign characteristics, such as selfishness or injustice, to be included. Yahweh is a God of love (I John 4:7,8). He is a just God. He is an all-wise God. He is an Almighty God.

Man, who has been created in Yahweh's image or likeness, also possesses these attributes, for they were created in him. This then makes men gods, for we are the children of God (Ps. 82:6). Therefore, any man or woman who employs these characteristics in his or her daily life is an honor to Yahweh, the Father, and anyone who chooses to do otherwise brings reproach on His Holy name.

Man possessing these attributes does not, however, possess them to the same degree of volume as does Yahweh, and even though man may be altogether unselfish and desire to be motivated by perfect justice and want to direct his power and abilities righteously, he cannot of himself, successfully attain these goals, for this would require complete understanding of all things at all times — past, present and future. For this reason, intelligent men fully realize that man will always require the guidance of their All-wise Father and God, Yahweh. Man is not all-wise, however, there is no limit to the knowledge that he

can attain. Thus, with greater wisdom and understanding, the attribute of love can be expressed with less and less reservations. The attribute of justice will be correctly directed, because truth will prevail, and lies and injustices will surface for all to recognize. Man's power or ability will ever increase as he applies the greater knowledge that he gains through learning, so that in a sense, man's abilities are limitless. All that is required is for him to pause long enough to absorb the gains that he has achieved, and then continue to move forward and onward employing all of his past knowledge, and adding to it the knowledge gained by his latest discoveries. This will make life very interesting, but the greatest thrill of all, without which life would truly not be worth living, is the fact that Yahweh has now revealed Himself, and that He will lead man, and that he will now attain everlasting life, peace and security with none of the evil that now prevails on earth to haunt and torment him.

What does perfection in man really mean? Perfection in man (as, by this time, you must realize) does not mean that man must be all-wise and almighty. It does not mean that he is infallible of himself, but it does mean that the attributes of Yahweh, which He has created in man, being love, justice, wisdom and power will totally and completely dominate the entire man, so that the body and mind of man will be controlled by them and the will of man will not transgress them.

At this time, man will have the same concern for others as he will have for himself. He will, at this time, express the same love for others as he does for himself, and he will love Yahweh the Almighty God who brought about this perfect and blissful condition with all his heart and all his soul, and with all his might (Deut. 6:5).

This is what perfection means. This perfection will only be attained by men of good will, and these men will live everlastingly and see the fulfillment of what the angels spoke of at the time of Yahshua's birth — "Peace on earth to men of good will" (Luke 2:14, Revised Standard Version).

Adam was created perfect. The attributes created in him dominated and con-

trolled the entire man. Then a command was given. The command was that he should not eat of the fruit of a particular tree. The command was the expressed wish of the All-loving and Almighty God, his Father, his Creator. Adam, in order to be an honor to his God and Father, must continue to be submissive to Yahweh's attributes, which He created in him. In this way, he would be one with his God, and example and a blessing to his offspring, helping to bring about their blessings, as well as his own. Before and shortly after receiving the command not to eat, and being informed of the consequences for disobeying the command, the authority and supremacy of Yahweh was recognized and maintained. Then someone else, other than Yahweh: the very one whom Yahweh had put in charge over man, spoke to Eve through the medium of a serpent. Genesis 3:4-6 has this to say:

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

The devil spoke in direct contradiction to what Yahweh had stated, which was that death would be the price of disobedience. Saying that Adam and Eve would not die, was the first lie, and it was uttered by the devil. His agents, the religionists of this world, continue to teach this lie by claiming that man has a soul that does not die, a soul that either ascends to heaven, or descends into a fiery hell. Soul, primarily means life. Ezk. 18:4 plainly states: "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Also, Rom. 6:23 states: "the wages of sin is death."

Adam and Eve in forcing their will, which was in direct violation and in open conflict of the expressed will of the All-

wise and All-righteous God Yahweh, broke the bond of oneness that was to exist between God and man, and also ruptured the delicate balance of control that the four attributes were to maintain over man's will and potential desires. The mental agony and despair brought about by his disobedience, threw the whole body into turmoil. The controlling attributes of Yahweh connected to and controlling the will of man had now been severed. The flesh of man became his enemy, making continual demands, seeking relief from the accumulation of pent-up emotions brought about by a sense of guilt, insecurity and hopelessness. And adding to this burden is the fact that today we must live in a system that is altogether merciless — it's every man for himself. The apostle Paul who was also a descendant of Adam, like unto us, wrote of this warfare within his body. (Romans 7:14-25 (Goodspeed Trans.):

"We know that the Law is spiritual, but I am physical, sold into slavery to sin. I do not understand what I am doing, for I do not do what I want to do; I do things that I hate. But if I do what I do not want to do, I acknowledge that the Law is right. In reality, it is not that I do these things; it is sin, which has possession of me. For I know that nothing good resides in me, that is, in my physical self; I can will, but I cannot do what is right. I do not do the good things that I want to do; I do the wrong things that I do not want to do. But if I do the things that I do not want to do, it is not I that am acting, it is sin, which has possession of me. I find the law to be that I who want to do right am dogged by what is wrong. My inner nature agrees with the divine law, but all through my body I see another principle in conflict with the law of my reason, which makes me a prisoner to that law of sin that runs through my body. What a wretched man I am! Who can save me from this doomed body? Thank God! it is done through Jesus

Christ our Lord! So mentally I am a slave to God's law, but physically to the law of sin."

