

# **Teachings Of The Bible**

## **Part 1**

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## Part I

**Abomination of Desolation** — In several places in the Bible we are told about an “abomination of desolation” that will be placed in the temple (at Jerusalem) 1290 days before Christ’s return (Daniel 12:11). This “abomination of desolation” will be *a statue of the Antichrist* (the “IMAGE OF THE BEAST”) that is described in Revelation 13:14-15.

Amazingly this statue will be able to speak (as Satan will empower the BEAST). And the BEAST will put anyone who refuses to worship it to death. (Revelation 13:4, 13:15) But God sternly warns us not to worship the BEAST or his image! And God’s punishment will be much worse! (Revelation 14:9-11)

**Abortion** — Is abortion wrong? Of course! The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment plainly states: “You shall NOT murder.” (Exodus 20:13) And unless repented of, no murderers will enter the Kingdom of God. Instead, they will be thrown into the lake of fire—the second death—where they will remain dead for all eternity (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:8).

**Alcohol** — It’s perfectly fine to drink alcohol (Genesis 14:18; Deuteronomy 7:13, 14:26). We are even commanded to drink a little wine each year at the Passover/Lord’s Supper (Matthew 26:27-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29). But we should always drink alcohol in moderation and never get drunk—as drunkards will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

**Angels** — Angels are spirit beings that God created even before He created the universe (as the Bible mentions in

Job 38:1-7 that they shouted for joy at its creation). They are “messengers” of God and do His will. The two most powerful angels mentioned in the Bible are the archangels Michael and Gabriel (Jude 1:9; Luke 1:19). Angels are in heaven (Revelation 5:11-12) but are sometimes sent to earth to aid God’s people (Daniel 9:21-23).

**Animal Sacrifices** — Animals have NOT been sacrificed in Jerusalem since 70 A.D., but the practice will be reinstated in the end-time (Daniel 9:27).

The sacrificing of animals will be started seven years before Christ’s return as the result of an agreement that the Antichrist will make (Daniel 9:26-27). But in the middle of this 7-year agreement (or about 3½ years after the sacrifices begin) the Antichrist will rush in with an army to put an end to the sacrifices (Daniel 9:27).

The animal sacrifices will be stopped exactly 1290 days before Christ’s return—at the same time that the “abomination of desolation” (a statue of the Antichrist) is set up in the temple (Daniel 12:11).

**The Antichrist** — In the book of Revelation a BEAST is described that will wreak havoc on an unsuspecting world in the end-time (Revelation 13). This BEAST both represents an *organization* (a revived “Holy” Roman Empire) and its end-time LEADER (the Antichrist). This organization will consist of TEN European heads of state who will *soon* unite their domains to form a *United States of Europe*. They will then give up their sovereignty to just one man—the **Antichrist!** (Revelation 17:12-13; 1 John 2:18)

This beastly ruler (the Antichrist) is also described as “the man of sin” and the “lawless one” in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12, as well as the “king of the North” in Daniel 11:35-45.

**Baptism** — The Bible COMMANDS us to *repent* of our sins and then to be *baptized* (Acts 2:38). As only mature individuals can truly *repent*, baptism is therefore NOT for infants or children. Also, *only adults were ever baptized in the Bible* (Acts 8:12)—with Jesus Himself being baptized at the age of about 30 (Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:23).

Concerning the importance of baptism—here’s what Jesus told the apostles after His resurrection: “*He who believes AND is baptized will be saved...*” (Mark 16:16).

Also, as every example in the Bible clearly demonstrates, water baptism involves TOTAL IMMERSION into the water—and NOT just the pouring or sprinkling of water (Matthew 3:6, 16; Acts 8:36-39).

Plus, as Acts 2:38 and several other Scriptures (such as Acts 10:48 & 19:5) point out—we must ONLY be “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” and NOT the name of some particular church group or any other name.

Now, there is *one* Scripture (Matthew 28:19) that tells us to be baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Yet all the other Scriptures only tell us to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Not only that, but in every single example given in the Bible, everyone who is baptized is baptized in the name of Jesus only—and NEVER “in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38-41, 10:48, 19:5, 8:16-17, 22:16; 1 Corinthians 1:12-13). More than likely this one particular Scripture that tells us to be baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit” was NOT in the original Greek of the first century (when the New Testament was first written)—but was fallaciously added years later by someone who wrongly believed in the trinity. Otherwise, almost surely, someone would have been baptized in this manner—but no one in the entire Bible ever was!

Finally, after truly repenting and being properly baptized we are then promised that our (past) sins would be forgiven and that we would receive the gift of the Holy

Spirit (Acts 2:38). But one more thing is still required: "...they were BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS. And when Paul had *laid hands on them*, the Holy Spirit came upon them..." (Acts 19:1-6). And Acts 8:14-19 shows just how important this "*laying on of hands*" by a servant of God actually is: "Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He [the Holy Spirit] had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus [*and had NOT had hands laid upon them*]. Then *they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit*. Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

**Beast** — In the book of Revelation a BEAST is described that will wreak havoc on an unsuspecting world in the end-time (Revelation 13). This BEAST both represents an *organization* (a revived "Holy" Roman Empire) and its end-time LEADER (the Antichrist). This organization will consist of TEN European heads of state who will *soon* unite their domains to form a *United States of Europe*. They will then give up their sovereignty to just one man—**the Antichrist!** (Revelation 17:12-13; 1 John 2:18)

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**Calendar** — God's calendar is much different than the calendar that most people use today. It incorporates both the sun AND the moon in its calculations (Genesis 1:14).

