

The *Church*

Study of the Book of Ruth



Ruth (Moabite) symbolizes the **Church**—billions of redeemed gentiles (became “**spiritual-Jews**”). Biblically, the **Church** is **people**. A giant living organism of united saints, not just a stone building.



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FOREWORD

Welcome to our Bible study on the ***Book of Ruth***. Our study is based on M. R. Dehaan’s book ***The Romance of Redemption***. It’s our source of spiritual insight of the redemptive plan of God. The story of Ruth is like an allegorical parable, “*an earthly story with a heavenly meaning*.” A **physical** earthly Hebrew family is equated to a **spiritual** heavenly family. The purpose of this book, ***The Church***, is to teach about the Jews and non-Jews and their prophetic destiny.

M. R. Dehaan encourages students to study a Bible book to “**keep these three things in mind**”:

1. “**Look for the primary interpretation.**”
2. “**Make your practical applications.**”
3. “**Evaluate the prophetic revelation.**”

We modified this levels-idea further for our better spiritual understanding and growth:

1. **Physical** level—The physical universe and seeing it with our five senses and brain.
2. **Spiritual** level—The spiritual universe and seeing its invisibility by faith in God and Bible.
3. **Time** level—Timeline of past history, present, and prophetic (God’s foresight) future.

As an example, let us read the prophet’s prophecy in Isaiah 11:6-8:

“The wolf [predator] also shall dwell with the lamb [prey], the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze ... the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.”

This prophecy fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom.

In the **past**, in the Garden of Eden—before the Devil’s deceit—all animal, bird, and sea creatures were peaceful and harmless as the first human Adam named them. Life was a utopia.

Today, predators are eating their fellow creatures. Predatory are in virus, insect, animal, bird, and fish. Fallen angels have modified their behavior into violently killing and eating others.

In the **future**, in Millennial Kingdom, the Messiah will restore life back to the ideal condition in the Garden of Eden. Our Lord will isolate evil and sinfulness from the good and harmless.

This diagram example illustrates the idea of studying the Bible at deeper levels:

Time & Prophecy	Past History What <u>has</u> happened	Today What <u>is</u> happening	Prophetic Future What <u>will</u> happen
	Isaiah 11:6-8 <u>prophecy</u> of predators returning to good.	<u>HOPE</u> and wait for prophecy <u>to fulfill</u> .	Isaiah prophecy is <u>fulfilled</u> : Animals are benign again.
Spiritual	Evil spirits have negative influence over creatures.	Evil spirits causing predatory behaviors.	Evil spirits that weaponized animals are isolated to Hell.
Physical	Garden of Eden: All animals were benign	Predators of today: Lions, eagles, sharks	Millennial Kingdom: No more predatory animals.

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Introduction: From Creation to Promised Land

PHYSICAL LEVEL

People live in a physical universe. Many believe that it's all there is. That is where many secular people base their atheistic ideas. **"We don't see God, so He does not exist."** (*The problem is that your physical eye can't detect spirits, though they're besides you or even demon inside you*). Many believe only what they see and explain life with Evolution.

"The natural man [e.g., secular scientist] does not receive [spiritual understanding of] the things of the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:14).

"For those who live according to the [physical] flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh ... For to be carnally [physically] minded is death ... Because the carnal mind is enmity against [hostile to] God; for it is not subject to the law of God ... So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God" (Rom. 8:5-8).

An Intelligent Designer (**being**) planned, formed, and purposely created the **physical universe** (things): electrons, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, atoms, oceans, moons, planets, stars, galaxies, and all other **things**.

It's the reverse of what scientists believe: that **things** evolved into intelligent **beings**. But things naturally tends toward randomness and entropy, not order. Too many complex, intricate designs in nature contradict that life and intelligence happened accidentally.

Creation was **intentional**. Believing only in the physical, not spiritual, makes you susceptible to spiritual attack. You won't know what hit you!!

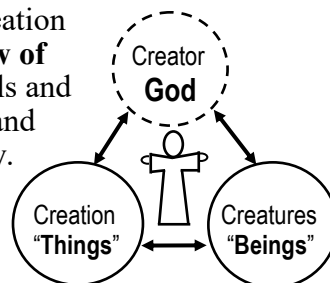
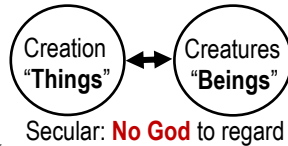
CREATOR, CREATION, CREATURES

Our Creator made creation (**things**), then creatures (**beings**). He made laws for their interaction. The

Law of Physics governs creation that science study. The **Law of Love** urges creatures (angels and humans) to good character and behavior that religions study.

Our Maker wants **love** and **harmony** between all His creatures and creation for optimum interaction of all lives. **Love** benefits all. Scientists aren't all bad.

Many of the best scientists believed in God: Galileo verified planet and moon phenomena, Isaac Newton formulated laws of motion and gravitation. He invented Calculus. Louis Pasteur developed vaccines for certain diseases. Sir Francis Bacon founded the scientific method. Good scientists do love God.



Love creation and creatures, but **worship** only Creator God

Is the Universe Accidental or Intentional?

Secular scientists believe the physical universe came about accidentally without any planner. Numerous intricate design of nature contradict that assumption.

Evidence of Intelligent Design

First is sonar echolocator of bats, dolphins, whales, oilbirds, and swiftlets. Only relatively recent did we discovered this knowledge of and by testing of sonar.

Second, bees can see special pigment of ultraviolet light absorbed by flowers—to harvest their honeys.

Who gave them instinct to construct a space optimizer hexagonal honeycomb? An intelligent God did.

Others: The complex, planned design of the brain.

Woman's body designed to make and grow babies.

Sophisticated structure of our DNA programmed to grow in a certain way to produce various life forms.

The wise design of the physical universe with its invisible attraction of gravity to form Earth, moons, planets, stars, solar systems, and galaxies. With white or black stars ("black holes") at their centers.

Verifiable evidence of All-knowing God

The Lord told Daniel, 600 years ahead, of the coming of evil empires: Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Media, Greece, and Rome. Today, they are facts and history. God also warns us of the coming of the future **Great Tribulation**. Many doubt it, but it'll happen and be fulfilled, just as Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled.

Science and Bible Relationship

Both science and the Bible seek after **the truth**. Science emphasizes knowledge and proven facts, while the Bible focuses on character and behavior.

If science isn't true, **then** computers, smart phones, radars, planes, cars, and medicines would not work. Astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and Periodic Table would all be false.

If the Bible is a lie, **then** there is no love, no sin, no war, no death. If there is no forgiveness, then Jesus died in vain. Christians all die in their sins forever.

If science and Bible differ, **then** one is false. Time travel, 11-dimensions, and multi-universe are ideas, not facts. An idea acts like a free-flowing balloon unless it is anchored to a scientific or biblical truth.

Science and Bible pursue the same truth differently. But they are just two sides of the same coin. One is a godly side,

while the other is a secular (Godless, "no God") side. Science done without consideration of God in mind results in loveless and psychopathic products like the nuclear Tsar Bomba, VX nerve agent, Anthrax, and other mass destructive, people-killing weapons.

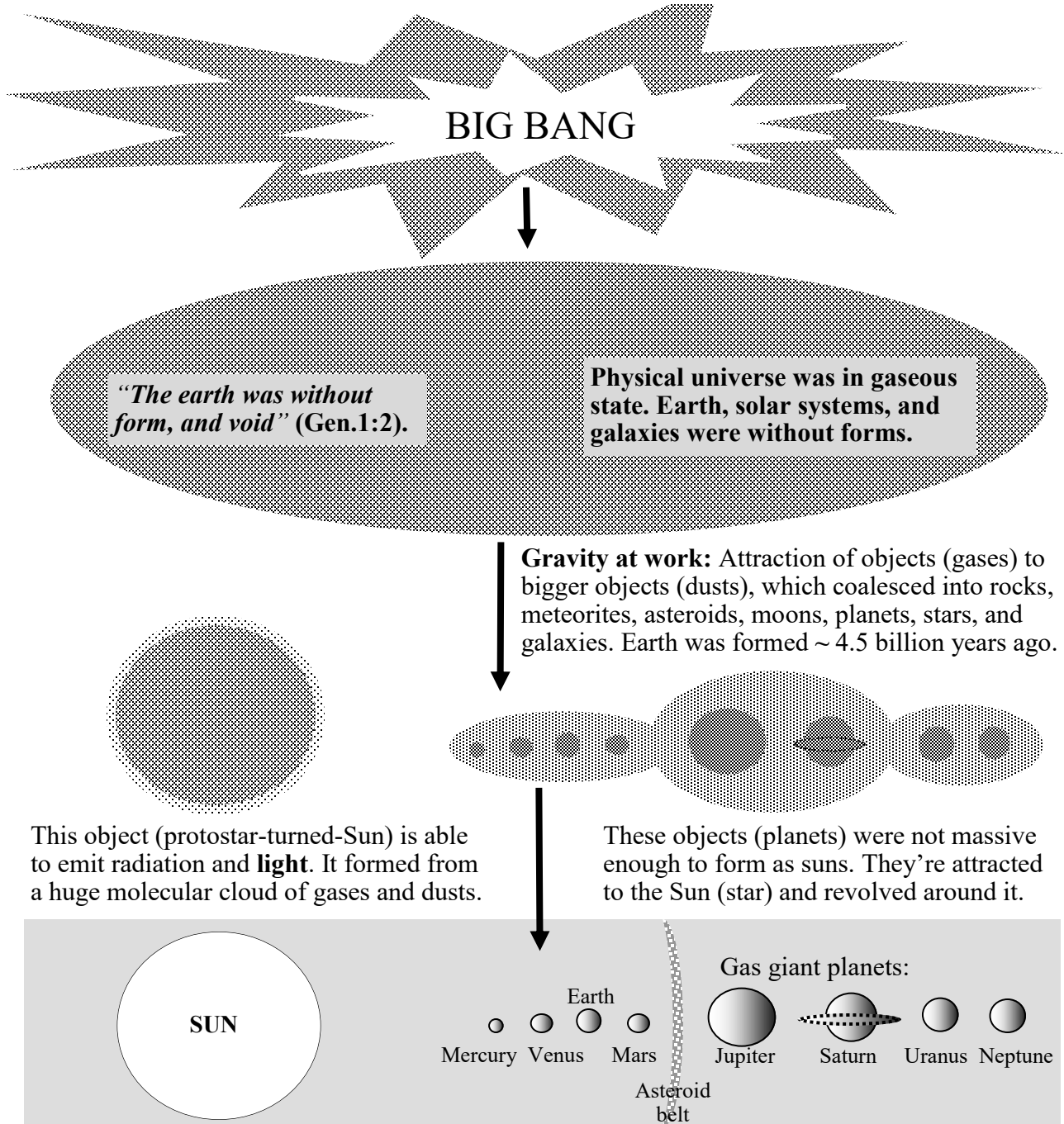


Biblical and Scientific Beliefs Comparison

Intelligent beings can design, create, and control things.

Creator made creation. “In the beginning God [being] created the **heavens** and the **Earth** [things]” (Gen.1:1).
Bible: An intelligent being existed *before* things.

Big Bang—unplanned birth of physical universe (nearly 13.7 billion years ago).
Science: things evolved into beings.



“God said, Let there be **light**: and there was light ... God divided the light from the darkness” (Gen.1:3-4).

The Sun is our main source of light and warmth during the day. The reflection of light on the moon is our light at night.

An illustration of **comparative view** of the **formation** of the **physical universe** by **Bible** and **science**.
The gap between Religion and Science will close as more truth and information are discovered.

SPIRITUAL LEVEL

We're trying to understand **spirituality** here. An "invisible **spiritual** elephant" stands in our midst, so to speak. We don't see it. Tenderly feel its nose, tusk, ears, legs, body, and tail. If you're friendly, it might let you ride it and even work for you by lifting and moving heavy objects.

Jesus used **parables** and **analogies** to explain spiritual concepts that are hard to understand to people. Animals are land-bounded creatures; birds are air-oriented fowls. Christians are like flying doves.

Physicists are similar to heavy elephants. Secularists and schools deny spiritual concepts, since their **only world** is physically-based. They're trapped in an exclusively materialistic "**box**" called "physical universe." Like an elephant weighed down to Earth, physicists are pinned in a "box" and won't venture (fly) out. To live outside the box, one must leap out, explore, and thrive in the spiritual universe; like a dove that takes its first dive into the air and starts flying in the wind.

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit [born-again, Spirit-filled Christian]" (John 3:8). Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me ... When he, the Spirit of truth [Holy Spirit], is come, he will guide you into all truth"* (John 14:6, 16:13).

PHYSICAL WAR

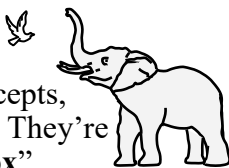
In a **physical war**, an army's personnel are organized in a particular hierarchy. A country's leader is at the top. Followed by his generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, and privates. Some soldiers are assigned to combat, logistics, intelligence, transportations, planes, ships, trucks, tanks, and various essential duties.

SPIRITUAL WAR

In the **spiritual war**, our enemies are also arranged in a certain order. Archangels, like Satan, are at the top. Then "princes" in charge of territories or countries. Next, fallen angels oversee states, counties, cities, and rural areas. The demons are the "foot soldiers," so to speak. Millions of spirits are assigned to specific evil tasks. A "good prince" is protecting the United States and an "evil prince" trying to devastate it. **Pro and con spirit teams** vie to influence the nation's education, tax, economy, governmental election, warfare, politic, and even laws, e.g., the "**no prayer and no Bible** in public school" ruling of 1963 by the Supreme Court started the evil secularization of people to oust **God**. Similarly, every nation of the world is influenced and affected by spirits. There're "princes" of Persia, Greece, Israel, Rome, Africa, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Germany, France, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, India, China, Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and other countries.

Analogy:

Religionists are birds.
Scientists are animals.
Air is spiritual universe.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

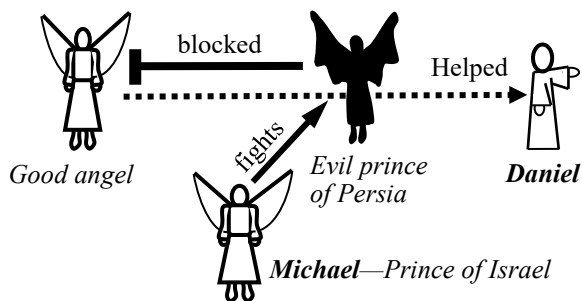
Evil spirits plan conflicts among nations and incite wars. Satan uses **war** to **harvest souls**. Principalities are kingdoms and countries. Princes are in charge of those territories.

A good angel and Michael fought against fallen angels: princes of Persia and Greece.

"He [good angel] said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day ... your words [prayer] were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21 days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me ... now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come ... No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince [of Israel]" (Dan. 10:12-21).

COMBAT among SPIRITS (angels)

The first **spirit** (good angel) is blocked by the second **spirit** (Prince of Persia). Third **spirit** Michael (Prince of Israel) fights the evil spirit. Daniel is finally helped after 21 days.



Good angels and evil spirits are at war all over the globe.