Man now needed and sought for something to fill the void left by his alienation from his God. He needed someone that he thought would truly love him, that would stand by him through thick and thin, who would make him feel important and wanted, who would understand and would never abandon him regardless of his shortcomings and failures. The love of another human can be a very beautiful thing. However, two people clinging together in love for each other, cannot save either one of them through their love alone. The love of another human is no substitute for the love of Yahweh. Yahweh's love is an understanding love. It is a responsible love. It is a benevolent love. It is a paternal love. It is an everlasting love, never changing throughout eternity, and because Yahweh is Almighty and All-wise, man can rest assured, feel completely secure in that Yahweh can and will fulfill all of his righteous desires, even though at this moment they may appear to be the unreachable and the unattainable. The sin committed by Adam was committed while he was perfect, and having prior knowledge of the penalty for disobedience, the death sentence came into effect — automatically, at the very instant of transgression.

The children produced by the union of Adam and Eve inherited their parents' imperfection, for Adam did not know Eve until after Yahweh's command had been violated. As a result, their offspring could not measure up to a perfect human creature, nor obey Yahweh in a perfect manner, even if they wanted to. The All-wise God, Yahweh, deemed that the result of deliberate disobedience to Him had to be demonstrated to the entire human race. He foreknew that man who was created a free moral agent, possessing intelligence and an imagination would tend to plot his own course of behavior. And, not knowing the end from the beginning as does Yahweh, man would sooner or later get himself into a jam, as he has proven conclusively from the time of Adam's downward fall to this very day!

The use of the phrase, "the history

of man had been written in blood", is a fitting one and teaches us that man is unable to find his own way without divine guidance. Nearly 2,500 years ago, Jeremiah realized this fact when he spoke these words recorded in Jer. 10:23,24 (Revised Standard Version):

"I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. Correct me, O Lord, but in just measure; not in thy anger, lest thou bring me to nothing."

So, we begin to understand one of the reasons why Yahweh permitted sin to dominate the earth for these past 6,000 years. It is to instruct men of good will on what not to do if they want peace on earth and to share in the resultant blessings associated with it. That which mankind must not do is disobey Him. That which he must do, is obey, for Yahweh is not a selfish God. His commands are pure and holy and they will lead us along a path of righteousness, which in turn will bring us everlasting blessings (Ps. 19:7-10).

The sin of Adam brought about death — the DEATH OF A PERFECT MAN. If one of the sons of Adam had volunteered to die in the place of Adam for Adam's sin and pay the price for Adam's sin by his own death and destruction and thereby attempt to redeem the human race, he would have had to be rejected, for he would not have qualified. That which was lost, was a perfect human life. That which one of the sons of Adam had to offer in its place, would have been an imperfect one.

Nothing is impossible with Yahweh. Because there was no one left on earth who was perfect, Yahweh sent His only begotten (only born) son to provide the sacrifice. He was perfect, and when his life was transferred to the virgin Mary's womb for the putting on of flesh, what later emerged was the only other perfect human creature in the entire earth, as Adam had been before he disobeyed. For this reason and because Yahshua will be the father of all the living as Adam would have been had he remained faithful, Yahshua is known as the second

Adam, or last Adam. I Cor. 15:45 states:

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

In order for Yahshua to have been the only other perfect man on earth he could not have been a life or a product brought about by the union of Joseph and Mary or by any of the descendants of Adam for that matter. The baby Yahshua was an entirely new life descended from the heavens and nourished in Mary's womb.

We are now able to see the consistency of the prophecy recorded in Isa. 7:14 that Yahweh would give us a sign and that a virgin would conceive and bear a son. For the birth to be a sign or an omen it would have to be an unusual birth and not just one of the billions of males conceived in the usual way through copulation.

Thus the stage was set. The perfect man, Yahshua, was sent by his father (John 6:38) because he loved his father with all his heart, and with all his soul and with all his might (Deut. 6:5) and he was willing to lay down his life as a human sacrifice (John 10:17,18) for the glorious new world of rejoicing mankind, which Yahweh purposed and loved so dearly (John 3:16 & Matt. 12:32).