The start of a new year is determined each year by the appearance of the first new moon in the sky *after* the spring equinox (which normally occurs on March 20<sup>th</sup>). This first new moon of the spring appears in the western sky as a very thin visible crescent shortly after sunset. This day is then considered the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month—the New Year. The 1<sup>st</sup> month lasts until the next new moon appears (about 29 or 30 days later), then the 2<sup>nd</sup> month begins. Each successive month is then determined in the same manner (by the appearance of a new moon). Once the spring equinox returns (12 or 13 months later) the cycle is started all over again, and a new year begins.

In God's calendar, each day starts at sunset, and therefore extends from sunset to sunset (Leviticus 23:32; Genesis 1:5). For example, once the sun sets on Saturday evening, a new day begins—the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week. So the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week goes from sunset Saturday evening until sunset Sunday evening. And then the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week begins at sunset Sunday evening and lasts until sunset Monday evening. This pattern then repeats itself for every day of the week until we come to the 7<sup>th</sup> and final day of the week—the Sabbath—which occurs from sunset Friday evening until sunset Saturday evening. Then at sunset Saturday evening the weekly cycle begins all over again with the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week.

**Church of God** — The true church of God is not a building nor is it an organization. The true church of God is composed of men and women who are filled with and led by God's Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9, 14). In order for someone to become a member of God's true church—a genuine Christian—God must first call them and draw them to Christ (John 6:44, 6:65). Then upon real repentance, baptism, and the "laying on of hands," they receive God's Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, 19:1-6, 8:14-19). They are then set apart

as a member of God's church (God's "called out ones")—a true Christian.

**Clothing & Appearance** — Women are NOT to dress lavishly or promiscuously, but modestly (1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-5).

**Day of Christ's Death & Resurrection** — Contrary to popular belief, Jesus was NOT crucified on a Friday (nor on a Wednesday as many others believe), but was instead crucified on a *Thursday* (Luke 24:20-21). Christ was then resurrected back to life on a *Sunday* (Mark 16:9).

**Day of the Lord** — The "Day of the Lord" represents the punishment of Jesus Christ upon a wicked and defiant world (Revelation 9:20-21, 16:9-11; Isaiah 13:6; Joel 1:15; Jeremiah 30:5-11; Amos 5:16-20; Obadiah 1:15; Zephaniah 1:14-17, 14:1-3). This "day" will actually last one year and will be the final year preceding Christ's return (Isaiah 34:8).

**Deadly Wound Healed** — The BEAST (i.e. the Antichrist) will be fatally wounded—perhaps even to the point of death—about 3½ years before the return of Jesus (Revelation 13:3, 13:5). But the BEAST will recover! And the world will be absolutely astonished when he does! (Revelation 13:3-4)

The wound that the Antichrist receives will probably be so severe that it will result in his death. But then he will be brought back to life! (Revelation 17:8, 11, 13:3, 14)

And don't be surprised if the BEAST is killed on a *Friday* (perhaps even Good Friday!) and brought back to life on a *Sunday* (perhaps even Easter Sunday!). And where does his power come from? From Satan the Devil! (Revelation 13:4)

**Demons** — Demons were once *angels* of light. But they followed Satan the Devil in his rebellion against God and became evil (Revelation 12:7-10).

Demons are also called devils, fallen angels, angels of darkness, and fallen stars. The Bible indicates that 1/3 of the angels became demons (Revelation 12:3-4). And demons work closely with Satan to deceive and pervert mankind.

**Devil** — The Devil was at one time a magnificent and brilliant *angel*. His name at that time was Lucifer (“light bringer”). He was one of the three most powerful angels in the universe. He was a cherub/archangel—along with Michael and Gabriel. But he rebelled against God and became evil (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17). God then changed his name to Satan (“Adversary”). He is also called the Devil, the dragon, and the serpent (Revelation 12:9).

The Devil is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:3) and greatly deceives mankind (Revelation 12:7-10).

**Divorce & Remarriage** — Jesus Christ plainly stated that no one could divorce and remarry—except for one reason—sexual immorality (Matthew 5:32, 19:9). Jesus also said that anyone who divorces his or her mate for any other reason and remarries commits adultery. And unless repented of, no adulterers will enter the Kingdom of God. Instead, they will be thrown into the lake of fire—the second death—where they will remain dead for all eternity (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:8).

**SEPARATION** — Now there are certain circumstances in which someone may *just separate* from their mate (but NOT divorce their mate). Such a person may NOT remarry—they must either stay separated from their mate (and unmarried to anyone else) or else be reconciled to their mate (1 Corinthians 7:10-15).

**Easter & X-Mas** — These so-called “Christian” holidays are pagan to the core and should NOT be celebrated (Jeremiah 10:2-4; Matthew 15:8-9; Mark 7:6-9; Amos 5:21; Colossians 2:8). Instead, God’s holy days (such as Passover and Pentecost) should be kept (see Leviticus 23, Matthew 26:17-30, 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, Acts 2).

**End-Time Elijah** — In the end-time a prophet of God will appear who will come in the spirit and power of the ancient prophet Elijah. Just as John the Baptist came as a type of Elijah during Christ’s 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, this end-time servant of God will appear just prior to Christ’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. This man of God is prophesied to “*restore all things*” (Matthew 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13). Will this end-time Elijah be one of the two witnesses? Almost surely!

**False Prophet** — In the book of Revelation a FALSE PROPHET is described who in the end-time will work hand-in-hand with the Antichrist (in the book of Revelation the Antichrist is referred to as the BEAST). This FALSE PROPHET (who is also called a beast) will *look like a lamb but speak like a dragon* (Revelation 16:13, 19:20, 20:10, 13:11-18). In other words, he will look like a true representative of Jesus Christ—but he will teach doctrines of Satan!

Who will this FALSE PROPHET be? He will be the leader of the Roman Catholic Church—the end-time pope!

**Father, Rabbi, His Holiness, Reverend, Mister, etc.** — Other than our physical father, the Bible states that we are *not* to call anyone “FATHER” (Matthew 23:6-12). Why? Because God is our Father. By calling a priest “FATHER” we are in essence calling him God!