TOTAL UNIVERSE:

- SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE
- PHYSICAL UNIVERSE

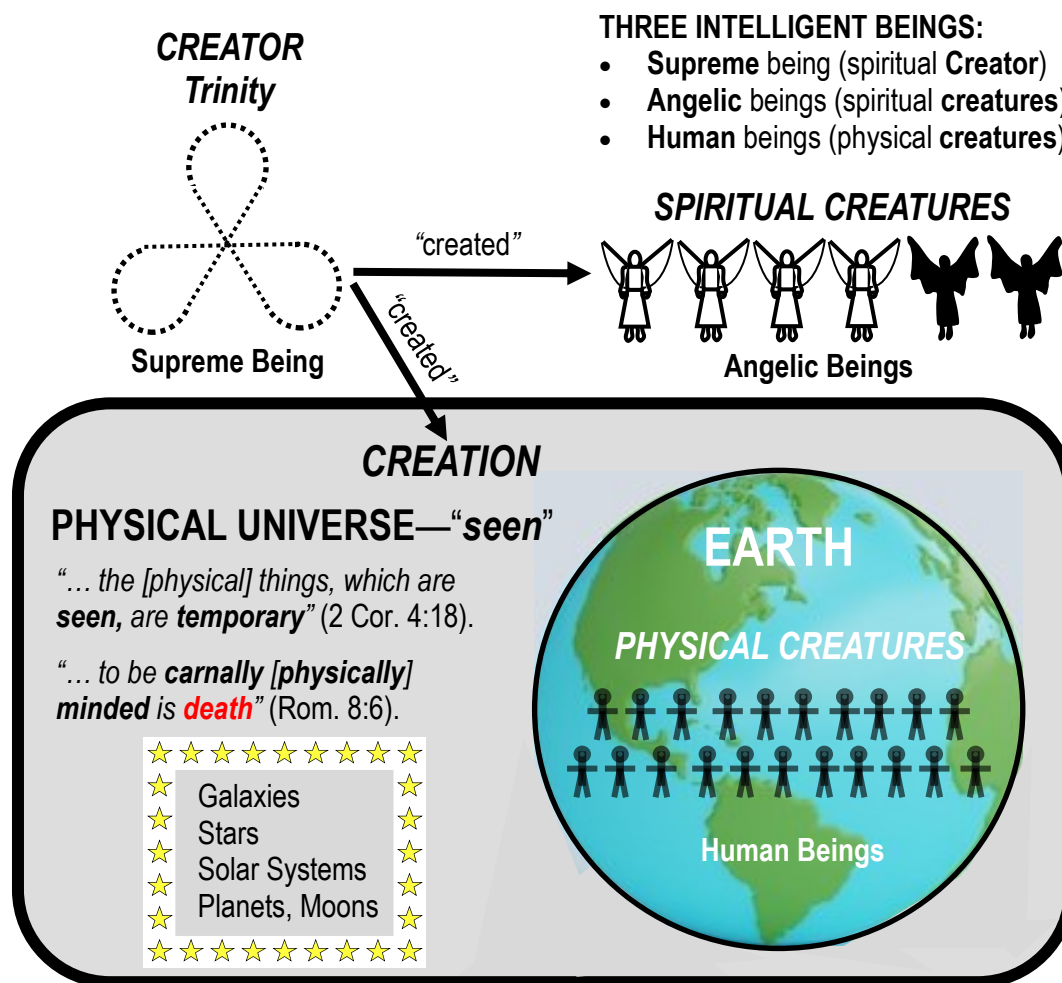
SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE—“*not seen*”

“... the [spiritual] things, which are **not seen**, are **eternal**” (2 Cor. 4:18).

“... to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace” (Rom. 8:6).

The **Spiritual** “birthed” the **Physical**:

Spiritual Creator made creation and creatures: spiritual angels and physical human beings.



“By **faith** we understand that the whole world [physical universe] was made by God’s command ... what we [physically] **see** was made **by** something [spiritual] that cannot be **seen**” (Heb. 11:3 ICB).

The Bible contradicts the theory of multi-universes (beyond two), speculated by scientists and movies. The Scripture doesn’t mention other intelligent beings (outer space aliens) beyond humans and angels. Time Travel isn’t possible, since God won’t allow a time-traveler to undo our Savior’s work of redemption.

Panoramic view of **our universes** and the **beings that live therein**, according to the Bible.

TIME LEVEL

We live in an ever-changing physical universe. What had happen, we call the **past** or history. This present moment is **now**. The things that will happen are the **future**.

- **Past:** Can't change it. Learn from it. Do better next time.
- **Now:** We can fix problems and mistakes. Do it today.
- **Future:** We, as humans, can only guess what's to come. Humans know some future. The weather prediction became better, but not 100 % accurate. Scientists hypothesize (fancy word for guessing) about unknowns. But God's prophecies are true. It is a fact that a **prophecy** given to a true prophet from the true God has been all true. The prophet John revealed that **Great Tribulation** is coming. It'll be fulfilled. Humans use technology to predict their future. Probability and statistic are used to make an "educated guess." But, saints have faith and use **prophecies** from God to see what and how things will really happen in the future—accurately.

WISDOM of King Solomon (Eccl. 3:1-12)

*"To everything there is a season [right time],
A time for every purpose [reason] under heaven:
A time to be born, And a time to die;
A time to plant, A time to pluck what is planted;
A time to break down, And a time to build up;
A time to weep, And a time to laugh ...
A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;
A time to love, And a time to hate;
A time of war, And a time of peace ...
He [Creator] has made everything beautiful in its time."*

More THOUGHTS to Ponder:

A time to be physical. And a time to be spiritual.
A time to be practical. And a time to be logical (reasonable).
A time to study science. And a time to study the Bible.
A time to learn Evolution. And a time learn Revelation.
A time to guess (hypothesize). And a time to know the truth.
A time of past damnation. And a time for future salvation.

TIME—Measurement of Change

When God made the first atom, which started changing inside, is when we can logically say "time" began. When a structure of a matter alters, we say it "**changed**" or "**got old**." When the spin of objects, like the Sun and Earth—relative to each other—has cycled; we say that "**time**" or "**day**" has passed. If God shrunk the cosmos to a basketball size, then time is set to His (ball holder) time. **God's minute** is everywhere a minute in the ball (universe). It's all the same time even if the spin rate of an electron, atom, moon, planet, star, or galaxy varies, despite our human imagination in sci-fi movies or quantum physics. Time Travel is false, since God won't allow a time-traveler to undo Christ's work of redemption. Our salvation is permanent!

TIME according to the BIBLE

"In the beginning God [being] created the heavens and the earth [things]" (Gen. 1:1).

First day: God created light (v. 3-5). He made lights (galaxies, stars, Sun) and angels.

"DAY"—ONE relative 360° ROTATION
Creation "day" (biblical) isn't identical to a 24-hour day (science)—Earth's one rotation.

"Be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years [orbits] as one day [object own complete rotation]" (2 Pet. 3:8).

A "**day**" is an object's own **360° rotation**.

A "**year**" is its **orbit** around another object (its star or Sun). Jupiter rotates in **9.9** Earth hours. Venus' day is **5,832** Earth hours. Its **day** (243 Earth days) exceeds its **year** (225)! Mercury's year is **88** Earth days or 3 months. Neptune's year (orbit) takes **165** Earth years. Let your imagination run wild. Scientists estimate that the universe has 10 trillion (10^{13}) galaxies, 10^{24} stars, and 10^{25} planets.

An illustration: An object's "day" could be millions or billions of years! Obsvr1 lived on Planet-Z before the Hadean Eon, ~4.6 billion years ago. Planet-Z is so near to a Black Hole that it barely rotates (*like tidally locked moon "staring" at Earth*). Its "daytime" ("star rise" to "star down") takes 300 million Earth years (180° rotation). "Nighttime" ("dusk to dawn") takes another 3×10^8 orbits. At star-rise (360°), he sees that the Sun, solar system, planets, and Earth had formed. They all coalesced in one "day" (6×10^8 orbits or years). It was a very, very, very long "first day" for Obsvr1.

Second day: Firmament (sky) (v. 6-8).

Third day: Land, seas, vegetation (v. 9-13).

Fourth day: Day, years, seasons (v. 14-19).

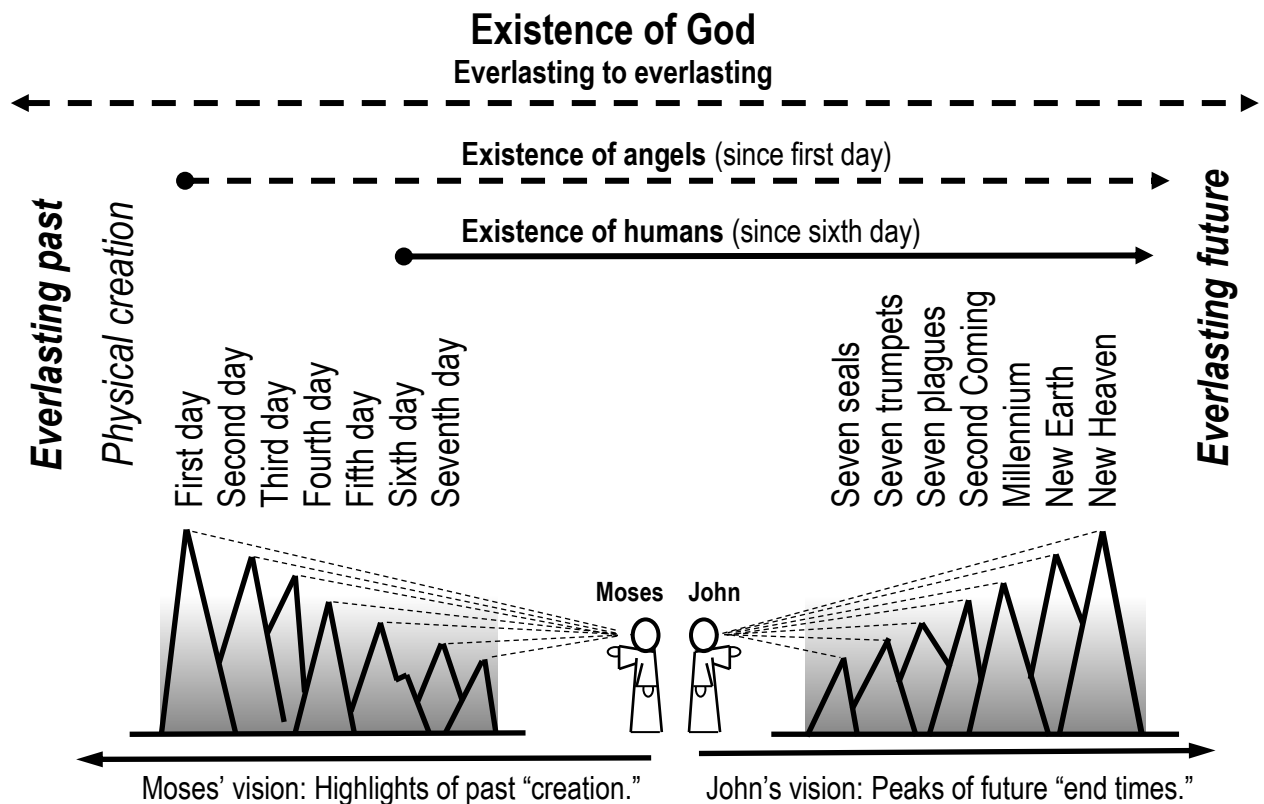
CREATURES

Fifth day: God created the sea, land, and air **creatures**: fish, animals, and birds.

Sixth day: God made human creatures.

"God said, 'Let Us [Trinity] make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish ... fowl ... cattle ... earth ... God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good [state of purity and sinlessness]" (Gen. 1:26-31).

Seventh day: God rested from His work. So, we rest on our seventh day—Worship Day.



VISION of the PAST

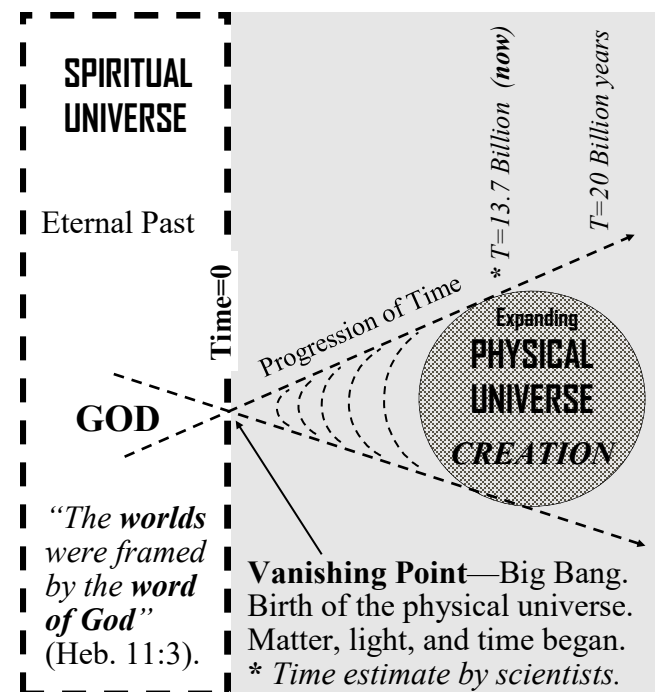
Moses wrote the **Book of Genesis**. He told about events that occurred *before* his lifetime. What he saw was visions. *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). Why, how, when, and length of time of Creation aren't given in detail. He told us only the "mountain tops" of his vision. But between these peaks are details of "hills, valleys, rivers, deserts, jungles, trees, grasses" so to speak. Scientists might misinterpret that the duration of creation was only 144 (6 x 24) hours. In reality, between the peaks, many events have occurred in millions or billions of years.

VISION of the FUTURE

John wrote the **Book of Revelation**. He saw events that will happen *after* his lifetime. His vision of the "end times" were in **symbolism**. Between the highlights of the visions, other events will occur. Details of the Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, and Seven Bowls of Plagues are now understood vaguely. As these events draw closer, they'll focus clearly in our views and minds. Then we will definitely understand them. Some of us will even endure and live through these prophecies. God gave vision in an abstract **symbolism** for our visualization, retention, and understanding.

WHAT or WHO is the FIRST CAUSE?

Creation was the effect, but **who** is the cause? There was a time when **no** physical thing existed. So, creation sprang from the spiritual side. Only God (First Cause) is before the side of **time = 0**. Only the Creator could make creation. *"For with God nothing shall be impossible"* (Matt. 19:26).



History of the Hebrews

Past History of Israel

Hebrews lived peacefully in the **Promised Land**.
Hebrews' **idolatries** brought God's **judgment**.
Hebrews dispersed to foreign (**gentile**) countries.
Hebrews lost possession of the Promised Land.
God distant Himself from Hebrews' idolatries.
Jews **interacted** and **intermarried** with gentiles.
Jews longed to return to the Promised Land.
Some **gentiles** retained their old gods (religions).

Church Age

Some gentiles (Church) cleaved to Jews (Israel).
Friendly gentiles accepted God and forsook their old gods (religions). "Salvation is of the Jews."
1948, Jews return to their land. Became a nation.

The Church is evangelizing the world.
Christ is "the Lord of Harvest."
Christ (God in human body) redeemed humans ("His brethren") from sin and death.
Gospel is preached to all and the end comes.

Great Tribulation

Tribulation separate believers from unbelievers.
Humans have to commit to Christ or the Devil.
Church is "raptured" and will be with Christ.
The Jews will go through the Tribulation.
Second coming of Christ ends Tribulation.

Millennial Kingdom

Christ (Messiah) will return properties to Jews.
Christ redeems the Church (non-Jews).
"Marriage Supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7).
1000 years of peace (Rev. 20:4).
Christ, Church, God, and Israel live together.

Story of Ruth (with analogy)

Ruth 1: Prophecy fulfilled. (now history).

A Hebrew family lived pleasantly in Bethlehem.
Then came a famine (**judgment**).
Hebrew family moved to Moab (**gentile**) country.
Hebrew family forfeited their property in Israel.
The father Elimelech (**God**) died (**departs**).
The sons took **gentile wives**, but the sons died.
Naomi (**Israel**) hears of bread in Bethlehem.
Orpah (**gentile**) stayed in Moab with her gods.

Salvation of non-Jews (gentiles)

Ruth ("Friend," **Church**) cleaved to Naomi (**Jew**).
Ruth (**Friendly Church**) made Jews her people, accepted their God, and forsook her old gods.
Naomi (**Israel**) arrived in Bethlehem at harvest time.

Ruth 2: Prophecy now being fulfilled

Ruth (**Church**) gleanes (**evangelizes**) field (**world**).
Boaz (**Christ**) is in charge of harvesting.
Boaz (**Christ**) is a near kinsman (**human**), who can legally redeem relatives (**humanity**).
End of harvest (end of **bringing in** of the **gentiles**).