In sacrificing his perfect human life as a man he paid the price for Adam's sin and after the price was paid, man now has a new lease on life as though Adam's sin had never been committed. The death sentence, pronounced upon Adam, was an everlasting death sentence without the hope of man ever being resurrected. Listen to the unalterable law of the all-wise, entirely just God, Yahweh, as He commands Adam before he sinned: "For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). Such being the case, the price that Yahshua would have to pay would have to be identical to the death sentence passed upon Adam. The price had to be equal to the price Adam had to pay, otherwise the price would not be paid. For this reason Yahshua, as a man, had to die an everlasting death as a man and could in no way possible ever be a man again. Otherwise, the

redemptive price would be taken back by the one who paid it and the redemptive price would no longer be in effect and the human race would be returned to the same hopeless condition that prevailed before Yahshua died.

Those who follow the last Adam, or Yahshua, who do the will of Yahweh, will have the opportunity to gain everlasting life on a paradise earth. To truly follow him means to understand not only where his course will lead us, but we must also understand the price we will have to pay by pursuing this course, some of which is brought out in Matt. 10:34-42. The members of the Restored Israel of Yahweh are living proof of the accuracy of these predictions.

Is the message beginning to penetrate your thick skulls, you false teachers of religion; YOU, WHO ALL your lives have been receiving instruction from the one who has turned into an angel of light — the God of this world, Satan the Devil?!

Although Yahshua was resurrected, he was resurrected in the spirit and not in the flesh and I Peter 3:18 (R.S.V.) bears this out:

"For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit;"

Yes, he made himself visible. This he had to do to prove that he was indeed resurrected. Otherwise, the unbelievers would have made a laughing stock of the true believers.

After being resurrected in the spirit, Yahshua had the power to materialize as did many of the angels prior to Yahshua's day. Refer to Gen. 6:1-2, where angels materialized and descended on earth and cohabited with women. Also I Peter 3:19,20; II Peter 2:4-5; Jude 6; Gen. 18: Gen. 19:1-3; and Heb. 13:2.

As added proof that the visible body that he showed to the apostles after his spiritual resurrection was not the same body that he died in, this recorded evidence is presented: It being that he was not re-

cognized on sight, as he certainly should have been, by those who walked with him daily. This would mean that this other body was not identical to the former, as it should have been if it was the same body. John 20:14-17 states:

"And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God."

This is also evident in John 20:24-28 and John 21:4. John 21:5-12, indicates that they recognized him only by the miraculous manner that the fish were gathered and the manner in which he broke bread (Luke 24:30-31,35), and not by his facial features.

Still more proof is found in the strange and different manner of behavior wherein he would appear and disappear in an instant; not just walking away as any human might walk away, but simply vanishing before their eyes (Luke 24:30,31,36,37,51). Still another strange phenomenon which he performed with this body, that he did not do before, was the fact that he walked through closed doors (John 20:19-20). The point that I am trying to convey is that before his death and resurrection, aside from the miracles he performed on others, he conducted himself like any other human creature; never appearing before them in an instant and vanishing before their eyes in another instant.

The body with which he ascended into heaven was this same spiritual body that he could cause to appear and disappear at will and, I repeat, this phenomenal behavior was never engaged in while he was a man. It

was with this same spiritual body that he made his second presence — only at this time the world did not see him, for he plainly stated in John 14:19:

"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."

This means that no one on earth would ever literally see him again, but only those who ascend to heaven would ever see him. And John 16:28 states bluntly:

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

Again, there is no promise of a literal return. This means that the resurrected Yahshua will always remain in glory with his Father, having been given the highest position in the universe.

Ephesians 1:19-20 states:

"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,"

For him to ever return on earth and rule on earth, instead of from his heavenly Jerusalem, would demote him, not only to the lowest position in the heavens but even beneath the lowest angels; for man is created a little lower than the angels (Ps. 8:4-5). This is hardly a fulfillment of Ephesians 1:19-20! Also, David prophesied that Yahshua would remain at Yahweh's right hand until the enemy, who is the devil,

would be made his footstool (his footstool meaning the earth (Ps. 110:1,2)). This means that Yahshua would not begin his kingdom reign until the devil was thrown out of heaven onto the earth. This took place in 1914 A.D. when the chronological count of time plus the fulfillment of the physical facts prove that the devil was cast out of heaven at this time (Rev. 12:7-10). After the fulfillment of Psalms 110:1, when the enemy has been made Yahshua's footstool, Psalms 110:2 continues:

"The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies."

This means that after the devil was thrown out of heaven Yahshua began to rule in Zion — Yahweh's capital organization in the heavens (this Zion is so pleasing and so close to Yahweh that Yahweh calls Himself her husband (Isa. 54:5)). This rule began while his enemies were still here, meaning that the kingdom of Yahweh begins while the wicked are still here to oppose it. Refer again to Rev. 12:10 and take note of the consistency of the two verses written some 700 years apart. Note specifically that at this time the kingdom of our God began and Yahshua took his authority to begin his 1000-year reign. This took place at the end of the 6000 years since Adam's creation, or in April of 1917 A.D.