Matthew also states that we are not to call anyone RABBI, MASTER, TEACHER, etc. Why? Because the Bible says that Christ is our Rabbi, our Master, our Teacher (Mat-

thew 23:6-12). If we call others these things, we are in reality calling them Christ!

Matthew also points out that another reason we do NOT call ministers in the church these things is because “*we are all brothers.*” In other words, everyone is on an equal plane. Therefore, no one is to be elevated above anyone else.

Matthew then continues: “But he who is greatest among you shall be your SERVANT. And *whoever exalts himself will be humbled*” (Matthew 23:11-12).

Therefore, ministers in the church should NOT be addressed any differently than you would address others in the church. For example, if you address others in the church by their first name, then you should likewise address the ministers by their first name. They should NOT be called MASTER, HIS HOLINESS, RABBI, LEADER, DOCTOR, FATHER, REVEREND, etc.—or even MISTER (such as *Mr. Jones*). Why? Because: #1—MISTER (or *Mr.*) actually means MASTER; and #2—by doing so you are putting them on a pedestal; you are elevating them to a superior position; you are exalting them above others (which we should NOT do).

Finally, ministers should never forget this warning from God: “*whoever exalts himself will be humbled*” (Matthew 23:12). On the other hand God also promises—but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Matthew 23:12).

**Female Preachers** — The *Bible* states that women are NOT to teach or have authority over men (1 Timothy 2:11-12). And women most definitely should NOT give sermons (1 Corinthians 14:34-35). The ministry therefore is only for men.

**Food Sacrificed to Idols** — The Bible emphatically states that Christians are NOT to eat things sacrificed to idols (Acts 15:20, 15:29, 21:25; Revelation 2:14, 2:20). It also

states that those who eat foods sacrificed to idols are fellowshiping with DEMONS! (1 Corinthians 10:20-21)

**Great Multitude** — In the end-time a “great multitude” of people will be martyred (Revelation 6:11, 7:9-10, 7:13-14). These loyal, obedient servants of God will be slain for remaining faithful to the Word of God. This martyrdom of true Christians will occur during the last 3½ years preceding Christ’s return (during the Great Tribulation). But in the end—they will rejoice—for they will be resurrected back to life in the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection as immortal spirit beings in God’s very Family! (Revelation 6:9-11, 7:9-17)

**Great Tribulation** — The last 3½ years preceding Christ’s return will be absolutely horrible! It will be so bad that humanity will be on the brink of total annihilation! (Matthew 24:21-22; Daniel 12:1)

Not just millions—but *billions* will die! Famine, disease, and war will be the culprits (Revelation 6:1-8; Ezekiel 5:12; Zechariah 13:8). And many will even become *slaves*! (Revelation 18:11-13)

The first 2½ years of this 3½ year period is called the “Great Tribulation” and is the wrath of Satan, while the last year of this 3½ year period is called the “Day of the Lord” and is the punishment of Christ upon a rotten, arrogant, and depraved world (Revelation 16:9, 11).

**Great White Throne Judgment** — At the END of the millennium (the 1,000 year rule of Jesus), all those who have ever lived (and who were not part of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection that occurs at the start of the millennium) will be raised back to life as flesh and blood human beings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6). This will constitute the vast overwhelming majority of people who have ever lived—as relatively very few people will be part of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection.

“Then I saw a GREAT WHITE THRONE and Him who sat on it... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God... And the dead were JUDGED according to their *works*... Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the *second death*. And anyone NOT found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:11-15).

As shown in the above Scriptures, Christ will judge the dead (who are resurrected back to life in the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection) according to their *works* (that is—according to how they lived their lives with respect to God’s Word). And those who are NOT found written in the Book of Life (because they did *not* live their lives according to God’s Word) will be cast into the lake of fire. But notice—they will NOT suffer in a place of torment (i.e. “hell”) for all eternity. On the contrary—they will die instantaneously in the lake of fire (“the second *death*”). As a result, they will never live again but will remain dead forever.

But those whose names ARE found written in the Book of Life—as a result of their *works* (for they *did* live their lives according to God’s Word)—will be granted eternal life and become members of God’s Family.

**Hair Length** — The Bible states that a man is to have short hair while a woman is to have long hair (1 Corinthians 11:14-15).

**Healing** — Does God heal today? YES! Jesus declared: “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14). But WE must believe with NO doubting! “But let him *ask in faith, with no doubting*; for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6-8). So WE must believe *without doubting*.

Besides believing, another thing that is required of us for our physical healing is REPENTANCE. That is—we must stop doing the things that have contributed to our problem in the first place. For instance, if it's a sickness, then we need to STOP doing the things that are CAUSING us to be sick. Just as God will not *spiritually* heal us (of our sins) unless we believe *and* repent (Acts 2:38, 5:32), God also will not *physically* heal us unless we also believe *and* repent. For example, if we have a disease that was caused from a faulty diet, then we need to repent—that is—we need to replace our bad diet with a healthy diet. As the Bible emphatically declares in Galatians 6:7: “BE NOT DECEIVED, *God is not mocked*—for whatever a man sows that he will also reap!” And God's Word also thunders in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are!” So WE must do the best we can to take care of our bodies.

Thirdly, in order to be healed, we must OBEY God. “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, *because we keep His commandments* and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:22). So WE must do our best to live according to God's Word.

Fourthly, we are admonished to do the following: “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of FAITH *will* save the sick, and the Lord *will* raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he *will* be forgiven” (James 5:14-15).

Finally, Jesus told the Apostles after His resurrection: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.... And these signs [of miraculous healings as well as other miracles] *will* follow those who *believe*... they will lay hands on the sick, and they *will* recover” (Mark 16:15-18). And look what happened: “And they went out and

preached everywhere, *the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying SIGNS* (Mark 16:20).