Ruth 3: Prophecy to be fulfilled

Night (**tribulation**), time of threshing, winnowing, separating wheat (**saved**) from chaff (**unsaved**).
At night, Ruth (**Church**) laid at Boaz's (**Jesus**) feet.
At night (**tribulation**), Naomi stays alone in the city.
Night (**tribulation**) ends. Boaz sets out to redeem.

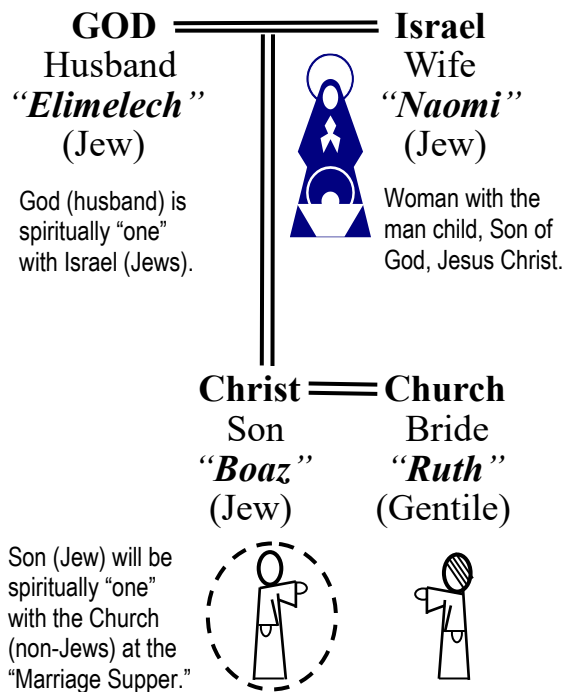
Ruth 4: Prophecy to be fulfilled

Boaz (**Christ**) redeems Naomi's (**Israel**) property.
Boaz (**Christ**) redeems Ruth (**Church**).
Boaz (**Christ**) marries (united with) Ruth (**Church**).
Honeymoon (Millennium).
Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi lives happily ever after.

This page summarizes of the **Book of Ruth**. An analogy of the events in the book are equated with the real history and prophetic future events of Israel (Hebrews-Jews). These teachings are from the book ***The Romance of Redemption***, by M. R. Dehaan, M.D. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House. 1958. (*The Ruth story can be thought of as a grand-scale redemption plan of God*).

RELATIONSHIP of HEAVENLY FAMILY

This section illustrates the family of God. An analogy is used to explain the **relationship** between God, Israel, Christ, and Church. The future will be utopia and euphoria for those who commit to and follow their Savior Jesus. The best allegory about **relationship** I found was by Dr. M. R. Dehaan, the author of *The Romance of Redemption* book. God bless Dr. Dehaan for his special insight from the Lord about family and relationship. Parables and illustrations help us understand and appreciate difficult spiritual concepts. At times we “*can’t see the forest for the trees*,” as the saying goes. Analogy helps us see the “whole forest” (“the big picture”). Humans have a hard time comprehending supernatural things. An analogy helps them grasp spiritual concepts of the Bible. Jesus used **parable**, which is said to be “*an earthly [physical Ruth] story with a heavenly [spiritual Church] meaning*.” To understand the family of God, an allegorical actual story of the Elimelech family helps us visualize the **spiritual relationship** (= bond) between God, Israel, Christ, and the Church. As seen from a panoramic view. Read the Book of Ruth as an overall, grand-scale redemption plan of God.



Relationship between God, Israel, Christ, Church.

ANALOGY of the BOOK of RUTH

An analogy between the **physical** earthly family and the **spiritual** heavenly family:

- **Elimelech** (Jew) – **God**.
- **Naomi** (Jew) – **Israel**.
- **Boaz** (Jew) – **Christ**.
- **Ruth** (Gentile) – **Church**.

Spiritually, the Book of Ruth is about the relationships between **God** the Father and **Israel** (Jews), between **Christ** (Jew) and the **Church** (gentiles). The Old Testament story is about a physical family living in hardship. The New testament concept of love help us understand the love between God, Israel, Christ, and Ruth.

GOD—“**Elimelech**”—“**God is my King**”

Elimelech is symbolic of Abba **Father**. He is the head of his family. His responsibility and status as a father is an analogy of the father-figure of God in His spiritual family. Our Father is a role model to earthly fathers.

ISRAEL—“**Naomi**”—“**Pleasant**”



Israel with 12 stars (tribes) on her crown standing on moon (Rev. 12:1). Israel is God’s “spiritual wife.”

“I was an husband unto them [Jews], saith the Lord” (Jer. 31:32).

“... in that day,’ says the Lord, ‘you will call Me “my Husband [Ishi],” and no longer call Me “my Master [Baali]” ‘” (Hos. 2:16).

There’s a big difference between a wife and a slave. A wife is in union with her husband, not just a dutiful slave to him. She is equal with him and owns all that he has. A slave just serves the master as a worker.

CHRIST—“**Boaz**”—“**in him is strength**”

As Boaz is the kinsman-redeemer; so is Christ, who is the Son of God and Son of Man. He is fully God and fully human (Jew). From Israel (Jews) came Christ (Jew). The only begotten Son of God came into the world as a human baby to **legally** redeem all humanity (“his brethren”). Emmanuel—(“God with us”) had to die a mortal human death to legally redeem mankind.

CHURCH—“**Ruth**”—“**friend**”

As Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Elimelech-Naomi, so is the relationship of the **Church** to **Israel and God**.

The Church will be the spiritual bride and wife of Christ. Now, she is only “engaged,” so to speak. As Ruth had love and loyalty for Naomi; the Church and every Christian should have the utmost loyalty, respect, and love for Israel (Jews). **Israel forever!**

Chapter 1: Naomi in Moab—Israel doing Idolatry

History of the Hebrews

Hebrews lived peacefully in the Promised Land.

Hebrews' **idolatries** brought God's **judgment**.

Hebrews moved to foreign (gentile) countries.

Hebrews lost possession of the Promised Land.

God distant Himself from Hebrews' **idolatries**.

Jews interacted and intermarried with **gentiles**.

Jews longed to return to the Promised Land.

Some **gentiles** retained their old gods (religions).

Story of Ruth (with analogy)

Ch. 1: A Hebrew family lived pleasantly in Bethlehem.

Then came a **famine** (**judgment**).

Hebrew family moved to Moab (**gentile**) country.

Hebrew family forfeited their property in Israel.

The father **Elimelech** (**God**) died (**backed away**).

The sons took **gentile** wives, but the sons also died.

Naomi (**Israel**) hears of bread in Bethlehem.

Orpah (**gentile**) stayed in Moab with her gods.

Ruth 1:1-15

*Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a **famine** in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The man was **Elimelech** ("**GOD**"), his wife was **Naomi** ("**Israel**"), and his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion of Bethlehem, Judah. They went to the country of Moab and remained there. **Elimelech** (**GOD**), **Naomi's** (**Israel's**) husband, **died** (backed away); and she was left, and her two sons. They took wives of the women of Moab: one was **Orpah**, and the other **Ruth**. They dwelt there about ten years. Both Mahlon and Chilion died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.*

*She arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. She went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. **Naomi** (**Israel**) said to them, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." She kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. They said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people." **Naomi** (**Israel**), said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn back, go--for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should bear sons, would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me!" They lifted up their voices and wept again; and **Orpah** ("**stayed gentile**") kissed **Naomi** (**Israel**), but **Ruth** ("**the Church**") clung to her. She said, "Look, **Orpah** (**stayed gentile**) has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."*

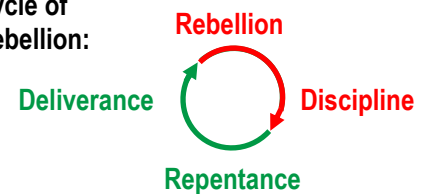
When the Judges Ruled

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. Joshua led them into the Promised Land. When Joshua died, the Hebrews decayed into idolatry. They worshiped idols and even did child-sacrifice to false gods (fallen angels). So God judged them with famine, disasters, and defeats in wars with surrounding nations.

"The Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders" (Judg. 2:16).

When a judge died, Israel went astray again, returning to sinful practices and idolatry. It was a constant cycle of sin and deliverance.

Cycle of Rebellion:



Israel **rebels**, God **disciplines** them, Israel **repents**, God sends a judge to **deliver** them. After a judge dies, the cycle begins all over again.

Hebrews were ruled by 12 judges before being ruled by Kings:

Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, and Samson.

They governed sometime between 1380 BC to 1060 BC (~320 years). The Ruth history occurred between 1160 BC and 1100 BC (estimate).

GOD and Rebellious Israelites

As the Lord works with the Hebrews (His chosen people), it was like having and raising a family. God treats the nation of Israel like a wife. The Israelites were like little children being raised. As parents have experienced the unpredictability and rebelliousness of children, so God dealt with the Israelites. Mischiefs were disciplined and corrected. It went on day after day, year after year. When Israelites' rebellion and idolatry went beyond the point of no return, God's judgment was executed on them. He used Assyria and Babylon empires to chop off the idolatrous section of the Hebrew tree. It was not completely destroyed. The Lord always preserves or hides some of His people. A stump (remnant) remains alive.

"A tenth [remnant] will be in it ... As an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump" (Isa. 6:13).

"Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!" (1 Kings 19:18)

There was left a remnant of Hebrews—loyal and true worshipers of their God. The remnant shows that God is not done with the Israelites, for God still honors His covenant and promise with the Hebrews. In God's providence and dispensation, He set aside the nation of Israel and concentrated on other people of the world, that is, the gentiles (non-Jews). In the last two millennia, Christians (gentiles) has been the focus of God, until they are harvested. God says to the nation of Israel, *"For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you ... with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer*" (Isa. 54:5-8 ESV).

Dispersion of Israel (Israelites)

In A.D. 70 and again in A.D. 135, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and scattered the Jews among all nations. Many Jews still maintained their identity as a people. Some still remained scattered throughout the world.

Re-gathering of Israelites

In 1948, Israel became a nation again.

Holy Seed (Root of Jesse—Messiah)

Since the Israel nation wasn't worshipping their own true God, but other nations' idols, God turned His attention to the gentiles.

In the Book of Ruth, Ruth symbolizes the Church, Naomi—Israel, Elimelech—God, and Boaz—Jesus. Christ relationship to the Church is similar to Redeemer Boaz (husband) and Ruth (wife). *"The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body"* (Eph. 5:23).

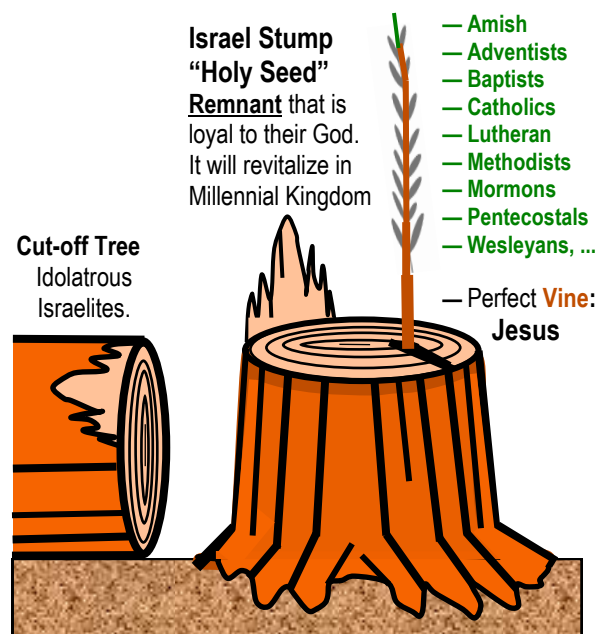
Saved gentiles (non-Jews) are part of the one universal Church—the *"body of Christ."* As billions of physical cells make up the body of Ruth, so billions of spiritual cells (saints) make up the body of the Church, which is composed of numerous redeemed gentiles. They consist of many ethnic groups, nations, and tribes.

THE VINE—Bloodline of Christians Christ is the **vine**. The churches are like his branches and leaves. Jesus' energy empowers Christians for service. *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). *"The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"* (Matt. 26:41).

Grafted-in Gentiles:

Branches (denominations)

Leaves (churches):



PROMISED LAND

God created the Earth and gives His land to whoever He wants—the Promised Land to Israel. “*The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein*” (Psa. 24:1). “*I am the Lord God of Abraham ... the land whereon thou [Jacob-Israel] liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. Thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west ... east ... north ... south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed*” (Gen. 28:13-14).

ISRAEL IDOLATRY

From the death of Joshua to the kings’ rule, Israel deteriorated into idolatry and rebellion that brought God’s judgment. “*They provoked the Lord to anger because they forsook Him and served Baal [false god]*” (Judg. 2:13).

ISRAEL—“NAOMI”

Naomi is the wife of Elimelech. Israel’s relationship to God the Father is like a wife. God made a covenant (contract) with Israel. They broke their end of an agreement by practicing idol worship and child sacrifice, so God made a *new contract* with them.

“*I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel ... Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband to them [Israel], saith the Lord*” (Jer. 31:31-32).

God interacts with mankind through the Jews. “*For salvation is of the Jews*” (John 4:22).

VISION and DREAM about ISRAEL

“*There appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman [Israel] clothed with the sun [God’s protection and glory], and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of 12 stars [12 tribes]: She being with child cried, travailing in birth ... She brought forth a man child [Christ], who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne*” (Rev. 12:1-5).

The man child (Savior Jesus) has done his work on the cross (redemption of mankind) and now sits at the right-hand side of God in Heaven. Also read Gen. 37:9 of Joseph’s dream.



GREAT STATUE

GOLD 607-539 BC

Babylon (Lion)

539 BC Persia defeats Babylon

SILVER

539-331 BC

Persia (Bear)

Persians **Medes**

Predatory Kingdoms

331 BC Greece defeats Persia

BRASS 331-168 BC

Greece (Leopard)

168 BC Rome defeats Greece

IRON leg 168 BC +

Rome (Beast)

IRON-CLAY feet

Church-state empires

486 AD and onward.

Unstable, “poor footing.”