The Bible is Yahweh's Holy Word. It does not contradict itself. Those who think that it does simply have not been blessed with His understanding. The truth of the matter is, the understanding of the Bible has been badly bent and twisted by the devil's organization, which they are now serving.

When the scriptures declare that "... every eye shall see him and they also which pierced him:" (Rev. 1:7), it does not contradict the scriptures that state that "the world will see me no more" (John 14:19 and John 16:10). The world will literally see him no more for he does not come back in a visible form, but they will be forced to see the fact that he has returned and is now guiding his people Israel,

for he is the king of Israel (Micah 5:2; Gen. 49:10 and Isa. 9:6-7). And Yahweh states clearly in Isa. 49:3: "Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified." And again, in Jeremiah 51:19-20, which states:

"The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his name. Thou art my battle-axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;"

It is His dealings with His chosen nation of Israel, made up of people of good will of all races of mankind, led by His resurrected prophets of old that will cause the nations of this world to realize that an invisible force is guiding the Lord's people and causing them to do exploits, to move forward in truth and to gain the victory over the lies and deceit propagated in the devil's world. They will expose this wicked system for what it is and knock the rulers of this world completely off balance.

The eye is an instrument of sight which gives us the ability to see. When one sees he recognizes or understands an object far better than if it were merely described to him. For this reason, Yahweh uses the words "every eye shall see him and they also which pierced him" as an illustration indicating that every one will be forced to recognize the fact that he is now leading His people Israel, for the two ruling authorities clash head-on — Yahweh's prophets against the devil's politicians. These events indicate that he must have returned. Those which pierced him symbolizes all those who are revealed to have been fighting against him, whether in sincerity for a time because they have been deceived by the god of this world, Satan the Devil or deliberately, as will be the case with many. These will be forced to recognize the fact that Yahshua has indeed returned and is ruling over his people Israel.

Matthew 24:23 has this to say:

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not."

Why should it not be believed? If his literal return is to be a reality he would have to be somewhere and it would certainly be worth your while to investigate to see if it is really he. But what do the scriptures declare? "Believe it not". Why? Because he would DEFINATELY not be there! Matthew 24:26 states this:

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not."

Again, it is emphatic, "go not forth... believe it not." In these verses he is making clear that no matter where anyone claims to have seen him, it simply will not be true. Why? Because he will NEVER be visible again! He will NEVER be a man AGAIN. II Corinthians 5:16 states:

"Though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."

Then there is the scripture in Acts 1:9-11, wherein the religionists of this world blinded by Satan the Devil, as to Yahweh's plan for man and ignoring all of these verses, cry: "Aha! We have gained the victory over you. We have now proven you wrong." These are the verses in question: Let's examine verse 9 first:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

A physical body cannot defy gravity. This resurrected body that was taken up was the same body that appeared and disappeared in

an instant, the same body that entered through closed doors. True, Yahshua walked on water, which would tend to contradict this line of reasoning. However, this was merely one of the many miracles that Yahweh performed through His son to prove that he was truly the son of God; miracles such as healings, raising the dead, stilling the tempest, the possessed boy cured, five thousand fed, et cetera; Yahshua's ascension was not one of these. It was not a miracle performed to increase the faith of the unbelievers. In the first place, there were only believers present (Acts 1:1-8). These had already seen many miracles and proofs to convince them, and another miracle would not have been the medicine required to offset the confusion and doubts brought about by their lack of understanding of the fulfillment of his mission. And this mission was the fulfillment of the promises given in the Hebrew scriptures concerning the setting up of Yahweh's kingdom by restoring the kingdom to Israel (Isa. 7:14; Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 11:1-9 and Isa. 14:1-2). By their way of thinking, these scriptures were to be fulfilled by an earthly king. Listen to the question asked by these apostles when this identity was revealed. Acts 1:6 states:

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, will thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

This ascension, if anything, would have added to their dilemma. For, instead of setting up the earthly kingdom, he was now leaving them.

No, this was the ascension of the spiritual body, miraculously made visible to the few believers to convince them that he truly did ascend into heaven as he had told them he would. And there he will remain with his father (John 16:28). John 13:3 has this to say:

"Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;"

He was created a heavenly creature and will forever remain a heavenly creature, for

Yahweh has put all things under his feet. Ephesians 1:18-23 states:

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

This scripture could not possibly be fulfilled if he were to return to earth and rule on earth, for then the heavens would be above him and he would necessarily be in subjection to them, which is in direct contradiction to everything the scriptures teach concerning the Messiah. Another point of interest is that his clothing was left in the sepulchre. If it were truly the physical body that had been resurrected it must have been resurrected naked, for the linen clothes that his body had been wrapped in were found still in the sepulchre (John 20:5-7). And if it were the same physical body, he would have taken his clothing with him, laying aside the fact that he had no money and it was much too early to have purchased any (John 20:1). But it was not a physical body. It was a spiritual body, and a spirit body has no need of clothing. When the spiritual body materialized and was made visible, it was seen clothed in the same manner as all of Yahweh's angels have been seen clothed Dan. 10:5; 12:6,7; Acts 1:10; Mark 16:5; Rev. 1:13.