**Heaven** — The righteous who have died are NOT in heaven (Acts 2:29, 34; John 3:13). They are just dead awaiting the day when they will finally be resurrected back to life (1 Corinthians 15:50-58). This will occur at the return of Jesus Christ and is called *the first resurrection* (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 20:4-6). They will be brought back to life from their graves as *literal* sons and daughters of God. They will NOT be composed of flesh and blood but will instead be immortal spirit beings (just like Jesus Christ—their elder Brother). They will then rule on this *earth* as kings and priests with Jesus for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:6, 5:10). Then afterwards they will share the entire *universe* with Jesus Christ and God the Father for all eternity—with headquarters on *earth* at the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-3, 7).

**Hell** — The unrighteous that have died are NOT in a place of everlasting torment and suffering (that many refer to as “hell”). They are just dead awaiting the day when they will be resurrected back to life in the second resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6). This will occur 1,000 years *after* the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. They will be resurrected back to life as physical, flesh and blood human beings. They will then be judged in the Great White Throne Judgment by Jesus Christ (Revelation 20:11-15).

“...And they were judged, each one according to his works [that is—in accordance with how they lived their lives with respect to God’s Word]. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the *second death*. And anyone NOT found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:13-15).

So the final punishment for the incorrigible—those who refuse to change and live in accordance with God’s Word—will be *death* for all eternity. They will NOT suffer in a place of terrible torment (i.e. “hell”) for all eternity. On the contrary, they will just die in the lake of fire instantaneously (“the second death”), and then they will never live again.

But those whose names ARE written in the Book of Life—as a result of their works (that is—they lived their lives in accordance with God’s Word)—will be granted eternal life and become members of God’s Family.

**Homosexuality** — Homosexuality is clearly condemned in the *Bible* as a vile, abominable perversion. And unless repented of, no homosexuals will enter the Kingdom of God. Instead, they will be thrown into the lake of fire—the second death—where they will remain dead for all eternity. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:8; Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:24-28)

**Idols** — Throughout the Bible God sternly warns us NOT to have idols (Exodus 20:4-6, Revelation 21:8, 22:15). And yet certain (supposedly Christian) churches absolutely refuse to obey this command from God. And one such church—the Roman Catholic Church—has gone so far as to even remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment (which forbids idolatry) from their Bible!

But regardless of what churches may say or do, the Bible makes it very clear, that unless repented of, no idolaters will enter the Kingdom of God. Instead, they will be thrown into the lake of fire—the second death—where they will remain dead for all eternity (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:8).

But not only did the Roman Catholic Church remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment from the Catholic Bible, but the Roman Catholic Church has also removed part of the 4<sup>th</sup>

Commandment as well—the part that says, “but the seventh day [SATURDAY] is the Sabbath of the Lord your God...”

Of course, they removed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment because their churches are filled with idols, and they removed part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment because they keep Sunday instead of Saturday (the true Sabbath day of the Bible).

[As a result of removing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment in their Bible becomes their 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment; the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment becomes their 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment, etc. And then they divide the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment into two parts; thus it becomes both their 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment as well as their 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment.]

And because today’s mainstream “Christian” churches (including the Roman Catholic Church and ALL of her “daughters”) have rejected God’s Word, God will have no choice but to reject them! Unless they repent! (Isaiah 8:20; Proverbs 28:9; Hosea 4:6; Exodus 20:4-6, 20:8-11; Revelation 17:5; Daniel 7:25-27)

**Image of the Beast** — In the book of Revelation we are told that “the false prophet” will order the inhabitants of the earth to make an image (a statue) of the BEAST (i.e. “the Antichrist”). Revelation 19:20, 13:14

Amazingly this statue will be able to speak (as Satan will empower the BEAST). And the BEAST will put anyone who refuses to worship it to death. (Revelation 13:4, 13:15) But God sternly warns us not to worship the BEAST or his image! And God’s punishment will be much worse! (Revelation 14:9-11)

In other parts of the Bible this “image of the BEAST” is referred to as “*the abomination of desolation.*” It will be placed in the temple (at Jerusalem) exactly 1290 days before the return of Christ (Daniel 12:11, Matthew 24:15).

**Jesus Christ** — Jesus as the “Word” (the “Spokesman,” the “Logos”) created the universe and everything in it (John

1:1-18; Hebrews 1:8-10). He is the God of the Old Testament—the One who talked with Adam, Eve, Noah, Moses, Abraham, and many others (John 1:18, 5:37, 6:46; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4). He is the One who declared: “Let there be light” and there was light (Genesis 1:3). He—like God the Father—was NOT created but has always existed (John 1:1-19; Daniel 8:13; Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 7:1-8; Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-8).

But the “Word” divested Himself of His great power and glory (Philippians 2:6-8) and became a mere human being (John 1:1-18) so that He could die for the sins of mankind—so that our sins could be forgiven. Then after being terribly beaten, abused, and mocked by the very ones whom He had created (Mark 15:15-20), our Creator died a most agonizing death.

But why would the One who created us choose to suffer so much for us? Because God loves us and doesn’t want to see us perish (John 3:14-17). Therefore, the blood of Christ was shed for us so that the penalty for our sins could be paid (Romans 6:23). As a result, we now have the opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

So where is Jesus today? He’s sitting in heaven (as He was resurrected back to life 3 days after His crucifixion) in full power, might and glory at the right hand of God (Revelation 1:13-18). He is now waiting for the day when He will return to earth—when the sons of God will be revealed (Romans 8:10)—those members of the human race who accepted the sacrifice of Jesus (on their behalf), repented of their sins (Acts 2:38, 5:32), overcame by keeping the commandments of God (Revelation 21:7, 22:14), and endured to the end (Mark 13:13).