STONE

Millennial kingdom

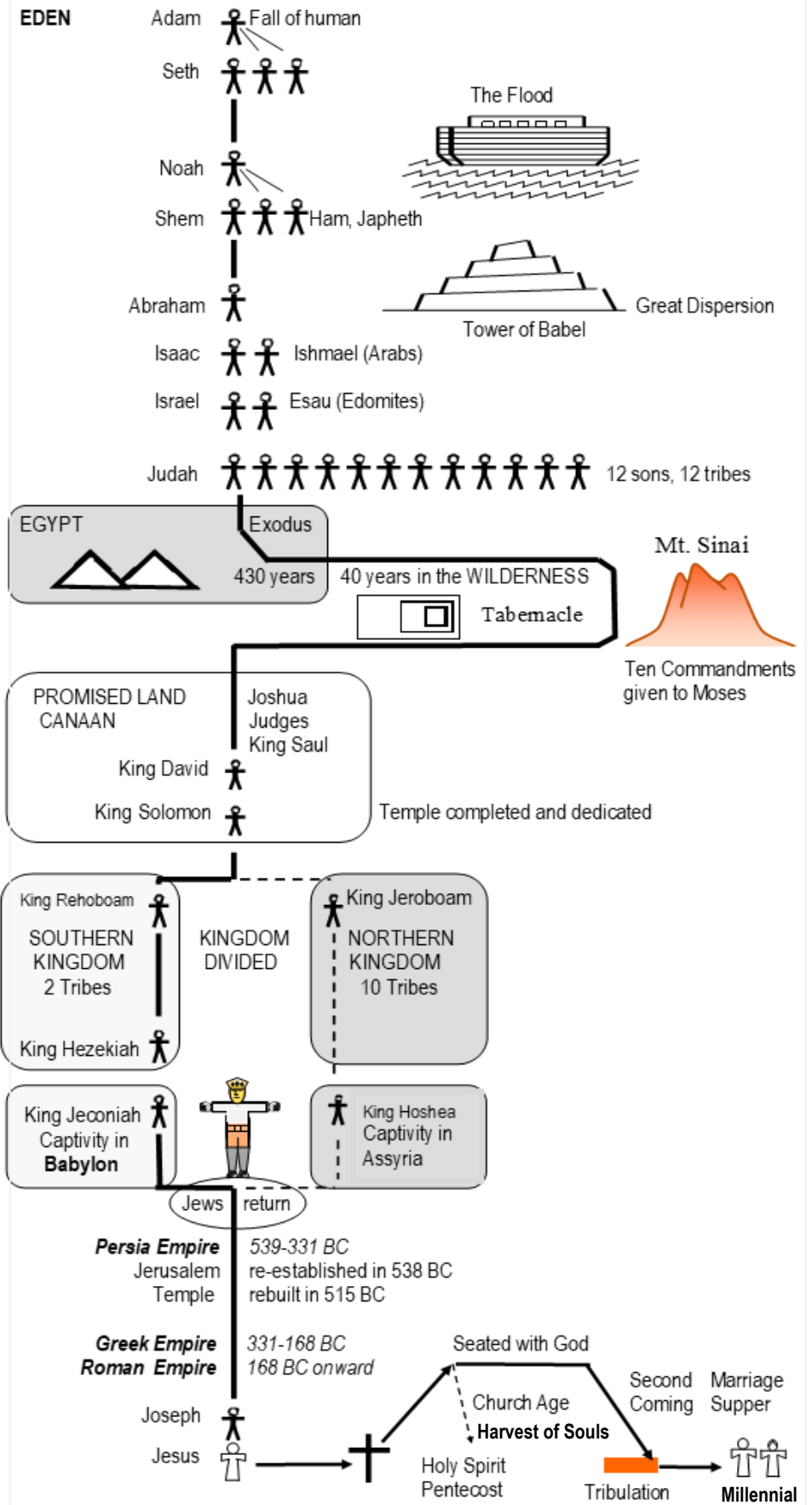
PROPHECIES FULFILLED

Humans use technology to predict their future. They use probability and statistic to make an educated guess of what will likely happen. In contrast, God is omnipotent and omniscient. He knows all, including the future. So, give your uncertainty and question to God. Get a 100 % true answer and resolution from Him. Prophets and saints use **prophecies** from God to see what and how things will happen in the future. God gave visions and dreams to Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar. About **600 years before** the coming of the world’s evil empires, God told them what will happen. Today, these prophecies have become facts and history. We know these empires as Babylon, Persia-Media, Greece, and Rome. It happen as God had said. God gave another prophecy about the future—**Great Tribulation**. Beware and prepare for it.

Scientists use the scientific method to establish and verify facts, but criticize religions for not proving its beliefs by evidence. The Bible does, e.g., the Lord revealed to Daniel, about 600 years ahead, the mystery of the Statue (future kingdoms to come): Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. The historic events came true, thus proving by observable, verifiable, and empirical evidence that God foresees the future and gives 100 % accurate prophecy to His prophets.

LINE OF REDEMPTION

Genesis	Adam-Eve
Exodus	Seth
Leviticus	Enosh
Numbers	Cainan
Deuteronomy	Mahalalel
Joshua	Jared
Judges	Enoch
Ruth	Methuselah
1, 2 Samuel	Lamech
1, 2 Kings	Noah
1, 2 Chronicles	Shem
Ezra	Arphaxad
Nehemiah	Cainan
Esther	Shelah
Job	Eber
Psalms	Peleg
Proverbs	Reu
Ecclesiastes	Serug
Solomon	Nabor
Isaiah	Terah
Jeremiah	Abraham-Sara
Lamentations	Isaac
Ezekiel	Jacob (Israel)
Daniel	Judah-Tamar
Hosea	Perez
Joel	Hezron
Amos	Ram
Obadiah	Amminadab
Jonah	Nahshon
Micah	Salmon-Rahab
Nahum	Boaz-Ruth
Habakkuk	Obed
Zephaniah	Jesse
Haggai	King David
Zechariah	King Solomon
Malachi	King Rehoboam
Matthew	King Abijah
Mark	King Asa
Luke	King Jehoshaphat
John	King Jehoram
Acts	King Uzziah
Romans	King Jotham
1 Corinthians	King Ahaz
2 Corinthians	King Hezekiah
Galatians	King Manasseh
Ephesians	King Amon
Philippians	King Josiah
Colossians	King Jeconiah
1,2 Thess.	Shealtiel
1, 2 Timothy	Zerubbabel
Titus	Abiud
Philemon	Eliakim
Hebrews	Azor
James	Zabok
1 Peter	Achim
2 Peter	Eliud
1 John	Eleazar
2 John	Matthan
3 John	Jacob
Jude	Joseph-Mary
Revelation	Jesus



Understanding THE LAW: Love for *God, Neighbors, and Self*

INTERACTION Among Creatures

God made creation and creatures. He made laws for their interaction. The Law of Physics govern physical creation. The Law of Love urge creatures to good character and behavior. Our Maker wants love and harmony between all His creatures and creation for the optimum interaction of all lives.

Humans need all sort of laws just to get along with each other. Traffic laws to travel safely from here to there. Business laws to serve customers fairly and safely, and so on.

THE LAW—Commandments

God gave 10 Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. These are only few of the 613 mitzvot of **the Law**. It told the Hebrews how to live with people and God.

The Jews try to live by the **Law**, while the Christians try to live by **Love**. On the surface there seem to be no commonality, but there is: “*Love is the fullness of Torah*” (CJB). “*Love is the fulfilling of the Law*” (Rom. 13:10). The ultimate goal of the **Law** is **love**. To **love** is to do the **Law**. To obey the Law is to love your neighbors and your God. The New Testament **love** fulfills the Old Testament Law (Torah) requisite of loving people and Creator God.

TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exo. 20:1-17)

The first **three** commandments refer to **God**. The next **six** is interacting with **neighbors**. The last **one** is about our personal **self**.

God [Adonai] spake all these words, saying:

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|---|--------|
| 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me [God]. | God |
| 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee graven image [idol] ... | |
| 3. Thou shalt not take the name of thy God in vain... | God |
| 4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. | Others |
| 5. Honour thy father and thy mother ... | |
| 6. Thou shalt not kill . | |
| 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery . | |
| 8. Thou shalt not steal . | |
| 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness ... | Self |
| 10. Thou shalt not covet . | |

The **Law** is like a tree; **love** is its fruit.



“The law is spiritual ... Love [spiritual] worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love** is the fulfilling of the **law**” (Rom. 7:14, 13:10).

GOD’S LAWS—ALL based on LOVE

Love is positive interaction with **others**. Laws are for the benefit of mankind. Symbiotically, if you **love** (do good to) **others**, all mutually benefits.

LOVE GOD:

1. A command **not** to worship **creatures**, including angels, humans, animals, emperors, Pope, Mary, Antichrist, etc. **God** isn’t second to angels (“gods”).
2. An order **not** to worship **creations**: God-made or man-made things (idols). Creations are stars, Sun, planets, moon, statue, gold, silver, money, etc.
3. A caution **not** to make **foolish vows** or say careless **profanity** using the name of God, which is holy.

LOVE NEIGHBORS:

These rules tell humans **not** to interact negatively with other people. **Sin** causes **division**.

4. The Sabbath serves as a bond between God and man. On worship day (Jewish Sabbath or Christian Sunday), we focus on the Lord God and spirituality (love, hope, faith, truth, etc.). The House of God is our “spiritual school” and “spiritual hospital.”
5. The children are to honor their parents. Growing kids need to respect their parents’ wisdom. The father and mother speak from experience. Youths should learn and apply their parents’ wise teaching.
6. **Murder** began with Satan. **Lust** begets **sin** that begets **death**; e.g., promiscuous women advertise themselves to men that stirs sexual lust. Men react with lust. A rapist’s **lust** begets unwanted pregnancy that begets abortion (**death** of a baby). Avoid abortion by exercising wisdom and self-control.
7. **Adultery**, sin with non-spouse, causes mistrust and divorce. It ruins husband-wife bond, marriage, family, and children. “*what God has joined together, let not man separate*” (Matt. 19:6).
8. **Stealing** is a loss to a person who put time and effort into earning wage or object. Lazy people resorts to thievery to get things free, not earn them.
9. Satan is the Father of Lies. Don’t be like him and be a false witness. If your neighbor depends on you to tell the truth and you **lie**, then you betrayed a trust.

LOVE SELF:

10. In the **self** is where thoughts originate. Some think good thoughts and others evil (covet). **Lust** begets **sin** that begets **death**. If a demonic spirit is in us, we try to **extract** that evil, which is why victims self-mutilate, self-abuse, or even self-harm—suicide (**death**). Thus, **self-love** is vital, even if it sounds selfish. **Self-control** is extremely important.



Understanding The Law and Grace

God is perfect and sinless. To live with God, humans must also be sinless. So, the Hebrews sacrificed animals as substitute for their sins. To resolve mankind's sins, God offered a perfect sacrifice—He Himself—as Emmanuel (“God with us,” Jesus). By being crucified and dying on the cross, the Lamb of God satisfied the law's sinless demand. Christ's **grace** saves those who have faith in him.

*“For the **Torah** [the law] was given through **Moshe** [Moses]; **grace and truth** came through **Yeshua the Messiah** [Christ]”* (John 1:17 CJB).

*“We know that the Torah is good, provided one uses it in the way the Torah itself intends. We are aware that **Torah** [the law] is **not for** a person who is righteous, but **for** those who are heedless of Torah and rebellious, ungodly and sinful, wicked and worldly, for people who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral — both heterosexual and homosexual — slave dealers, liars, perjurers, and anyone who acts contrary to the sound teaching”* (1 Tim. 1:8-10 CJB).

*“He [Yeshua] said to them, ‘**Shabbat** [Sabbath, one of the laws] was made for mankind, not mankind for Shabbat [law]; So the Son of Man is Lord even of Shabbat’ ”* (Mark 2:27-28 CJB).

The saying “laws are made for man not man (servant) for laws,” means that rules and laws are for mankind's benefit—for their positive, not negative, interaction. The Law is spiritual and good.

DEHAAN'S WORD about GRACE (in red):

To illustrate the justice of God, David was the first man in Israel who had a right to Israel's throne. He was the descendant of **Perez**, the **illegitimate son** of **Judah**. We've a sordid record in Gen. 38.

Judah, the son of Jacob, had married a Canannitish woman who had borne him three sons, **Er**, **Onan**, and **Shelah**. When **Er** was of age his father gave him a wife by the name of **Tamar**. But Er died before he had an issue and died childless. According to the Law of redemption of a wife, the brother of the deceased was to take his brother's wife. This the second son of Judah did, **Onan** too died childless and left Tamar a widow again. There was one more son of Judah, **Shelah**, who was eligible to take the widowed Tamar. But Judah refused to give him to Tamar. It was then that Tamar disguised herself as a harlot and enticed Judah, her own father-in-law, to become the father of her child. This baby was called **Perez**. He was an illegitimate child, born of Judah and his own daughter-in-law. Now the Bible had given a very clear instruction concerning the place of such an one in Israel. The significant of all this will become evident as we see God's provision. It begins, therefore, with **Perez** ... **Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, and David** ... Here is God's own commandment in regard to a situation of this very kind.

GOD'S LAW Stands

Here is the definite command of the Lord that no child born **out of wedlock** should ever be admitted into Israel until the 10th generation ...

*“A bastard [or Ammonite or Moabite] shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his **tenth generation**”* (Deut. 23:2-3 KJV).

The expression had a reference to a place in the royal line of Israel. It did not imply being a social outcast. Ancient rabbis interpreted it to mean that no descendant of a bastard could sit upon the throne of Israel until the **tenth** generation ... **God never departs from His Word**, and generations afterward **He keeps His Word**.

TEN GENERATIONS

There are just ten names in the list, beginning with **Perez**, son of Judah, and ending with **David**, king of Israel. It begins with a “bastard” and ends with a great king. It is the story of **Grace, Grace, Grace**, the story of a poor, unworthy gentile becoming the happy bride of the wealthy Boaz.

Judah-Tamar (played harlot)

1. **Perez** (illegitimate son)

2. **Hezron**

3. **Ram**

4. **Amminadab**

5. **Nahshon**

6. **Salmon-Rahab** (prostitute)

7. **Boaz-Ruth** (Moabite)

8. **Obed**

9. **Jesse**

10. **David** (King of Israel)

... 14 generations later came **Jesus** (the King of Kings).

Boaz was a **physical** Kinsman-Redeemer.

Jesus is the **spiritual** Kinsman-Redeemer.

Our Savior Jesus' grace and love covers the sins of people, including Hebrews, **Judah, Tamar, Rahab**, and **Ruth** (descendant of Lot's incest).

*“Have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a **multitude of sins**”* (1 Peter 4:8). Love (God-Jesus) forgives and covers all our sins.



Chapter 2: Ruth Gleaning—Church Age Harvest

Church Age Ch. 1:16-23

Some gentiles (**Church**) cleaved to Jews (**Israel**).

Friendly gentiles accepted God and forsook their old gods (religions). **Ruth** (**Church**) became a “**spiritual Jew**.”

1948, Jews return to their land. Became a nation.

The **Church** is evangelizing the world.

Christ is “the **Lord of Harvest**.”

Christ (God in human body) redeemed humans (“His brethren”) from sin and death.

Gospel is preached to all and the end comes.

Ruth 1:16-22: Ruth [**“Church, spiritual Jews”**] said:

*“Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; **your people shall be my people, Your God, my God.** Where you die, I will die, there will I be buried.*

*When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. It happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, “Is this **Naomi**? She said to them, “Do not call me **Naomi** (“pleasant”); call me Mara (“bitter”), for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the Lord has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?” **Naomi** returned, and **Ruth** ... with her, who returned from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.*

Ch. 2:1-23:

*There was a relative of **Naomi’s** (**Israel’s**) husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of **Elimelech** (**GOD**). His name was **Boaz** (**Christ**). **Ruth** (**Church**) said to **Naomi** (**Israel**), “Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor.” Then she left ... and gleaned in the field after the **reapers** (“**angels** harvesting souls”). She happened to come to the part of the field belonging to **Boaz** (**Christ**). Now behold, **Boaz** (**Christ**) came from **Bethlehem**, and said to the **reapers**, “The Lord be with you!” They answered him, “The Lord bless you!” **Boaz** said to his servant who was in charge of the **angels**. “Whose young woman is this?” So the servant ... answered and said, “It is the young Moabite woman who came back with **Naomi** from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please I let me glean and gather after the **angels** among the sheaves.’ She came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house.” **Boaz** said to **Ruth**, “Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the men have drawn.”*

Story of Ruth (with analogy)

Ruth (“Friend,” **Church**) cleaved to **Naomi** (**Jew**).

Ruth (**Friendly Church**) made Jews her people, accepted God, and forsook her old gods.

Naomi (**Israel**) arrived in Bethlehem at harvest time.

Ch. 2: **Ruth** (**Church**) gleans (**evangelizes**) field (**world**).

Boaz (**Christ**) is in charge of harvesting.

Boaz (**Christ**) is a near kinsman (**human**), who can legally redeem relatives (**humanity**).

End of harvest (end of **bringing in** of the **gentiles**).

*She fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” **Boaz** (**Christ**) answered, “It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for **Naomi** (**Israel**) since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.” She said, “Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant ...”*

***Boaz** said to her at mealtime, “Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.” She sat beside the **reapers** (**angels**), and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back. When she rose up to glean, **Boaz** commanded his young men, “Let her glean even among the sheaves ... Let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.” She gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an **ephah** (a day’s work or 10 days of food) of barley. She took it up and went into the city, and **Naomi** (**Israel**) saw what she had gleaned. She brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied. **Naomi** (**Israel**) said to her, “Where have you gleaned today? Where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you.” She told **Naomi** (**Israel**) with whom she had worked, and said, “The man’s name ... is **Boaz** (**Christ**).” **Naomi** (**Israel**) said to her ... “Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!” **Naomi** (**Israel**) said to her, “This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives.” **Ruth** (**Church**) said, “He also said to me, ‘You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’” **Naomi** (**Israel**) said to **Ruth** (**Church**) ... “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field.” So she stayed close by the young women of **Boaz** (**Christ**), to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with **Naomi** (**Israel**).*

CHURCH—"RUTH"

As Ruth was the daughter-in-law to Naomi and Elimelech, so the **Church** is to Israel and God.