What happened to the old body that had been slaughtered, slaughtered because

of the unyielding demands to do so made by the heathen Israel of the flesh — the body that had to die an everlasting death because of Adam's Sin? This body Yahweh chose to have removed when Yahshua was resurrected a spirit creature. If the old dead body had been allowed to remain in the sepulchre, truly no one would have believed that he had been resurrected at all and that this was truly not the same life that had been in that old physical body. We also notice according to the record that the angels of Yahweh were the first to get to the sepulchre, for although Mary went there very early while it was still dark, she found the stone taken away from the sepulchre (John 20:1). And when she looked inside two angels had already been there and were still inside (John 20:11-12). Undoubtedly, Yahweh used these two angels to remove the old physical body of Yahshua so that those who had been his disciples would not have to be burdened with what appeared to be evidence that would have produced more reason to doubt and would have added an unbearable burden to an already badly shaken faith.

Acts 1:10 and 11 continue:

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

The facts that have been presented prove that it will be impossible for Yahshua to ever be a man again, if the redeeming price is to remain in effect. And being as the earth will be given to the children of men (under our heavenly King Yahshua — Psalm 115:16) and that the meek shall inherit the earth (meaning that man will rule on earth (Matt. 5:5)), Yahshua's kingship will never be operated and ruled from the earth; but from the heavens as he has already begun to do. And being that he will remain a spirit creature, it is therefore unnecessary, inconsistent and ridiculous to ever

teach that man will again literally see him, for it is impossible to see a spirit creature. The only ones that will see him are those of the 144,000, or the bride, who join him in the heavens after these members die in the flesh having remained faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3: 21). Therefore, Yahshua says in John 16:16:

"A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father."

The understanding being that there in the heavens with the Father is where they will see him (John 14:19).

John 16:28 states:

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."

Yahweh's word is a book sealed with seven seals with Yahshua alone being given the honor and authority by Yahweh to open up the seals thereof (Rev. 5:1-5). This means that it is completely sealed and will be opened up only to those whom he chooses. Their ranks will be made up of all those who hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt. 5:6).

The apostles were the first to receive the keys of the kingdom, and this understanding became the foundation on which the church began to be built. However, the devil was certainly still around and very active and Yahshua, while still on earth, had foretold them that the prince of this world, who is the devil, would again gain complete control over the religions of this world as he had before Yahshua, the son of God, came.

John 14:30 states:

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

This means that the devil would darken and confuse the understanding of the truth until the whole world was again deceived.

The apostle Paul saw this happening in his day and wrote of it to the Thessalonians. II Thessalonians 2:7-12:

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying and wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

This has its fulfillment by the dominating influence exerted by the so-called church of Rome under the popes, which successfully and entirely erased the original understanding given to the apostles. Imagine a mighty religious organization in the devil's world dominating the devil's world! When Yahshua plainly stated "my kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36), he meant that his kingdom would be in full control only after this wicked world came to an end. The Catholic Church in ruling before the end of this world, ruled the devil's world and this proves that it is not Yahweh's organization but an instrument of the devil used by him to deceive all of its members and it will soon again deceive the whole world (Rev. 12:9; Rev. 13:5-8; II Cor. 4:3-4; James 4:4; I John 5:19 (R.S.V.)). But Israel is NOT of this world even as Yahshua was not of this world (John 17:16). And Rev. 18:4 admonishes those of Israel who are still trapped in this world (because of the power of Satan) to, "come out of her, my people, that ye may not be partakers of her sins; and that ye receive not of her plagues."

In these last days the resurrected prophets of old have now had revealed to them the entire plan of Yahweh, which has

until now remained a complete mystery.

In explaining verse 11 of Acts 1, we notice that the world of unbelievers did not see Yahshua ascend, but only a few of the faithful saw him rise. The similarity of his return would be that only a few of the faithful would see his return and this through the eye of faith. Hebrews 9:28 has this to say, "And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time." This means that he will not appear or be seen by everyone on earth, but only by those who would devote their whole heart and mind to the searching of the scriptures and would be watching the fulfillment of the signs of the times or of the physical facts. These, and these alone, were the first to realize that Yahshua had made his second presence and begun his reign. This class would make up the last members of the body of Yahshua known as the feet of him (Isa. 52:7) and it would be these members who would go throughout the kingdoms of this world announcing that Yahshua's reign had begun. The very fact that they would have to tell others of this event should clearly demonstrate to all that his second presence would come without outward observation.