**Jews** — Are Jews of today really Israelites? Of course they are! *Jacob* (whose name was changed to *Israel* by God) had 12 sons, and one of his 12 sons was named *Judah*, the father of the Jews (Genesis 49). King David was a descen-

dant of Judah, as was Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38). Therefore, both David and Jesus were Jews. But, both David and Jesus were also Israelites—as are ALL the descendants of Jacob’s 12 sons. And today’s Jews—being descendants of Judah—are therefore Israelites.

But NOT all Israelites are Jews! Remember, Jacob (a.k.a. “Israel”) had 12 sons—not just one son—therefore the descendants of ALL 12 sons are “Israelites.” As a result, there are *many people* (in many nations) living today who are not Jewish but who are indeed descendants of Jacob (as they descended from one of the other 11 sons)—and therefore they are also Israelites! Consequently, many of the Bible prophecies concerning “Israel” in the “last days” involve these other “Israelite” people as well as the Jews.

**Kingdom of God** — The Kingdom of God will begin in its earliest stages with the return of Jesus Christ to this earth in full glory and power (Revelation 11:15, 12:10). At Christ’s return the dead in Christ (all converted individuals from the time of Adam until that particular point in time) will rise up out of their graves and meet Jesus in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Then all of those converted Christians who are living at that time will also meet Christ in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17). This is called the *first resurrection* (Revelation 20:6). But they will no longer be flesh and blood human beings but will instead be immortal, incorruptible, glorious spirit beings (1 Corinthians 15:50-54; Romans 8:18, Daniel 12:2-3)—the *literal* sons and daughters of God!

At this point they will all descend with Jesus and rule with Him as priests and kings for 1,000 years from Jerusalem (Revelation 20:6; 2:26-29; 3:21; 5:9-10). This 1,000-year period is commonly referred to as the “Millennium.” It will be an absolutely magnificent and wonderful world. Satan will no longer be able to deceive and pervert mankind—as he will be locked up and put away during this time period (Revelation 20:1-3).

Christ and the resurrected saints will rule on this earth with justice and equity for all. God's laws will be taught and enforced. No longer will mankind learn warfare but will instead learn God's way of life—the way of life that focuses on giving and not on getting—the way of life that leads to incredible joy, peace, and prosperity. (Isaiah 2:2-4)

Animals will no longer kill and eat each other. *All* animals will instead eat vegetation (just as cows and many other animals do today). Animals will be at peace with each other and with human beings. The whole world will flourish and be magnificent. The deserts will even blossom like the rose and be beautiful. The blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the dumb shall speak, and the lame shall leap. Everyone shall be healed and have a wonderful, healthy body. There will be no more murders, rapes, robberies, drugs, violence, poverty, slums, corruption, nor greed. In other words, the whole world will be just like the Garden of Eden, when God first created Adam and Eve (nearly six thousand years ago)! (Isaiah 11:6-10, 35:5-10, 60:1, 60:17-22; Zechariah 8:3-5)

Then all those human beings who are living during that time will be given the opportunity to also become part of God's eternal Family. But they will have to accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, repent, and then live faithful, obedient lives. If they do, they too will be given eternal life (just like those who were resurrected at Christ's return). They then will be given a new, immortal, glorious spirit body—for they also will be the children of God! (Ezekiel 11:19-20; Isaiah 65:17-25; Amos 9:13-15; Micah 4:4; Revelation 1:6, 5:9-10)

But this will just be the beginning! For eventually (after the millennium is over) all other human beings who have ever lived will be resurrected back to life (Revelation 20:4-6) and given the same opportunity! Isaiah 65:20 with Revelation 20:11-15, Ezekiel 37:1-10, Mark 6:11 (NKJV), and Matthew 11:24 (NKJV) seems to indicate that every human

being who is resurrected back to life at that time (*in the second resurrection when the 1,000 years are over*) will then live for 100 years as flesh and blood human beings in order to prove their willingness to obey God. Afterwards, each will be judged according to their works—that is—according to how they lived their lives with respect to God’s Word (Revelation 20:11-15). Those found written in the Book of Life (as a result of accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and then living faithful, obedient lives) will then be given eternal life and become part of God’s Family!

At that time there will be no more human beings. For all human beings who have ever lived will have become immortal, glorious spirit beings (the literal children of God!). [Except for those unrepentant individuals who had refused to live according to God’s way of life—the way of give (the way of kindness, goodness, cooperation, mercy and compassion)—but instead had chosen to live according to Satan’s way of get (the way of greed, lust, hatred and selfishness). These people will be put to *death* in the lake of fire—called the *second death* (Revelation 20:14-15)].

But everyone else (hopefully the vast, overwhelming majority!) will now be members of God’s Family and will live forever. At this time God will create a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1). Then God Himself (that is—God the Father) will for the very first time come down from heaven and dwell with us! ***The Kingdom of God will have begun!***

“Behold, the tabernacle [home] of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:3-4).

“Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’

“And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, I will give of the fountain of the water of *life* freely to him who thirsts.

“‘He who *overcomes* shall inherit ALL things [the whole universe!], and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:5-7). Those born into God’s Family will then share the whole UNIVERSE with God the Father and Jesus Christ for all eternity!

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20) May God quicken that day!!

**Mark of the Beast** — In the end-time no one will be able to buy or sell unless they have the MARK OF THE BEAST on either their right hand or forehead (Revelation 13:17). This mark will be a LITERAL PHYSICAL MARK that will be placed (tattooed, branded, etc.) on one’s body (Revelation 13:16). This mark will be *the name of the beast* (such as “Roman”) and *the number that represents his name—the number “666”* (Revelation 13:17-18).

In other words, everyone who wants to buy and sell will be required to have EITHER the beast’s name (such as “Roman”) OR the beast’s number (666) *displayed* on either their right hand or forehead. And failure to do so will result in that person not being able to buy or sell.