*"Boaz said ... **Ruth** the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I **purchased** to be my **wife**, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance ... So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife" (Ruth 4:9-13). Jesus **redeemed** the Church (gentile saints). "The church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).*

Ruth is the great ancestor of David and Christ. *"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ ... Salmon begat Boaz of Rachab; and **Boaz** begat Obed of **Ruth**; and Obed begat Jesse; Jesse begat **David** the king ... Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus** [Yeshua] who is called **Christ** [Messiah]" (Matt. 1:1-16).*

MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB

Contrary to the novel, *Da Vinci Code*, Jesus isn't married to one person Mary Magdalene, but will be united to the Church (*group of billions of saints*). Secular people only think materialistically and see marriage as a physical union. Christ's marriage is on a universal, God-level spiritual union: spiritually "being one" with the Church.

*"The marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife [Church] hath made herself ready. To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Rev. 19:7-8). "The husband is the head of the wife as **Christ** is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the savior ... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself [was sacrificed] for her" (Eph. 5:23-25).*

WEDDING: Becoming spiritually "ONE"

CHRIST
Groom
(JEW)



Eternal union

CHURCH
Bride
(GENTILE)

HAPPY ENDING

Just as there was a happy ending in the Book of Ruth for Boaz, Ruth, and Naomi, so there'll be a joyful ending for Christ, Church, God, and Israel.

CHURCH—"RUTH"

When Ruth (Moabite) became a "spiritual Jew," Her physical body didn't change. Her age, look, environment, and ethnicity didn't change. She was a Moabite that day. The next day, she is still a Moabite. It is also the same with every other gentile. Maybe today you are a Chinese. Tomorrow you will still be a Chinese. Your physical body would not alter, but your spiritual heart, mind, and spirit will change. Likewise for every non-Jew (gentile).

A gentile can also become "spiritual Jew" by saying, *"Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God"* (v. 16-18).

Three HUMAN PARTS

Angels are **spirits**. Animals are **bodies**. But a human being has a **spirit**, **soul**, and **body**.

*"The very God of peace sanctify you **wholly** [all of you, all three parts]; and I pray that your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord"* (1 Thes. 5:23).

The **body** is "the flesh." The physical body is made up of molecules, cells, tissues, organs, muscles, and bones. It feels pleasure and pain. The **soul** is the conscience, decision-maker, will, and mind. Your intelligence distinguishes you from animals. You've reasoning power. The **spirit** understands and believes in spirits and spiritual things. It is your "sixth sense" that discerns spiritual good and evil. It senses good angels (friends) and evil spirits (enemies). The **soul** decides for the **body** to contain which wanted **spirit**: Holy Spirit or demon.


A human physical **body** is temporary (it dies), but his **spirit** is eternal. *"The [physical] things ... seen are temporary, but the [spiritual] things ... not seen are eternal"* (2 Cor. 4:18).

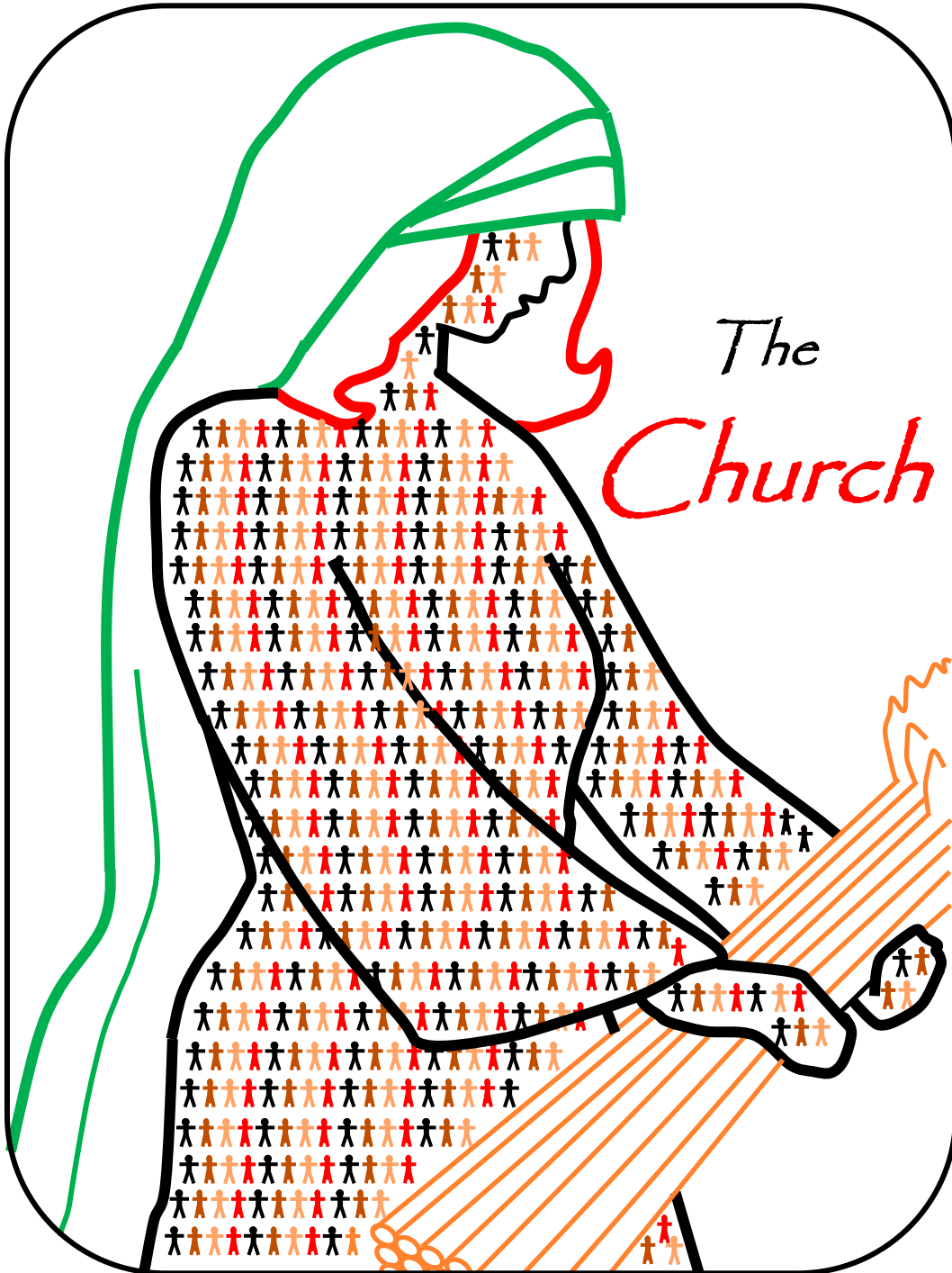
DEATH and RESURRECTION

All physical humans die a **physical** death, but their eternal spirits goes to Heaven, if "saved" or go to Hell, if "unrepentant and unsaved."

When a man dies, his three human parts are disassembled. Resurrection is the reverse process: His **body** reassembled with the **soul** and **spirit**. A "spiritual Jew" has eternal life with Christ and our Heavenly Father.

Ruth symbolizes **the Church**:

As **Ruth** has billions of physical cells, so the “**Church**” has billions of spiritual cells. Like **Ruth**, gentiles must give up their old gods (idols, religion, fallen angels) and follow the Jew Jesus. A non-Jew becomes a “**spiritual Jew**” by accepting Jesus’ way of life—loving neighbors and God. As a physical lady keeps herself clean and pretty, the **church** (gentiles) also must keep herself spiritually clean, which means repenting of sins and being washed in the “blood of Christ.” The Church is a living organism, not an inanimate building. She is people (gentiles of all kinds). 



HUMAN RACE / ETHNICITY

Biblically, there's **one** human race: Adam progenies. Three subgroup: **Semites**, **Hamites** and **Japhetites**. Flood survivors: Noah's sons (**Shem**, **Ham**, **Japhet**). Scientifically, there're many subgroups: 3 to over 60, depending on how specific the scholars want to get.

Bt for our purpose, we will stick with **three**:

- * **Africans**: Ethiopian, Kenyan, Nigerian, Zulu, etc.
- * **Asians & Americans**: Chinese, Indian, Eskimo, etc.
- * **Europeans**: British, French, Greek, Russian, etc.

For the Gospel, there're **two** groups: Jews and Non-Jews.

CHURCH—BODY of CHRIST

We equated Ruth (gentile) with the Church and Boaz (Jew) with Christ. Like Ruth and Boaz united, so will the Church (wife) unite with Christ (husband). *"The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body"* (Eph. 5:23).

Ruth is symbolic of the Church. Saved gentiles (non-Jews) are part of the one universal Church—the **"body of Christ."** Christians (spiritual cells) make up the body of the Church. The gentiles consist of many ethnic groups, nations, and tribes.

GENTILES of the WORLD

A gentile can be an Apache, Arab, Belgian, Burmese, Chinese, Croatian, Dominican, Dutch, Ecuadorean, Ethiopian, Fijian, French, Gambian, Guatemalan, Haitian, Hungarian, Indonesian, Iclander, Jamaican, Japanese, Kenyan, Kuwaiti, Laotian, Luxembourger, Macedonian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Nigerian, Omani, Oneida, Peruvian, Poles, Qatari, Quechan, Romanian, Rwandan, Somali, Swazi, Taiwanese, Tatars, Ukrainian, Uruguayan, Venezuelan, Vietnamese, Welshman, Winnebago, Yemeni, Yugoslav, Zambian or Zulu.

MIGRATION HISTORY

After the Great Flood, only Noah, his three sons, and their wives survived. From this family of eight, the human race multiplied and replenished the Earth.

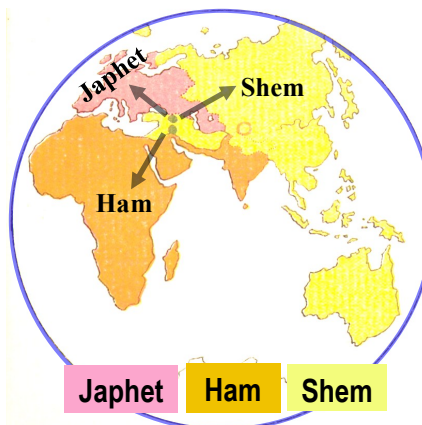
Noah descendants: **Semites**, **Hamites** and **Japhetites**.

To Bible scholars:

Japhet Progenies migrated to **Europe**.

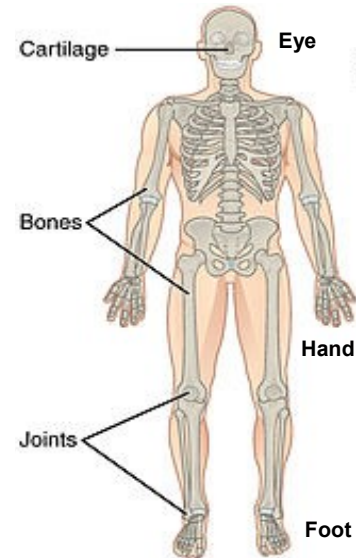
Ham Descendants traveled to **Africa**.

Shem Scion moved to **Middle East**, **Asia**, and **America**.



ANATOMY of the HUMAN BODY

A human has one body, but has many cell members. Likewise, a Christian is a unique member in the **"body of Christ."** Each one is vital. The **saints'** interactions are like the **cells'** interactions in the human body.



The Church and its Members

*"For as the body is one and has many members ... so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks ... slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit ... If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? But God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased ... The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you' ... There should be **no schism [division]** in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. If **one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all members rejoice with it. You are the body of Christ, and members individually.***

*God has appointed these in the church: first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then gifts of **healings**, ... varieties of **tongues**. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts" (1 Cor. 12:12-30).*

SEVEN CHURCHES in ASIA MINOR

Jesus addressed the churches (Christians) of Asia Minor (now Turkey) of the first century.



“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy ... John to the seven churches which are in Asia: ... from him which is ... was ... to come ... I, John ... was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day” (Rev. 1:3-4, 9-10).

CHURCH OF EPHESUS

Message to left-first-love Christians (church).

*“Unto the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write ... I [Jesus] know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience ... for my name’s sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works” (Rev. 2:1-5).*

CHURCH OF SMYRNA

Message to persecuted Christians (church). *“Unto the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write ... I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the **synagogue of Satan**. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer ... 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” (Rev. 2:8-10).*

CHURCH OF PERGAMUM

Message to Balaam-tolerant Christians (church).

*“To the angel of the church in **Pergamos** write ... I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where **Satan’s seat** is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith ... thou hast there them that hold the **doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication” (Rev. 2:12-14).*

CHURCH of **THYATIRA**

Message to Jezebel-tolerant church.

*“Unto the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write; These things saith the Son of God ... I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience ... thou sufferest [tolerate] that woman Jezebel ... to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols ... I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works” (Rev. 2:18-20, 23).*

CHURCH of **SARDIS**

Message to apathetic and “**dead**” church.

*“Unto the angel of the church in **Sardis** write ... I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art **dead**. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God ... Repent ... Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy” (Rev. 3:1-4).*

CHURCH of **PHILADELPHIA**

Message to **faithful** Christians (church).

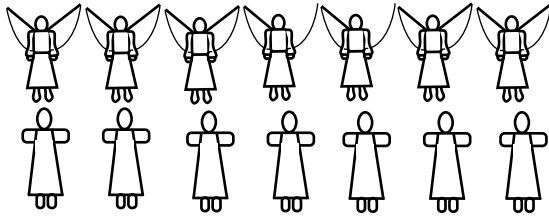
*“To the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write ... for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them” (Rev. 3:7-11).*

CHURCH of **LAODICEA**

Message to lukewarm Christians (church).