Isaiah 52:7:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

In brief, Yahshua ascended without fanfare, without outward observation, seen only by a few of the most faithful and similar to this is his return which was without fanfare, without outward observation and was seen only by a few who loved his appearing. In contrast to this, the entire world (much of which calls itself Christian) will mourn when they finally realize that Yahshua has returned and is gathering his people Israel out of this putrid world, or system of things, and is now pronouncing the doom of these nations through his servant ISRAEL (Matt. 24:30).

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will bring those who do so into a collision course with Satan's world. By refusing to take up arms and to murder other human creatures in another part of the earth brings them in conflict with the laws of Caesar, the pagan king. In refusing to finance these wars, by not paying the federal income tax, it arouses the ire of the treasury department of Satan's organization and brings about an investigation by this sneaky, cold blooded body intended to frighten those loyal to Israel in the same manner that they frighten their own deceived members. They do not succeed with Israel, for Israel has Yahweh the Almighty God on their side. They are arrested for not sending their children to the schools of this world, which said world is of the devil, and which also places its institutions of learning under the control of Satan the devil. For this reason, these institutions teach and try to influence the student body with such subjects as evolution, which is a perverted hypothesis that deliberately ignores, and thereby denies, Yahweh's own record of creation given in the book of Genesis.

Yahweh has created every living creature after its kind because He says so; and who are you, oh man of dust, to challenge Him, His wisdom and power, because it was His desire to do so. This could not possibly have come about by a non-intelligent, imaginary, haphazard non-existent realm, whose egotistical propagators have chosen to call nature. Where was non-intelligent "Mother Nature" when the planet earth was weighed and its speed and orbit determined to absolute perfection so that it neither falls into the sun nor does it break away into space, either of which certainly would have been the case if supernatural wisdom and power had not been employed. This same form of reasoning holds true of all the other planets. The infinite wisdom of Yahweh also had to take into consideration the offsetting effects of the gravitational pull between two planets when their orbits bring them within range of each other's influence so that both of their orbits are affected, pulling each planet away from its prescribed orbit but this deviation is always corrected. Yahweh took this into consideration, so that the orbits of the

planets do not depart from their prescribed course. This is not accomplished without intelligence. Another teaching taught in the devil's organization is that men must compete with one another, so that the better trained may gain the better positions and defeat others who are contesting for these positions. This, you say, is good; for it will give the position to the best qualified. WRONG! For the most ruthless forge ahead — lie, cheat, bribe. Those are the ones that ascend to the top of this Satanic system. These are the winners. And the losers are those who have too much conscience to fight in this unscrupulous manner. This training for survival results in the evolution of a system that goes back to the jungle or that prevails among the fishes of the sea; with no provision being made for the losers.

In Yahweh's kingdom all men will work together as a loving family, each helping the other and all working for the good of the human race. And we will not compete one with another. In this system men compete with men to take jobs from one another — businesses advertizing to steal each others customers, Big Business playing the role of benefactor when in reality it is a monstrous, blood sucking abortion which drains its victims for all that it can.

Patriotism is also taught in the devil's schools, for many times the monsters in one portion of the globe rise up to devour the monsters in another part of the earth. Then the people who are bled dry by these monsters in their own homeland are commanded to fight their common enemies across the sea or wherever they happen to be. The people are not told what they are really fighting for. They are told that they are fighting for the homeland, for freedom, for free enterprise (which is legalized thievery), and for free elections, where politicians are elected to represent the people and once they get into office it becomes evident that what they are truly interested in and what they were always interested in, it is and was, themselves. This is why they do the things that will bring about the most attention to themselves during an election year, and after the election is past they practically cease to exist and forget most of the pro-

mises that they made before the election. The propaganda heaped upon the people of each country has the desired effect, for the people of each land think that they are right. Of course, this could not be accomplished so efficiently without the help of religion. These prostitute organizations, who are the children of the great whore, further the interests of the political leaders of the land they are living in in order to meet with the approval of the present rulers in Satan's organization; for this is where their interest lies, this is why they will receive no blessing from Yahweh (Matt. 23:5; Matt. 6:2).

The Israel of Promise will not follow the leadership of these deceived and selfish dupes of Satan. Israel will forge ahead with its war of truth, following Yahweh's appointed heavenly King Yahshua, as he directs his campaign on earth through his resurrected prophets to whom he has given the position of princes in all the earth (Ps. 45:16). In the second book of Kings, Yahweh uses Jehu to picture Yahshua in his righteous war against those who claim to be the Lord's people, pictured by hypocritical Israel. Joining him is Jehonadab, who pictures Israel. These have the same zeal for Yahweh as does their leader.

II Kings 10:15-17 states:

"And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up into the chariot. And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot. And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah."

This will befall all that are not true Israel; the greatest condemnation falling upon hypocritical Christendom.