But in receiving this mark we will be displaying our total rejection of God and instead pledging our allegiance to Satan the Devil! (Revelation 13:4) As a result God sternly warns us NOT to receive the mark of the BEAST!

“If anyone worships the BEAST and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation.

And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night, who worship the BEAST and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name” (Rev. 14:9–11).

**Military Service** — Is it okay for a Christian to be part of the military? Absolutely NOT! Not only does the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment (Exodus 20:13) forbid us to kill, but Christ said that we are to love our enemies—not kill them! (Galatians 5:14; Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27; John 18:36)

**Millennium** — At Christ’s return the *dead* in Christ will be raised from their graves and meet Jesus in the air. Then those true Christians who are *alive* will immediately follow them—rising in the air with them (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). *This is the first resurrection.* They will then reign on the *earth* as kings and priests for 1,000 years under the righteous rule of Jesus Christ (Revelation 5:8-10, 20:4-6 1:6).

It will be an absolutely spectacular and wonderful world! Christ shall personally rule from Jerusalem with justice and equity for all; nations shall no longer go to war; wild animals shall no longer kill and eat one another but ALL animals will be *herbivores*; the blind, deaf, dumb, and lame shall be miraculously healed; the desert shall blossom like the rose; and God’s way of life will be taught and enforced (Isaiah 2:2-4, 11:6-10, 30:21, 35:5-10). Also, Satan will no longer be able to deceive and influence mankind, as he will be locked away during this entire 1,000-year period (Revelation 20:1-3).

**Modern Israelites** — Are there *other Israelites* besides the Jews? Yes! The *Anglo-Saxon-Celtic* people of today are also descendants of Jacob (Israel)!

Jacob (whose name was changed by God to “Israel”) had 11 other sons (Genesis 49) besides Judah (the father of the Jews). One of Jacob’s more prominent son’s was *Joseph*. And Joseph had 2 sons—Ephraim and Manasseh (see Genesis 48). Ephraim’s descendants eventually settled in *England* while Manasseh’s descendants eventually settled in *America*.

Other modern Israelite nations (besides the modern nation of Israel) include: Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, and Norway (besides others). Consequently, many of the Bible prophecies concerning “Israel” in the “last days,” involve these nations.

The Bible explains that in the end-time the wrath of Satan will mostly be directed at these “Israelite” nations—especially America, Britain, and the modern nation of Israel (Jeremiah 30:7). As a result—these nations—unless they repent of their abysmal behavior—will be *destroyed!* Most of the people living in these nations will die from pestilence, famine, and war (Ezekiel 5:12; Zechariah 13:8-9). And those who survive will become *slaves* (Jeremiah 30:7-9; Revelation 18:11-13; Matthew 24:21-22; Daniel 12:1).

**Name of the Beast** — In the end-time the BEAST (i.e. the Antichrist) will require everyone to have either his *name* or his *number* (666) displayed on their body (that is—*marked* on either their right hand or forehead). (Revelation 13:16-18)

Now we know what the number of the BEAST will be (“666”), but what will the *name* of the beast be?

At this point in time we don’t know for sure the name of the BEAST, but we do know that the letters in his name will add up to 666 (Revelation 13:18; LB). Therefore, a *very strong possibility* for the actual name of the BEAST would be *Roman*. Roman can be translated into the Greek language (the language the New Testament was written in)

as “Lateinos.” In the Greek: L is 30, A is 1, T is 300, E is 5, I is 10, N is 50, O is 70, and S is 200. Add them up and what do you get? 666!

Of course, there are other names that also add up to 666. But what makes Roman such an intriguing possibility (for the name of the Antichrist)—is—that—not only does this name add up to 666, but this name would also represent the GOVERNMENT that the Antichrist will lead in the end-time—a revived “Holy” *Roman Empire*. And not only that, but it would also represent the name of the great false CHURCH that will be working hand-in-hand with the BEAST—the *Roman Catholic Church* (Rev.17)! So perhaps Roman will indeed be the name of the BEAST!

**144,000** — In the end-time 144,000 people will be *protected* from the “Day of the Lord” (the punishment of Jesus upon an unrepentant and defiant mankind). This will occur during the *final year* preceding Christ’s return. These 144,000 people who will be protected and spared from the “Day of the Lord” are “servants of God”—converted, faithful Christians who have not worshiped the BEAST, his statue, or received his mark (Revelation 7:1-4, 9:3-4, 14:1-5; Ezekiel 9:4-6).

**Place of Safety** — About 3½ years before Christ’s return, God will allow His people that are *zealously* following Him (and NOT *lukewarm*) to ESCAPE from the Great Tribulation (Revelation 3:10; Luke 21:36; Isaiah 16:3-4). God will protect them from harm during this 3½-year period—though the Devil will try his best to destroy them as they *flee* to a place of safety (Revelation 12:13-16).

**Protestant Churches** — Just like their spiritual *mother*—the Roman Catholic Church (Revelation 17:5)—the Protestant churches also harbor many false pagan doctrines. And though they may believe in Jesus, and though they may talk

about Jesus, they do NOT obey Jesus! (Luke 6:46; Ezekiel 33:31-32; Jude 1:3-4; Matthew 7:21-23; Mark 7:6-7, 7:9; Isaiah 8:20; Proverbs 28:9; Hosea 4:6; Exodus 20:8-11) As a result they are *false* Christians that need to repent (Acts 5:32; Romans 8:9, 8:14).