*“Unto the angel of the church of the **Laodiceans** write ... So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked ... **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten**: be zealous ... repent” (Rev. 3:14-19).*

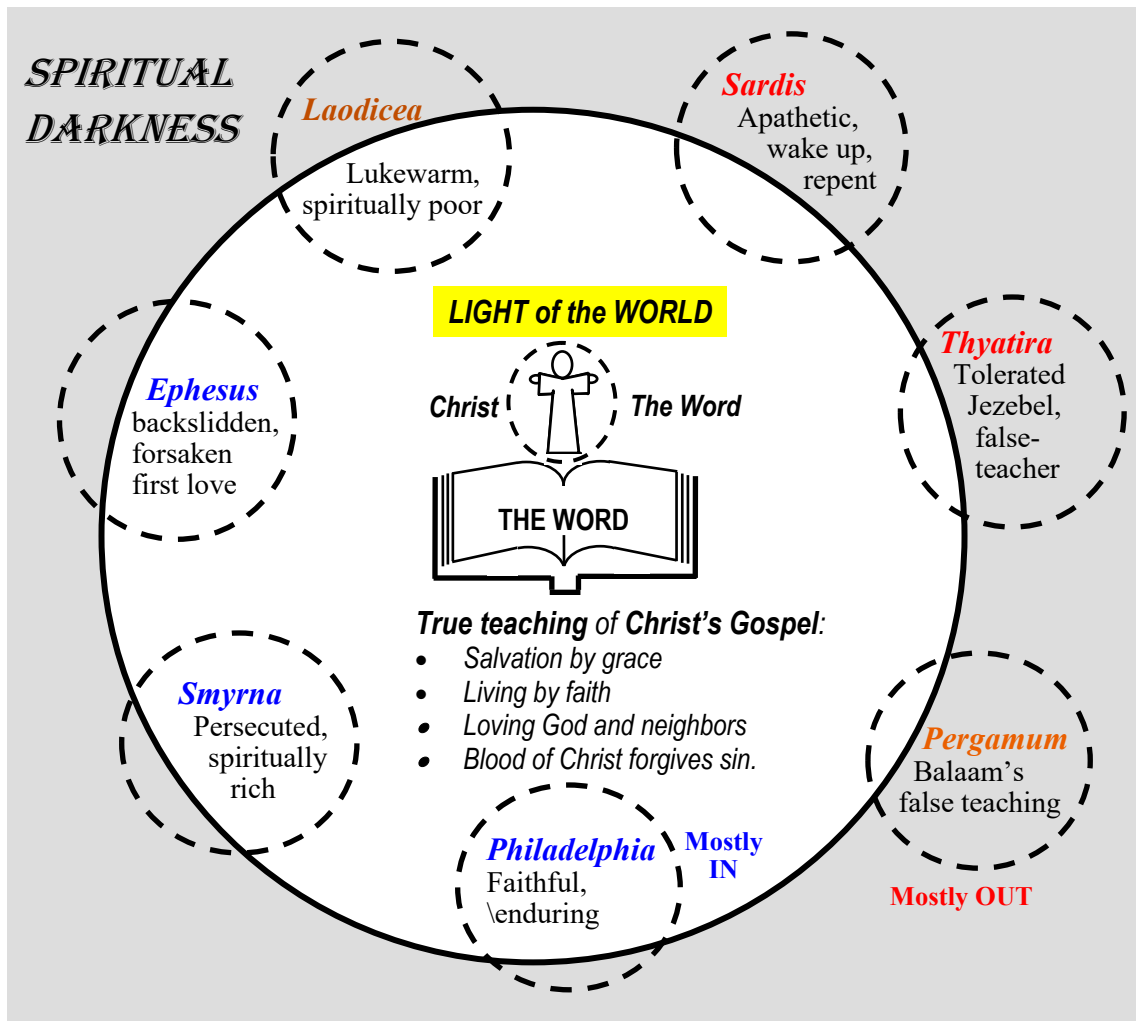
“Angels of the seven churches”



“SEVEN CHURCHES in ASIA MINOR”

† Philadelphia	Faithful church.
† Smyrna	Persecuted church.
† Ephesus	Left-first-love church
† Laodicea	Luke warm church.
† Pergamum	Balaam tolerant church.
† Thyatira	Jezebel tolerant church
† Sardis	“Dead”, apathetic church.

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE



This illustration help us visualize that there're degrees to how well these early churches (groups of Christians) conformed to the true teaching of the Gospel of Christ. Today's churches and denominations are similar. None are perfect. Amish, Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans, Mormons, or Pentecostals don't all come up to the **standard of Christ**. Each believer should also examine himself/herself to conform to the teaching of our Savior.

EXPANSION of RELIGIONS

The Creator made creation and creatures. He created humans with **free will**. When they became excessively wicked He decimated humanity with the Great Flood. The only survivors were a family of eight (Noah, Japhet, Shem, Ham, and their wives). Then they multiplied and expanded in all directions. All survivors believed the true God. But their descendants embellished and distorted the truth about God. The **relationship** of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity:

Abraham's sons: **Isaac** by Sarah and **Ishmael** by Hagar. Jesus was born during the reign of Augustus Caesar. Our savior conducted His ministry during Tiberius' reign. He taught the true Gospel. Christianity is based on teaching of Jesus Christ. Love is best.

JUDAISM

The Jews tried to live by the **Law** and Christians by **love**. "**Love** אהבה is the fullness of Torah תורה" (CJB). "**Love is the fulfilling of the Law**" (Rom. 13:10). The purpose of the **Law** is **love**. To **love** is to do the **Law**. In essence, Christianity and Judaism are based on love.

CATHOLICISM

Peter, "the Rock," was considered as the main spiritual leader of the early church, so the Catholics consider him as the first Pope. They ran the early Christianity ship until they veered off course during the Middle Ages. They treated certain religious beliefs as heresies, used harsh Inquisition and torture, and sold indulgence for purgatory atonement. Though Purgatory does not exist.

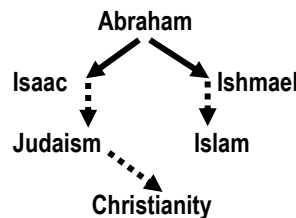
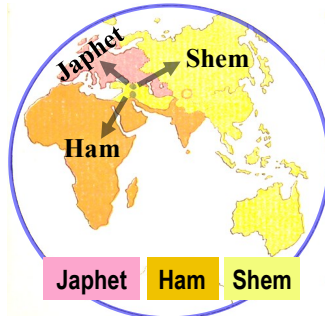
PROTESTANTS

Martin Luther questioned Catholicism, with his **Ninety-Five Theses**, about selling indulgences to pay for sin. But, it is the blood of Christ that forgives sin. The Reformation returned the emphasis to salvation by grace, living by faith, and loving God and neighbors.

CULTS

Considered major cults: Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, and Seventh-day Adventism.

Good works done by cults—in accord only with the **Bible**—will survive. "**Every man's work shall be made manifest ... fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is ... If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved**" (1 Cor.3:13).



ISLAM

The belief is in one "God" (Allah). Islamic teaching is summarized by the Muslim teacher Maududi: "**... for Islam signifies nothing but obedience and submission to Allah.**"

If **obedience** is the only thing that matters, Allah would have made humans as androids.

Robots don't disobey, rebel, or sin against their masters. It is better to live as God's **children** with free-will, faith, and love. Physical children don't go from baby to adult suddenly; likewise, our spiritual growth develops through the "growing pains" of trials and errors.

BUDDHISM and HINDUISM

Buddhism teaches from **dharma**—Buddha's basic Enlightenment teaching:

- existence of **suffering**.
- origin of suffering is **desire** (lust, covet).
- end suffering by **ending desire**.
- reaching the perfect state of **Nirvana**.

This essentially is "**works**" for salvation—trying to reach Nirvana by human effort, but it's faith in Christ that produces good works. **Faith** precedes **good works**. Not vice-versa.

Hinduism teaches Hindus to improve their **karma** (action—that determines destiny), be reincarnated (recycled), and reach perfection — **moksha**, to become one with Brahman—"god." A person (like raindrop) becomes one with Brahman (like ocean). But, this is "**works**" to perfect one's self by human effort. Bible says, "**A man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus**" (Gal. 2:16).

SCIENCE, SECULARISM, COMMUNISM

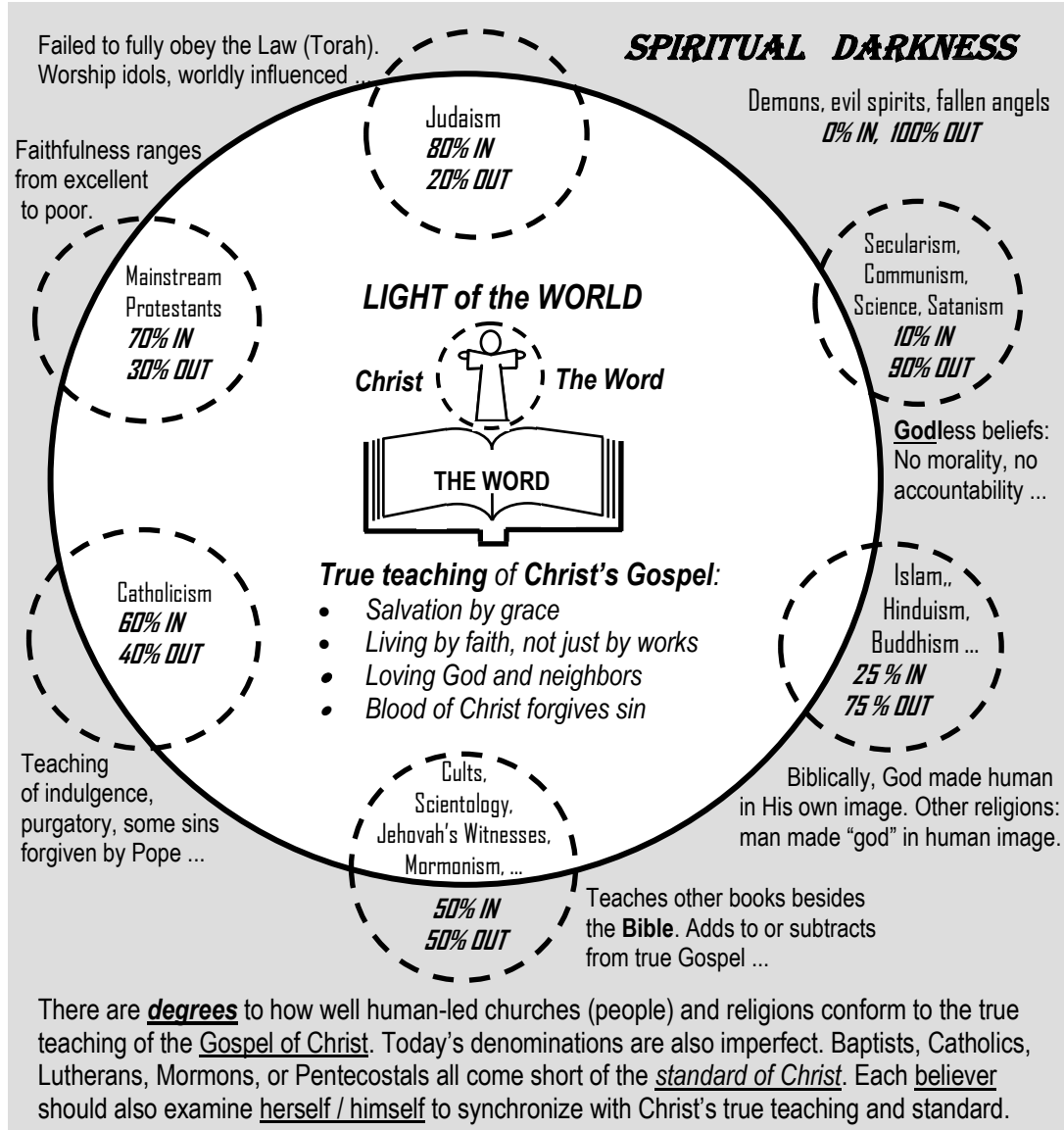
Godless beliefs: Some individuals and people have an atheistic ideology of **no Creator God**. They believe in science, secularism, atheism, communism, or humanism. Some humans live and think by "**creation only, all is physical**" convictions, not by their Creator God.

We can't fully seal off Satanists from being saved, because now and then some realize that Christ (Omnipotent God) is more powerful than the creature Satan. Warlocks and witches still have an opportunity to switch allegiance.

SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS

Fallen angels can not return to Heaven, from where they're cast out. They're already eternally dead. They're 100% against God. We must not associate, listen to, or obey them.

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE



The percentages (%) are **only arbitrary** numbers. It helps us visualize that there are degrees to how well religions, denominations, and cults follow the true teaching of our Savior. A saved saint in the "Mainstream Protestant" has a high probability of being on the right path of the true Gospel of Jesus, which leads to salvation and eternal life. Satanists have the lowest possibility. Fallen angels (evil spirits) have none.

There is some truth in every religion. The survivors (8) of the Great Flood all knew the real truth about God when they stepped off the Ark on Mt. Ararat. Stories of the Creator God and a great flood appears in many religions. However, the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japhet embellished and distorted truths. People ignorantly believed in falsehoods and deteriorated into idolatry, ungodliness, and sin. So, false religion have perverted truths. Some 70 %, others 7 %, and various degrees. Christ's Gospel brings back the real truth to the gentiles (non-Jews).

"When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly ... All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then [in future] I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely" (1 Cor. 13:11-12 NLT).

Chapter 3: Boaz covers Ruth at Night—Tribulation

history of the Hebrews

Tribulation separate believers from unbelievers. Humans have to commit to **Christ** or **the Devil**.

Church will be with **Christ**. ("raptured").

The Jews will go through the **Tribulation**.

Second coming of **Christ** ends **Tribulation**.

Story of Ruth (with analogy)

Night (tribulation), time of threshing, winnowing, separating wheat (**saved**) from chaff (**unsaved**).

Midnight, Ruth (**Church**) laid at Boaz's (**Christ's**) feet.

At **night (tribulation)**, **Naomi** stays alone in the city.

Night (tribulation) ends. **Boaz** sets out to redeem.

BOAZ and RUTH at the THRESHING FLOOR

Naomi (Israel) her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? Now **Boaz (Christ)**, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley **tonight ("Tribulation")** at the threshing floor. Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do." She said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that **Naomi (Israel)** instructed her. After **Boaz (Christ)** had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. Now it happened at **midnight (mid-Tribulation)** that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. He said, "Who are you?"

So she answered, "I am **Ruth (Church)** ... Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman. Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. Stay this **night (Tribulation)**," and in the **morning** it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until **morning**."

So she lay at his feet until **morning (end of Tribulation)**, and she arose before one could recognize another. He said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor ... Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." When she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into **the city**.

So when she came to **Naomi (Israel)**, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" She told her all that the man had done for her. She said, "These six ephahs (**six days' wage**) of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to **Naomi (Israel)**.'" She said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

CHRIST—"BOAZ," Kinsman-Redeemer

As Boaz was a kinsman-redeemer; so is Christ, who is the Son of God (fully God) and Son of Man (fully human Jew). Jesus is the kinsman to mankind. The Son of God came into this world to die a vicarious death for us, as a ransom for all our sins. "**Naomi said to her [Ruth], The man [Boaz] is near of kin to us, one of our next kinsmen**" (Ruth 2:20). Boaz was a Jewish relative and kinsman to Naomi. Emmanuel, a relative to humans, can **legally** redeem "His brethren (humans)" from sin and death. "**Boaz [Redeemer] said to the elders and to all the people, 'You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's ... from the hand of Naomi'**" (Ruth 4:9).

After the night ended, Boaz redeemed Naomi's property. The Messiah returns the second time to end Tribulation, redeem all of Israel's property, and return it to the Jews. Since humanity are physical, the redeemer must be a physical human to legally redeem other humans from sin and death. He had to die a mortal human death to validate our redemption.

"**The man Christ ... gave Himself as a ransom [payment] for all men**" (1 Tim. 2:5-6).

LORD of the HARVEST

Jesus explains the parable of the Sower:

"**He [sower] that soweth the good seed is the Son of man [Jesus]; The field is the world [earthlings]; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world [finale, gathering of people]; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares [unsaved sinners] are gathered and burned in the fire; ... The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father**" (Matt. 13:37-43).

CHRIST with CHURCH during TRIBULATION

The **night** refers to the **Great Tribulation**. **Morning** is the **end of Tribulation**. **Midnight** is **mid-Tribulation**. The **Church stays with Christ**, that is, “the **Rapture**.” At **midnight (mid-tribulation)** is when the Church meets Christ. The how, who, where, and when of the Rapture is unknown now, but the closer these vague future prophecies come, the clearer we’ll know them. **Notice:** Boaz and Ruth were **on the rural farm** after harvest. Naomi was in **the city**, where **Tribulation** is. Like the judgments against Egypt, the plagues were aimed at and absorbed by the Egyptians “in **the city**.” While the Hebrews were untouched **on the rural land** of Goshen. The animals, crops, and properties were safe. As Ruth was safe and untouched at night, so the saints will somehow survive. Perhaps by manna again.