One essential truth that must be made clear, and without which the progressive fulfillment of Yahweh's plan could not be understood, is the limitation of time given to the gathering of the heavenly class. For after all, they are referred to as the firstfruits (Rev. 14:4). The gathering of the firstfruits must come to an end before the other fruit, or other sheep, are gathered. Otherwise they could not truly be referred to as the firstfruits. To gather some of the firstfruit after the second, or other fruit, begin to be gathered would prove to be an inconsistent and disorderly manner of laboring and would cause confusion in Israel as to who is really being gathered. This would produce such ridiculous situations as the children or sons of the kingdom who make up earthly Israel teaching mother Zion, for there are many who claim to be of the heavenly class today who have been taught by the other sheep or earthly class. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE! YAHWEH DOES NOT OPERATE IN THIS MANNER! Those who make up the heavenly class must be outstanding in faith and must take the lead during their period of service. And whether or not some have been resurrected into the heavens before the other sheep begin to be gathered is immaterial. What is important is that their number must be completed prior to beginning the work of gathering the other sheep or earthly class. The following revealed truths will make this clear to all concerned.

Revelation 7:1-4 has this to say:

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there

were sealed an hundred and forty four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

The number four indicates the four cardinal winds or the chief points from which they blow: north, south, east and west. Interpreted, this means winds blowing from any direction. The winds which symbolize trouble, and the fact that they are held back means that no serious calamity would befall the earth (the earth represents the visible ruling element of this world). The sea refers to the restless masses of humanity that are held in subjection to these rulers. The trees represent the lofty ones of the earth, or those that its citizens look up to or, in other words, those in authority. The calamity, therefore, would not be a natural disaster as, for instance, an earthquake or a hurricane but an international upheaval which would affect the rulers of this world as well as the ruled. As to when this unusual cataclysm began, Yahweh, Himself, gives us the answer in His word the Bible. This took place immediately after the devil was cast out of heaven. Revelation 12:12 says:

"Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

This took place in 1914, as the physical facts bear out. This is supported by Yahweh's chronology which brings the end of the 6,000 years to the year 1917. The end of the 6,000 years marks the enthronement of Yahshua, as king, and is the beginning of Yahweh's kingdom in the heavens (Rev. 12:10) and this event could not take place until the devil was first cast out of heaven. This occurrence brought woe upon all mankind. This woe is the loosening of the four winds and is the beginning of the sufferings on a worldwide scale. This is described in Matthew 24:7-8 (R.S.V.):

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against king-

dom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the sufferings."

Revelation 7:3-4 specifically states that this evil would not begin to encompass men until the 144,000 were first sealed. Revelation 7:3-4 states:

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Accordingly, none of the 144,000 could be chosen after 1914.

This, however, is not the only proof that Yahweh has hidden in His holy word, which He reveals to His servants the prophets. Revelation 6:9-11 has this to say:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Those slain for the word of God are all those who have sacrificed their lives entirely for Yahweh and His service and who have not necessarily been literally killed but have remained faithful unto death, for they are dead and are resting, having died with the hope of the resurrection. This resurrection is a heavenly resurrection and is the reward that avenges their death on a Satanic world that has fought against

them to the bitter end. However, this resurrection, which is their reward, was not to take place until the total number of the 144,000 had been sealed and accounted for. The entire number had to be sealed when they were avenged or resurrected, and vice versa, they were resurrected only when the entire number was sealed. This resurrection had to take place before 1914, for these resurrected ones, along with Yahshua, make up Zion, or Yahweh's heavenly woman, and Rev. 12:1-4 describes this woman as already being in the heavens before the devil was thrown out of heaven. The crown of 12 stars is added proof that the members who made up the woman were taken from spiritual or true Israel, which in a typical form was made up of 12 tribes. Therefore, this woman is not a pre-existing organization that ruled before the New Jerusalem was established in the heavens. The birth of the child does not refer to a literal child but to the birth of the kingdom, while the seven crowns of the seven heads of the dragon refer to the devil being in the heavens and exercising his complete heavenly authority over the earth. Rev. 13:1, which refers to his earthly organization numbers his crowns as being ten, ten being an earthly number.

The entire remnant at this time had to go through the same severe trial which began in 1914 in order to test them. The fulfillment of 1914 was not according to the expectations of many. Divisions arose in their ranks and for the first time, the true evil servant was revealed. Those who were left were the true and completed remnant, for this was the trial that Yahweh had decreed that all of the remnant had to pass in order to be accepted. The trial was very severe. It appeared that Yahweh had deceived them and that they were on the wrong road. Only those who put Yahweh first survived.

The woman that Satan persecuted and pursued mentioned in Revelation 12:13 was the entire remnant of the woman and not just a small portion of this remnant whose remaining members would continue to be gathered in bits and pieces after the trial, that was to determine the true from the false, was past. It was the entire remnant of the woman that fled into the wil-

derness for 1260 days and was corrected and nourished in preparation to take the lead in gathering the other sheep. These other sheep are the children of Zion, or the Children of the Kingdom, who became the Jehovah's Witness or the first of the two witnesses.