**Purpose of Life** — God created human beings because God is a Family and He wants to enlarge His Family! There are currently two members of God’s *Family*: God the *Father* and Jesus (the *Son* of God). But God wants more Family members! That’s why He created us—to give us the opportunity to become His *literal* sons and daughters—so that we can enjoy the *universe* with Him—FOREVER! (Hebrews 2:10; Revelation 21:7; Hebrews 2:5-8; Daniel 7:18, 12:2-3)

**Rapture** — Nowhere in the Bible does it state that Christians will be raptured before the return of Jesus. But it does state that faithful Christians who are living in the end-time will be changed from mortal human beings to immortal spirit beings *at the return of Christ* (1 Corinthians 15:50-54). This will occur immediately after the faithful who are dead are resurrected back to life (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). They will all then meet Christ in the air—and then they will rule with Christ on this EARTH for 1,000 years (Revelation 5:10, 20:6). This is called the first *resurrection* (Revelation 20:6).

**Roman Catholic Church** — The Roman Catholic Church, at its core, is nothing more than a continuation of the ancient pagan Babylon Mystery Religion—as just about all of its doctrines parallel that of this ancient heathen religion. It is NOT a genuine Christian religion at all! It is a fake—a counterfeit—a wolf in sheep’s clothing! “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great

thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

The Bible calls this Satan led church: “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (Revelation 17:5). She is also referred to as *the great harlot that rides the beast*, as she will work hand-in-hand with the BEAST (i.e. the Antichrist) to deceive, pervert, and destroy (Revelation 13 & 17).

Not only is the Roman Catholic Church filled with pagan teachings and rituals—but it is also responsible for the torture and death of millions! For almost 1700 years now it has even persecuted and murdered the people of God (Daniel 7:21, 7:25). And sadly, it will do so once again in the very near future (Revelation 17:6).

The Roman Catholic Church says it follows the Bible; yet it has burnt up thousands of Bibles. It says it is Christian; yet it has burnt at the stake thousands of Christians. It says it follows Christ; yet it is antichrist.

And because she has rejected God’s Word, God will have no choice but to reject her! (Isaiah 8:20; Proverbs 28:9; Hosea 4:6; Exodus 20:4-6, 20:8-11)

**Saturday or Sunday?** — Throughout the Bible, God commands His people to honor and worship Him by keeping the weekly Sabbath day holy—the *seventh* day of the week (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15). This day occurs each week from *sunset Friday evening until sunset Saturday evening* (Genesis 1:31, 2:2-3; Leviticus 23:32). Not only did the prophets of the Old Testament keep the seventh-day Sabbath—but Jesus Christ, the Apostles, and ALL Christians of the New Testament did as well. And you can’t find a single Scripture in either the Old Testament or New Testament commanding us to keep Sunday (as even many Roman Catholic theologians readily admit).

**Saved By Faith Alone?** — Faith is indeed an integral part of being saved. But nowhere in the Bible does it state that we are saved through faith *alone*. On the contrary—the Bible emphatically states that we are NOT justified by faith *alone* (James 2:24). Working hand-in-hand with faith we must also have good deeds—also called works, fruits, etc. (James 2:14, 17). In other words, we must obey God—we must do what He says! Do you really think that someone who continues to murder and rape and steal will be in the Kingdom of God just because they once accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior? Of course NOT!

The apostle James asks: “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?” (James 2:14) Of course not! “Thus faith by itself, if it does not have works, is DEAD” (James 2:17). Yes, “faith alone” is nothing but a *dead faith* that will save no one!

**Seven Kings/Eight Kings** — In the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Revelation it mentions that there are SEVEN KINGS. Then it states: “*Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time*” Revelation 17:10).

Since this Scripture was written in the 1<sup>st</sup> century (around 96 A.D.) the “*one is*” is referring to the ROMAN EMPIRE since this was the king/kingdom (empire) that was in power at the time that this Scripture was written.

The “*five have fallen*” is referring to FIVE BEASTLY GENTILE KINGS/KINGDOMS THAT HAD PRECEDED THE ROMAN EMPIRE but were no longer in power (such as the Babylonian Empire, Mede-Persian Empire, and Greek-Macedonian Empire).

And then, the other beastly king/kingdom that “*has not yet come,*” is referring to the FINAL REVIVAL OF THE ROMAN

## EMPIRE AND ITS LEADER (THE ANTICHRIST) IN THE END-TIME!

But then in the very next verse (Revelation 17:11; GNT) an EIGHTH KING is introduced: “*And the beast that was once alive, but lives no longer, is itself an eighth king who is one of the seven and is going off to be destroyed.*”

This Scripture is simply explaining that the seventh king (the Antichrist) will be killed. But he will not remain dead, as God *will* allow him to be revived. Then when the Antichrist comes back to life he will technically be an eighth king. But this verse also mentions that he is also “one of the seven” since before being killed he *was* the seventh king. Therefore, he is technically *both* the seventh king *and* the eighth king.

But he will not reign long, as Jesus Christ will swiftly return to destroy him! (Revelation 17:10-11, 19:19-20)

**7,000 Year Plan** — God has a 7,000-year plan that is pictured by the 7-day week that God instituted at creation (2 Peter 3:8). In the creation week God worked for six days and then rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Genesis 2:1-3). In the 7,000-year plan God is allowing man to rule himself for 6,000 years. But at the end of the 6,000 years, when man is on the brink of erasing all life from this planet (Matthew 24:22), Christ will return and usher in a 1,000-year period of peace, joy, and prosperity (Revelation 20:6). We are now very close to the end of that 6,000-year period—which means Jesus Christ, is about to return!

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**Speaking in Tongues** — “Speaking in tongues” is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-10, 30-31, 14:1-40). Speaking in tongues just means that someone has the ability to speak a known foreign language (such as Russian, German, Chinese, etc.) that they were never taught to speak.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because *everyone heard them speak in his own language*. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, ‘Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And

*how is it that we hear, each in our own language* in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we *hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God*” (Acts 2:4-11).

So speaking in tongues is nothing more than being given the miraculous gift of being able to speak in another known foreign language for the edifying and glorifying of God.