CHRIST—NATURALLY SINLESS

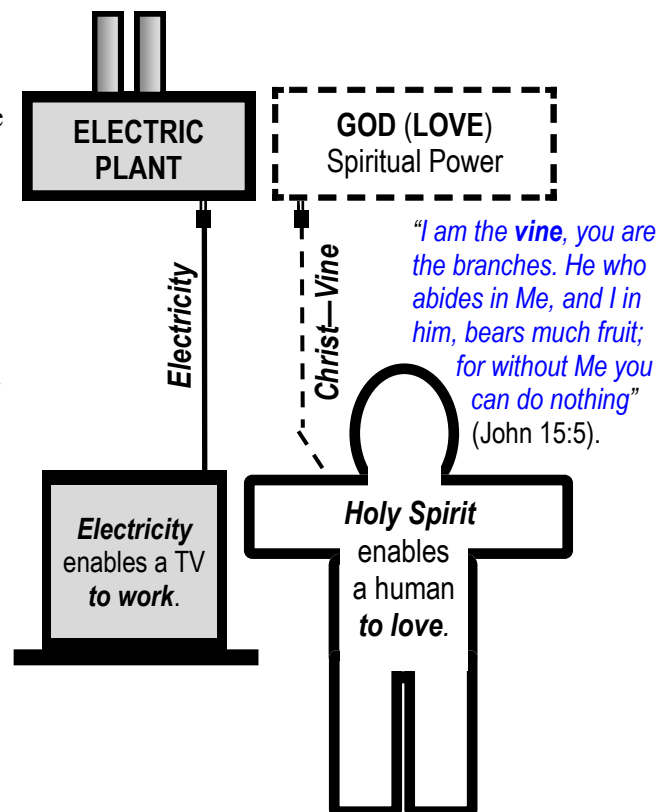
Why is it very difficult, by human effort, to live like the sinless God? Yet, Christ (as human) lived a sinless life. “Sinless” means that He didn’t commit any sin. Zero! Humans are prone to temptations. They easily fall into sin. From that perspective, living a sinless life seems impossible! Yet God wants all His “sons and daughters” to live sinless and act like His only Begotten Son. How did Jesus overcome all temptation and not sin? An example is illustrated by two men: **Fred** and **Bob**. If you ask **Fred** to act and be exactly like **Bob**, he’d have difficulty acting and being exactly like **Bob**. Some of **Fred** would show through, no matter how sincerely **Fred** tried being like **Bob**. As hard as **Fred** tries to be like **Bob**, **Fred can’t be exactly like Bob**. But if you ask **Fred** to act exactly like **Fred**, then it is only natural for **Fred** to be like **Fred**. **He is Fred**. In a similar way, it’s hard for a sinful human to act like a sinless God by human effort. Yet it is easy for Christ to be like God, because **He is God**. He lived a naturally sinless life. It’s his nature and character.

We can behave and act like Jesus only through spiritual growth with the aid of the Holy Spirit. We need plenty of grace and much forgiveness.

It’s impossible for a man to get to Heaven by his own effort and righteousness or by Buddhism (*Nirvana*), or by Hinduism (*moksha*), or by Islam (*total obedience*). Hinduism require people to perfect themselves first, by their own effort, before being accepted by Brahman (*god*). If they’re unsuccessful, then they’re “recycled.” Christ’s way is better, since he was sacrificed for our sins. He’s an example of how to live and behave. The “*sons and daughters of God*” must imitate the “*Son of God*” when interacting with their Abba Father.

GOD (CHRIST) empowers BELIEVERS

A television (TV) without power has no picture, so a man, without God’s power, is empty of love. A TV must have electricity to function. **True love** doesn’t exist in a **man** unless **God** exists within **him**. If the Holy Spirit is in you, He’ll produce the good deeds in you. God is the source of true love. The Holy Spirit builds good character in the child of God. “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*” (Gal. 5:22-23). Doing God’s will is a hard task. The Lord wants us to live **sinless**, like He is. **Sinless** is His nature. For humans, they need help. It seems people’s lifestyles gravitate naturally toward sinfulness. As a TV needs electricity to function, people need God’s power to express love. It requires us to be “plugged into” His power source to love our neighbors. Energy is required to do physical work. God is needed to produce spiritual love. A **car** needs **gasoline** to **operate**. Man (like a **car**) needs a supply of love (like **gasoline**) from God to love his neighbors. “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” (Phil.4:13).



Analogy of human’s inability to love except with the help of the Spirit of God (Christ).

GREAT APOSTASY—“FALLING AWAY”

“Brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord ... Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day [Second Coming] will not come unless the falling away [apostasy] comes first” (2 Thes. 2:1-3).

An **apostasy** is departure from God by religions, people, nations, schools, businesses, governments, etc. How do they depart? By secularization of our educational and governmental policies. If people or nation gets rid of its God, then they do whatever they want: no morality, no accountability, and no regret. A vacuum is left. The Devil **fills the void** with lie, sin, and death. In comes Satan; out goes truth and love. *“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”* (Prov. 14:34).

When a man says “no one tells me what to do. I do what I want,” lawlessness soon follows. When nation and governmental leaders (e.g., Hitler, Mao) become insensitive to the masses and its God, they tend to lie, steal, cheat, deceive, war, and murder. Secular people, that don’t believe God is watching them, don’t feel liable for any wrong they do.

“Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money ... disobedient to parents, unholy, unloving, unthankful, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, despisers of good ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power ... always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth [Christ]” (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

GREAT TRIBULATION

Tribulation lasts seven years. Predicting the future is like trying to hit a moving target that keeps changing. Can’t be very specific about the coming events. Mankind will endure much war, violence, suffering, thirst, famine, disease, and death. Suffering will become so bad that the very existence of the human race will be threatened.

“Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive [total annihilation], but for the sake of the elect [chosen people—Jews] those days will be shortened” (Matt. 24:21-22).

SECOND COMING of JESUS CHRIST

“That day” of Christ’s return comes. He ends the Tribulation by defeating the evil spirits. The Devil will serve a 1000-year prison term, while his accomplices, the Antichrist and False Prophet, are tossed into Hell. Then Millennial Kingdom begins.

TRIALS and TRIBULATIONS

The Tribulation is a crucible that will test the character of everyone. Evil spirits will test humans to their limits. Trials are refineries that make the “good” much **better**, “wicked” much **worse**. Choose Christ or Satan.

The Lord uses short abstract **symbolism** for our memory retention and comprehension.

SEVEN SEALS

- ☉ White horse. Rider: Conqueror, conquest.
- ☉ Red horse. Rider: Warrior, wars.
- ☉ Black horse. Rider: Famine, starvation.
- ☉ Pale horse. Rider: Death, result of sin.
- ☉ Great Tribulation saints are in Heaven.
- ☉ Great earthquake. Environmental chaos.
- ☉ Silence in Heaven for a time, then storm.

As the first seal is opened, a conqueror rides forth. He starts Tribulation by conquering three nations, which leads to war that takes peace from Earth (global conflicts). Like a domino effect, conquest leads to war, war leads to famine. Famine leads to death.

SEVEN TRUMPETS

- ★ Hail fire. Third of trees, grass burns up.
- ★ Asteroid on fire falls into the sea.
- ★ Comet debris falls on rivers and springs.
- ★ Lights from sun, moon, and star fades.
- ★ Fallen star (angel). Smoke out of Abyss.
- ★ Release of four angels at Euphrates.
- ★ Woman and Dragon. “Beasts” arise.

The seven trumpets announce certain events and judgments. Starts with the bombardment of Earth by celestial objects. Asteroids and comets impact the Earth causing earthly chaos. Israel (woman) is tormented by the Devil (Dragon). Birth of Christ.

SEVEN BOWLS of PLAGUES

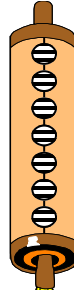
- ☉ Painful sores on people marked with 666.
- ☉ Sea turns to blood red. Sea creatures die.
- ☉ Rivers and springs polluted bloody red.
- ☉ Sun scorches unrepentant 666-people.
- ☉ Beast and his kingdom dwell in darkness.
- ☉ Euphrates dries up. Way to Armageddon.
- ☉ Greatest earthquake. Huge hailstones.

In the past, God used the plagues to free the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt (world power) and from the Pharaoh (king). In the future, God use plagues against the Beast (world power) and Antichrist (king).

Note: The Lord makes judgment and war against the ungodly, not the godly.

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- ⊖ Momentary silence in Heaven.



SEALS

An understanding of the “last days” will help people prepare for their future. The scroll John saw is God’s revelations relating to the Church during the “end times.” Revelation is passed from **God** to **Christ**, to an **angel**, to apostle **John**, and to the **Church**. A **seal** is a device that seals and ratifies the writings. Sealing is for secrecy and locks up the matter contained. The Lord rewards those that diligently seek Him. Though the Book of Revelation is hard to understand, the Holy Spirit still encourages us to read and remember it. *“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein”* (Rev. 1:3).

CONQUEROR, CONQUEST—1st SEAL

A conqueror rides forth on a “white horse” bent on conquest. The Devil gives him great power to conquer many nations. *“I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals ... behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering”* (Rev. 6:1-2).

“The dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority ... power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations” (Rev. 13:2, 7).

WARRIOR, WARS—2nd SEAL

“When he had opened the second seal ... There went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword” (Rev. 6:3-4).

The warmonger has a “great sword” (huge military arsenals) to defeat any opposition. Satan empowers him to cause world wars, havoc, and devastation.

FAMINE and HUNGER—3rd SEAL

Widespread famine and hunger naturally follows war, since financial and human resources are dedicated to winning the war, instead of boosting agriculture. Food will be scarce and its price will be extremely high.

“When He opened the third seal ... a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. I heard ... ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius [a day’s wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine’” (Rev. 6:5-6).

DEATH and HELL—4th SEAL

Millions of deaths occur due to wars, famines, and diseases. People die of viral diseases and starvation.

“When he had opened the fourth seal ... a pale horse ... [the rider] was Death, and Hell followed with him. Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword ... hunger ... death ... beasts of the earth” (Rev. 6:7-8).

The Antichrist’s ambition to rule all the world leads to violence and war. This in turn leads to famine, hunger, disease, and death for mortals. In those days, it’ll be like “living in **Hell**.”

SAINT MARTYRS—5th SEAL

Saints are martyred for living by the Bible. *“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 ... I [John] beheld ... a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations ... kindreds ... people, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes ... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”* (Rev. 6:9, 7:9-14).

EARTHLY CHAOS—6th SEAL

Celestial objects bombards the Earth, causing people to panic and run for cover in bunkers or caves. It causes all kinds of environmental disasters.

“I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black ... and the moon became as blood; the stars of heaven fell unto the earth ... The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. The kings of the earth ... great men ... rich men ... chief captains ... mighty men ... bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him [God] ... and from the wrath of the Lamb” (Rev. 6:12-17).

MOMENT of CALM—7th SEAL

The calm before the storm. Evil-doers got God’s full attention. Then judgment follows.

“When he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour ... the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. The angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth” (Rev. 8:1,4-5).

ANALYZING the GREAT TRIBULATION

This part of our study examines the future events that will adversely affect mankind. The Book of Revelation discloses the obscure prophecies of the Tribulation. The Bible is our “eye glass” to see “seen” and “unseen” universes we live in.

Not all “Christians” extract the same meaning about the same thing from the same Bible.

Amish, Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans, Mormons, or Pentecostals don’t all agree on God, sin, truth, and future in exactly the same way.

A few advices about reading Revelation:

- You’ll be blessed for reading Revelation. *“Blessed are the reader and hearers of the words of this prophecy, provided they obey the things written in it! For the [Tribulation] time is near!”* (Rev. 1:3 CJB).
- Foremost, examine and decipher all by the **Bible**.
- Use **only** prophecies that came **directly from God** to His prophets and disciples: Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Daniel, John, Luke, Peter, Paul, and Jesus.
- Use John’s prophecy as your solid foundation; they are directly from God and “Lamb of God.”
- Don’t impulsively make quick judgment. But, wait patiently for the events to come clearly into focus.
- **Pray** for prophetic understanding from God Himself—the giver and revealer of these prophecies.
- Judgment is aimed at evildoers, not saints; as it was against evil Egyptians, not innocent Israelites.
- Israel is in the eye of the hurricane with its epicenter at Jerusalem. Many events occur around the Jews.

PREPARATION for TRIBULATION

Today, you must start thinking about how you will deal with and endure the Great Tribulation. The **Bible** is true. What it says will truly happen. Unbelievers ridiculed Noah about building the Ark (away from the sea). King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the “Great Statue” seemed unbelievable, but the predicted great empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome surely became true.

The predicted Tribulation will happen, every word of it. A few advices and examples to heed:

- Distant your family from congested cities and shores.
- Buy solar panels and wind turbines for electric power.
- Build bunkers to store necessities and medicines.
- Buy a house with much land to grow your own food.
- Buy non-perishable food by the volume for storage.
- Have access to water (river) or store plenty of water.
- Have vital tools to protect and defend your family.
- Home school and educate your own children.
- Read the Bible, pray for yourself, and get saved.
- If you die for your Savior—you have eternal life.



ANTICHRIST vs CHRIST

Antichrist and Christ are the bookends of the Tribulation. Each has a role. The Antichrist **starts** Tribulation, but Christ **ends** it.

ANTICHRIST: DEVIL’S CHAMPION

The character of Antichrist is like his master Satan: brilliant and beautiful with a superficial charm, but kills like a psychopathic wild **beast** without any mercy. He is the earthly proxy of the “god of this world.”

“The man of sin [Antichrist] is revealed ... who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or ... worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God ... Coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders” (2 Thes. 2:3-9).

The Antichrist influences world governments to mark their people with “666.” *“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or ... foreheads ... no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name ... his number is 666”* (Rev.13:16-18).

Antichrists have existed since King Herod tried to kill baby Jesus. It climaxes with the one called 666. He is the Devil-possessed man.

“Men loved darkness rather than light [Christ], because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).

CHRIST: GOD’S CHAMPION

Jesus’ second coming ends Tribulation and annihilation of the Jews and mankind. Christ is the earthly proxy of the Heavenly Father. The Messiah fights on behalf of his Chosen People.

“I saw heaven opened ... a white horse; and he [Yeshua the Messiah] that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war” (Rev. 19:11).

God gives Messiah the final kingdom. *“The God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [world empires], and it shall stand for ever”* (Dan. 2:44).

Good Supreme Being

GOD

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE

Good angelic beings

**WAR AMONG
INTELLIGENT
BEINGS**

Saved human beings

PHYSICAL UNIVERSE

Christ

Valley of Decision

Unsaved souls fought over

Anti-christ

Indecisive souls on Earth

Spiritual warfare on Earth

Negative ministries: "scatters"

Fallen human beings

Antichrist
Beast, False Prophet
serial murderer,
drug/liquor dealer,
pimp, prostitute,
liar, cheater,
Idolater

Fallen angelic beings

Kingdom of Darkness

*Demons
Rulers
Powers
Principalities
Dragon (Satan)*

Dragon

*Panoramic view of the spiritual war among intelligent beings (God, angels, and humans).
The **Great Tribulation** is the final total war that will usher in the **Millennial Kingdom**.*

SEVEN TRUMPETS

- ★ Hail fire. Third of trees, grass burns up.
- ★ Asteroid on fire falls into the sea.
- ★ Comet debris falls on rivers.
- ★ Sun, moon, and star light dims.
- ★ Fallen star (angel). Abyss smoke.
- ★ 4 angels at Euphrates released.
- ★ Woman and Dragon. “Beasts.”



FALLING STARS

The **trumpet** (shophar) was an instrument used by the Israelites to get people's attention to assemble for war or other urgent purposes.

Jericho was won by faith in God: *“Seven priests shall bear before the ark 7 trumpets of rams' horns [shopphars]: and the 7th day ye shall compass the city 7 times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets”* (Josh. 6:4).

In the Book of Revelation, seven trumpets are sounded by the angels to usher in judgments.

HAIL and FIRE—1st TRUMPET

Fiery debris rains on Earth, evidently from volcanic eruptions. *“The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up”* (Rev. 8:7).

Real nightmarish devastation **“climate change”** arises because of unrepentant sins of humans.

A super volcano like the Yellowstone caldera (~ 30 x 45 miles) can erupt and deposit about 3-foot of ash on the seven states bordering Wyoming. Ashes would cover the west half of U. S. Trees, grass, and vegetation all dies. Man and animals die breathing “glass” ashes. Crops and food are buried. Pollution darkens the sky.

ASTEROID FALLS into the SEA—2nd

Astronomers know that celestial objects hits the Earth regularly. An asteroid falls into the sea.