Earthly Israel will likewise be faced with a common trial. It will be brought about by the establishment of Satan's Abomination of Desolation wherein all men within its jurisdiction will be forced to give their support and allegiance to the new world encompassing organization built by Russia and the United States and presided over by the Pope of Rome. Again it is one major trial that must be met and passed. Matthew 24:45-47 plainly states that this selected class, the faithful and wise servant, which is the entire remnant of Yahshua's body, had to be busily engaged proclaiming these precious revealed truths at the time that Yahshua made his second presence, by interfering with the devil's rule in 1914, and came to his temple in 1917 and began his 1,000 year reign. Therefore everyone who was not already consecrated prior to 1914, when the devil was cast out of heaven, could not possibly fulfill all of the requirements demanded of the heavenly class as outlined in Yahweh's word, the Bible, for their number had to be sealed when the woman first appeared in the heavens for the woman was made up of the resurrected members who had remained faithful unto death, (Rev. 12:1-5) and when these were avenged by being resurrected, the entire number was sealed. (Revelation 6:9-11)

The entire 144,000 members make up the New Jerusalem. (Rev. 21:2, 10 and 16). This number began to be counted with the apostles who are pictured as the twelve foundations of the city (Rev. 21:14) and their number is sealed just prior to the First World War. (Rev. 7:1-4)

The overall plan of Yahweh to bless mankind is revealed to be the restoration of Israel. (The Israel of Promise which He promised to His prophets, would be restored. (Isa. 14:1, 2; Isa. 49:1-3; Jer. 51:19-23 & Isa. 41:14-16.)

These scriptures are completely sealed to all except the resurrected prophets

of old and their students. The Restored Israel of Yahweh is not merely made up of the 144,000, which is the bride of Yahshua and makes up the New Jerusalem. (Rev. 21:9-10). Israel as a typical nation was not made up of Jerusalem alone, but it was made up of 12 tribes over which the king, whose throne was in Jerusalem reigned. This made Jerusalem the ruling city and this city ruled over the twelve tribes of Israel only. It ruled over them directly, not indirectly as was the case with the strangers or aliens, or those among Israel who were not Israelites. (E. o. 22:21; Exo. 23:9, 12; Exo. 29:33).

All individuals who were gathered after 1914, and who will continue to be gathered just prior to the collapse of the Abomination of Desolation, which begins when the great whore is exposed and denounced by the kings of the earth, will make up earthly Israel. These are the other sheep referred to by Yahshua in John 10:16 (RS.V.) which states:

"And I have other sheep that are not of this fold: I must bring them also and they will heed my voice, so there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

These will make up the great multitude which no man could number (Rev. 7:9) who are chosen after the heavenly class has been sealed. These exercise true faith in Yahweh as all true Israelites must. These alone "here his voice" and follow him. These alone understand and believe before all prophecy is fulfilled to give them overwhelming visible evidence. This is the class that Yahshua was referring to when he stated in John 20:29: "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." This is Israel, Yahweh's inheritance. (Isa. 19:25) The strangers are pictured as Egypt and Assyria. This great multitude which no man can number actually is numbered by Yahweh. These total 200,000,000, and it is this 200,000,000 of Israel who kill with unconventional weapons of war, 1/3 of the earth's population. This 1/3 are enlightened and purified by Yahweh's presence in His dealings with Israel. That which brings this great event about is symbolically

referred to as fire, enlightenment, truth, jacinth, precious truth, brimstone or sulphur (a purifying agent) and smoke, indicating Yahweh's presence. Most of the 1/3 is made up of strangers and these strangers do not believe without seeing. These believe only when they see that the nations are actually going to annihilate themselves just as Israel predicted that they would. They come over to Israel during the 5 months when impending war is certain (Rev. 9:7-9).

This has been given as proof that there are none of the remnant of the heavenly class now on earth. For this reason, Jehovah's Witnesses are now without an earthly head selected by Yahweh to guide them. This is why the light has gone out for them and they are now not moving forward with the revealed light. For them the light has gone out. Matt. 24:29 tells us that this begins to happen immediately after the Second World War, which along with the First World War, is one great tribulation. Matthew 24:29:

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"

Yahweh has not forsaken His people. However, the light has been given to His servants the prophets for they are to remain on earth forever.

The overseers of Jehovah's Witnesses are rejecting the leading prophet Jeremiah in the same manner that the Jews rejected their Messiah. They were the builders of the kingdom who rejected the stone that became the head over all things. Jehovah's Witnesses in turn have been the builders of the kingdom are now busily engaged in rejecting the one whom Yahweh has chosen to rule over the earthly portion of His kingdom. Isaiah 42:19 and 20:

"Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not."