But what goes on at Pentecostal, Charismatic, and many other churches today is *much different* than what occurred in the 1<sup>st</sup> century church. Today’s “speaking in tongues” is usually totally nonsensical and does not glorify God at all. These modern “tongue speakers” are not only NOT speaking a known foreign language, but if the gibberish that comes out of their mouths is indeed a language—then the only language that it could possibly be is that of DEMONS!

**Tattoos** — Is it okay to get a tattoo? Absolutely not! Leviticus 19:28—“You shall NOT... tattoo any marks on you.”

**Temple in Jerusalem** — In the end-time the Antichrist will *sit in the temple of God*, proclaiming himself to be GOD (2 Thessalonians 2:4). And the “abomination of desolation” (a statue of the Antichrist) will also be set up in the temple (which will be located in Jerusalem) 1290 days before Christ’s return (Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; Daniel 12:11; Revelation 13:14-15).

But there has not been a temple in Jerusalem since 70 A.D.—so expect one to be built in the very near future!

**Ten Commandments** — Does God expect us to keep the Ten Commandments? Of course He does! Both the Old

Testament and the New Testament are filled with Scriptures exhorting us to do just that! Here are just a few:

*1 John 2:4* — “He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

*1 Corinthians 7:19* — ...keeping the commandments of God is what matters.”

*Revelation 14:12* — “Here is the patience of the saints [true Christians]; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

*Revelation 22:14* — Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life...”

*1 John 5:3* — “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments...”

And of course when God tells us to keep His Commandments—He means ALL ten of them—including the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment (the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath)!

**Tithing** — Contrary to what many churches teach today, Christians are NOT commanded by God to give 10% of their income to the church. Though Christians are to help support *true* servants of God, they are NEVER commanded to accomplish this through tithing. On the contrary, Christians are told to help support *faithful* servants of God through FREEWILL OFFERINGS. (Philippians 4:10-18; 1 Corinthians 9:1-18; Luke 10:1-8; 2 Corinthians 11:7-9)

**Trinity** — God is NOT a trinity. The teaching that God is a trinity (three in one and one in three) comes from an ancient pagan religion called the “Babylon Mystery Religion,” and NOT from the Bible!

The God *Family* is composed of *two* distinct individuals: God the *Father* and Jesus Christ (the *Son* of God). The Father and Son are ONE in purpose, mindset, goals, outlook, character, makeup, etc.—just as WE are to be ONE with

THEM (John 17:11, 21-23)!

The Holy Spirit is NOT a member of the God Family, but is instead the power and essence of God. God—both the Father and the Son—are composed of Spirit—the Holy Spirit—and WE can be too! Those of us who attain to the first resurrection (at the return of Jesus) will no longer be made of flesh and blood. Instead we will be composed of spirit—God’s Holy Spirit—as we will be His *literal* sons and daughters—*born into His very Family!* (John 17:21-23; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Daniel 12:2-3; Philippians 3:11, 3:21; Colossians 3:4; Luke 20:34-37; Psalm 17:15; Romans 8:16-17)

What then is the function of God’s Holy Spirit today? Men and women who truly repent of their sins receive a portion of the Holy Spirit at baptism (Acts 2:38). The Holy Spirit then lives in converted individuals, helping them to understand the Scriptures (John 16:13) and to obey God through a life-long process of overcoming sin and building Godly character (Romans 8:9, 8:13-17; Galatians 5:22-25). Also, God promises us that the Holy Spirit will show us things yet to come (John 16:13).

**Two Witnesses** — In the book of Revelation we are introduced to two servants of God who are referred to as the “two witnesses” or the “two prophets.” These two end-time men of God will perform great miracles as they prophesy for 1260 days—the last 3½ years preceding Christ’s return (Revelation 11:3-12).

But the world will hate God’s two witnesses and want them killed. But God will NOT allow them to be harmed during these 1260 days. And if anyone does try to harm them fire will proceed from their mouths and devour them!

But at the end of the 1260 days—after the two prophets have finished their testimony—the BEAST (i.e. the Anti-christ) will kill them. And once they are killed the world will rejoice and not allow their dead bodies to be buried.

But after 3½ days God will bring the two witnesses back to life. They will then stand on their feet and the world will be terrified! The two prophets will then ascend to heaven in a cloud as their enemies look on.

**Unclean Animals** — There are certain animals (rats, snakes, pigs, shellfish, etc.) that God forbids us to eat. God calls these animals “*unclean*.”

Of the creatures that live in the WATER God says, “Whatever in the water has *fins* AND *scales*, whether in the seas or in the rivers—that you may eat” (Leviticus 11:9). Then God says that if they do NOT have fins OR scales we may NOT eat them—that they are an abomination to us (Leviticus 11:10-12). So, the only fish that we may eat are those that have *both* fins AND scales.

Of the LAND animals God says, “Among the beasts, whatever divides the hoof, having *cloven hooves* AND *chewing the cud*—that you may eat” (Leviticus 11:3). Then God says that if they do NOT have cloven hooves OR chew the cud then we may NOT eat them—for they are unclean for us (Leviticus 11:4-8). So, the only land animals that we may eat are those that have *both* cloven hooves AND chew the cud.

The eleventh chapter of Leviticus then lists all the *birds, insects, and other animals* that we may eat—called *clean animals*—as well as all those that we may NOT eat—called *unclean animals*.

God then explains that when we eat unclean animals we *defile* our bodies (Leviticus 11:43-47). And then we are told in the New Testament: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God...? If anyone *defiles* the temple of God, God will *destroy* him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

And servants of God are expected to teach God’s people these things: “And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and *cause them to*

*discern between the unclean and the clean” (Ezekiel 44:23).*

**Voting** — Christians should NOT vote. This is NOT God’s world. This is Satan’s world (2 Corinthians 4:3-4) and therefore we must NOT become involved with its politics. (John 17:14-16, 18:36; 2 Corinthians 6:17, 5:20; Daniel 4:17; Romans 13:1; Philippians 3:20)

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