“The second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; The third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed” (Rev. 8:8-9).

A mountain-sized asteroid, all ablaze, falls into the sea (likely the Mediterranean Sea), since the area around the sea was the then-known world to John. In the future, the home of the Antichrist would likely be in this area. The asteroid impact spreads huge tsunamis, hundreds of feet high, that overturns and destroys many ships.

Comet WORMWOOD falls on RIVERS—3rd

“The third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, it fell upon the third part of the rivers ... The name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter [toxic]” (Rev. 8:10).

Likely, a loosely-bound rubble-pile type comet, toxic with **cyanogen** (CN₂) like the comet Halley, explodes in the atmosphere, spreading its poisonous pieces on rivers, springs, and waters.

ATMOSPHERE POLLUTED—4th TRUMPET

A huge asteroid impacting the Earth will throw up much debris into the global atmosphere. The dense pollution reduce lights from sun, moon, and stars.

“The fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun ... moon ... stars [lights] ... was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise” (Rev. 8:12).

STINGING LOCUSTS—5th TRUMPET

John saw a “star” (angel) fall to the Earth.

“The fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star [angel] fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. He opened ... There came out of the smoke locusts ... unto them was given power ... It was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass ...but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads ... not kill them, but ... tormented five months” (Rev. 9:1-5).

EUPHRATES RIVER—6th TRUMPET

A huge army kills a third of mankind (2.5 of 7.5 billion people) by mass destruction (BCN) weapons.

“The sixth angel sounded: ... four angels [bounded at Euphrates] ... released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the army of the horsemen was 200 million ... By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire ... smoke ... brimstone ... The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols ... they did not repent of ... murders ... sorceries ...” (Rev. 9:13-21).

VOICES in Heaven—7th TRUMPET

“The seventh angel sounded ... voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord [in Millennial Kingdom], and of his Christ” (Rev. 11:15, 19).

THREE ANGELS' proclamations

- Angel with **eternal gospel to preach.**
- Angel saying, **“Babylon is fallen.”**
- Angel warns of **666 mark.** (Rev. 14).

ISRAEL and JEWS—in EYE of the STORM

The **Tribulation** will be swirling around the Jews and Israel, with its epicenter at Jerusalem. Many events occurs near Mediterranean Sea.

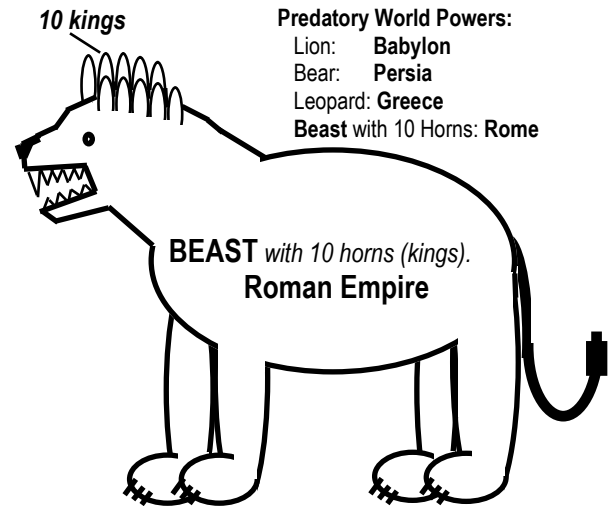
The “god of this world” governs the “world (system)” via the “beasts” (world empires), which can be identified by their hatred for Israel. Beasts devour other beasts to become what they are. Each eaten beast has left its mark on civilization in art, economics, politics, military, and technology to melt into the succeeding beast (new world power). The strongest consume all weaker beasts until its sum is the “beast with 7 heads and 10 horns.” The apex beast has the traits of lion, bear, and leopard.

BEAST COMING OUT of the SEA

The **Sea Beast** and **Antichrist** will arise near where the revival of Roman Empire occurs. The Antichrist (“little horn”) will uproot, replace, and unite 3 of the 10 horns (kings) of the Sea Beast. *“I ... saw a beast rise up out of the sea [people], having seven heads [mountains] and ten horns [kings] ... The beast ... was like unto a leopard [Greece] ... feet of a bear [Persia] ... mouth of a lion [Babylon]: and the dragon [Satan] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. I saw one of his heads ... mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. All the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon ... and ... beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? ... It was given unto him to make war with the saints ... to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, tongues, and nations” (Rev. 13:1-8).*

BEAST COMING OUT of the EARTH

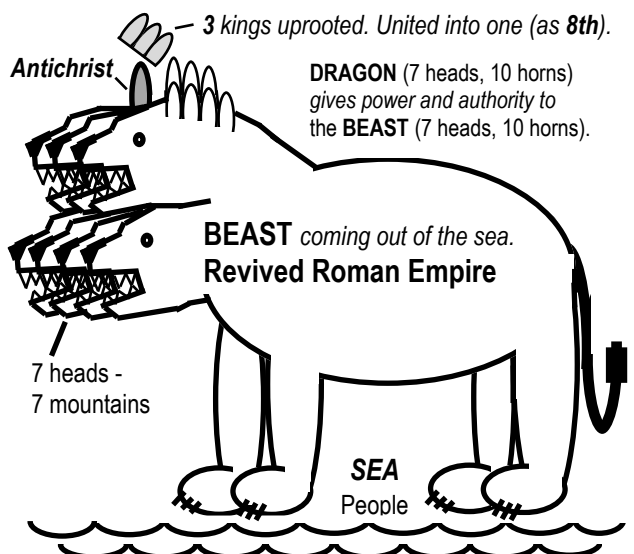
The **Earth Beast** and **False Prophet** will arise. A world government with computerized technology try to install on mankind with 666 implants. Six is a human number. The “beast” uses Artificial Intelligent technology to control world population. *“I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; he had two horns ... like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. He exerciseth all the power of the first [sea] beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast. He [Earth beast] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or ... fore-heads: That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name ... for it is the number of a man; and his number is 666” (Rev. 13:11-18).*



“BEAST” with 7 HEADS, 10 HORNS

“The 7 heads are 7 mountains ... There are 7 kings. 5 have fallen, one [6th] is ... other [7th] has not yet come ... The beast [7th] ... is himself also the 8th [A king unites 3 of 10 kings and becomes 8th] ... The 10 horns ... are 10 ten kings ... These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb ... the Lamb will overcome them. The waters ... are peoples ... The 10 horns ... hate the harlot ... the woman ... is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth” (Rev. 17:10-18).

“Beast ... like a bear [Persia] ... had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth” (Dan.7:5). Bible scholars say the ribs (Arab nations) are **Babylon** (Iraq, lion), **Lydia**, and **Egypt** that were absorbed by **Persia** (Iran, bear).





SEVEN BOWLS OF PLAGUES

- ⊖ Painful sores on people of 666.
- ⊖ Sea turns to blood. Sea creatures die.
- ⊖ Rivers and springs turn to blood (red).
- ⊖ Sun scorches people. They don't repent.
- ⊖ Beast and his kingdom are in darkness.
- ⊖ Euphrates dry up. Way to Armageddon.
- ⊖ Greatest earthquake ever. Huge hailstones.

PLAGUES of JUDGMENT

In this war, the emphasis is on the judgment against vile spirits and evil people, though it might seem God is lashing out at everybody. As judgment was focused on the Egyptians, **not Hebrews**, so the future punishment will be on evildoers, especially the Antichrist and the 666-people, **not the saints**. Still, collateral damage will hurt good people, since criminals indiscriminately take advantage of people.

"Seven angels having the seven last plagues ... I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth" (Rev. 15:1, 16:1).

God used plagues to free His Hebrews from the bondage of slavery of Pharaoh (king) and Egypt (world power). In the future, God will use plagues as judgments against Antichrist (king) and the Beast (predatory world power).

1st PLAGUE on LAND

"The first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image" (Rev. 16:2).

Like the 6th Egyptian plague, sores afflicted only the wicked people. The judgment of God plagued the Egyptians, but not the Israelites, who were spared from the pain.

In Tribulation, sores will be directed against the 666-people. Implants infection, unique to 666-chip, could cause smallpox-like sores.

2nd PLAGUE on SEA

"The second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: every living soul died in the sea" (Rev. 16:3).

Like the 1st plague on Egyptian (Exo. 7:19), the sea turned to blood red. Sea creatures died. The "sea," perhaps Mediterranean Sea, is likely in the vicinity of Antichrist and his kingdom.

3rd PLAGUE on RIVERS

"The third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art ... wast ... shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they [Antichrist people] are worthy [of righteous judgment]" (Rev. 16:4-6).

Like the 1st plague on Egyptian (Exo. 7:19), rivers and springs that turned to blood (red). The pollution will be on the rivers in the vicinity of the Antichrist's kingdom. The punishment is upon his followers.

4th PLAGUE from SUN

The Sun sunburns wicked people. *"The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. Men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory"* (Rev. 16:8-9).

The sun scorches evil people, possibly due to the depletion of the atmospheric ozone layer that causes ultraviolet rays sunburn. Humans were originally given the stewardship and dominion over Earth, but the evil spirits have instead influenced the earthlings to misuse and ruin our environment.

5th PLAGUE of DARKNESS

Like the 9th plague on Egyptian: darkness will cover the Antichrist and worldly people. The wicked stay wicked and do not repent.

"The fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds" (Rev. 16:10-11).

This plague of darkness is like the *"darkness which may even be felt"* (Exo. 10:21). As the plagues hardened the heart of Pharaoh, these plagues will affect the obstinate Antichrist and his subjects. The plague will plunge his throne and his kingdom into literal darkness. The wicked people will shout profanity and curse at their Creator because of their suffering.

"Men loved darkness [evil, wickedness], rather than light [Christ, goodness], because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

ARMAGEDDON—6th PLAGUE

During the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt, Pharaoh gathered his army to kill the Israelites by the Red Sea. God parted the sea and the Hebrews passed to safety, while the pursuing Pharaoh and his army were drowned. Likewise, Antichrist will gather the world's armies at Armageddon to purge the Jews and Israel from existence. But fittingly, the Antichrist will be cast into the "Lake of Fire."

"The sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east [Middle East, Asia] might be prepared. I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [Satan] ... beast [Antichrist] ... false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God ... He gathered them together into a place ... Armageddon" (Rev. 16:12-16).

MANY COUNTRIES ATTACK ISRAEL

A reason why the world armies assemble to attack Israel is that the Jews might have razed the mosques of Al Aqsa and Temple Mount to build their own Third Temple. That'd really infuriate Islam, "like a hornet's nest hit with a rock," inciting a war. Warriors ("hornets") and Jihadists from all parts of the world would descend on Israel to wipe out the Jews once and for all—triggering Armageddon.



LAMB of GOD defeats the BEAST

"I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war ... his name is called The Word of God ... He hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I saw the beast ... kings of the earth ... their armies, gathered together to make war against him ... The beast ... false prophet ... Both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. The remnant [remaining army] were slain with the sword" (Rev. 19:17-21).

SUPER EARTHQUAKE—7th PLAGUE

"The seventh angel poured out his vial into the air ... there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth ... The great city [Babylon] was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell ... Every island fled away ... There fell upon men a great hail ... every stone about the weight of a talent [~75 lbs.]" (Rev. 16:17-21).

A list of the greatest recorded earthquakes:

- May 22, 1960 Valdivia, Chile 9.5
- Mar. 27, 1964 Alaska, USA 9.2
- Dec. 26, 2004 Sumatra, Indonesia 9.2

A super Earthquake near 10.0 magnitude can likely happen along the continental plate edge. It will produce hundreds of feet of tsunamis that will cover islands and cities near shores.

END of WORLD GOVERNMENTS

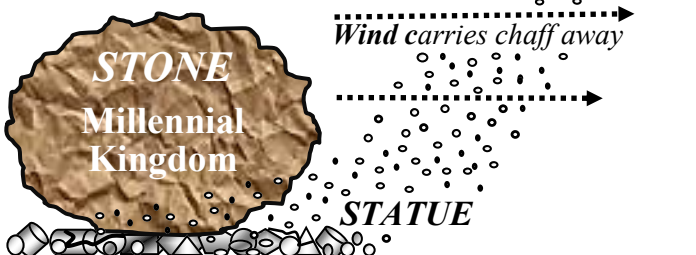
Ungodly governments ruled "the world" under demonic influence, power, and deception. *"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever"* (Rev. 11:15).

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM BEGINS

Christ's second coming ends Tribulation. The Millennial Kingdom Stone crushes all human world powers. God will set up a kingdom, with Messiah in charge, that will endure forever.

"You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, ... struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. The iron ... clay ... bronze ... silver ... gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. The stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth ... in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [world empires], and it shall stand forever. (Dan. 2:34-34, 44)

STONE crushes STATUE



Chapter 4: Boaz-Ruth marriage —Millennial Kingdom

Millennial Kingdom

Christ (Messiah) will return properties to Jews.

Christ redeems the **Church** (non-Jews).

"Marriage Supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7).

1000 years of peace (Rev. 20:4).

Christ, **Church**, **God**, and **Israel** live together.

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Boaz (**Christ**) redeemed **Naomi's** (**Israel's**) property.

Boaz (**Christ**) redeemed **Ruth** (**Church**).

Boaz (**Christ**) married **Ruth** (**Church**).

Honeymoon (**Millennium**).

Ruth, **Boaz**, and **Naomi** lived happily ever after.

Boaz (**Christ**) assembles WITNESSES

*Now Boaz (**Christ**) went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz (**Christ**) had spoken came by. So Boaz (**Christ**) said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.*

Closer relative – "the **LAW**"

*Boaz (**Christ**) said to relative (**the Law**), "Naomi (**Israel**) who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to Elimelech (**GOD**). I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.'" He said, "I will redeem it [Naomi's estate]." Then Boaz (**Christ**) said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi (**Israel**), you must also buy it from Ruth (**Church**), the wife of Mahlon, to perpetuate his name through his inheritance."*

The **LAW** can not REDEEM

*Closer relative (**the Law**), said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance [estate for his wife and children is okay, but not for Ruth's children inheritance]. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."*

*Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel. Therefore the close relative said to Boaz (**Christ**), "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.*

Christ redeems **Israel** property and **Church**

*Boaz (**Christ**) said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's (**GOD's**), Chilion's, and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi (**Israel**). Moreover, Ruth (**Church**) the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate.*

PEOPLE blesses CHURCH

You are witnesses this day." All the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman."

CHRIST marries CHURCH

*So Boaz (**Christ**) took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. The women said to Naomi (**Israel**), "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! May he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for Ruth (**Church**), who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi (**Israel**) took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi (**Israel**)." They called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David [the King].*

Genealogy of KING DAVID

This is the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron; Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

CHURCH—"RUTH"

As Ruth was the daughter-in-law to Naomi and Elimelech, so the **Church** is to Israel and God. "*Boaz said ... **Ruth** the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I **purchased** to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance ... So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife*" (Ruth 4:9-13). Jesus **redeemed** the Church (gentile saints). "*The church of God, which he hath **purchased** with his own blood*" (Acts 20:28). "*Ruth said, Intreat me not ... to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go ... **thy people** shall be **my people**, and **thy God my God** [conversion statement]*" (Ruth 1:1-16). Ruth is the great ancestor of David and Christ. "*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ ... Salmon begat Boaz of Rachab; and Boaz begat Obed of **Ruth**; and Obed begat Jesse; Jesse begat David the king ... Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus [Yeshua] who is called **Christ** [Messiah]*" (Matt. 1:1-16).

MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB

Contrary to the novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, Jesus isn't married to one person Mary Magdalene, but will be united to the Church (*group of billions of saints*). Secular people think materialistically and see marriage as a physical union. Christ's marriage is on a universal, God-level spiritual union: spiritually "being one" with the Church.

"*The **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife [Church] hath made herself ready. To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*" (Rev. 19:7-8).

"*The husband is the head of the wife as **Christ** is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the savior ... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself [was sacrificed] for her*" (Eph. 5:23-25).

WEDDING: Becoming spiritually "ONE"

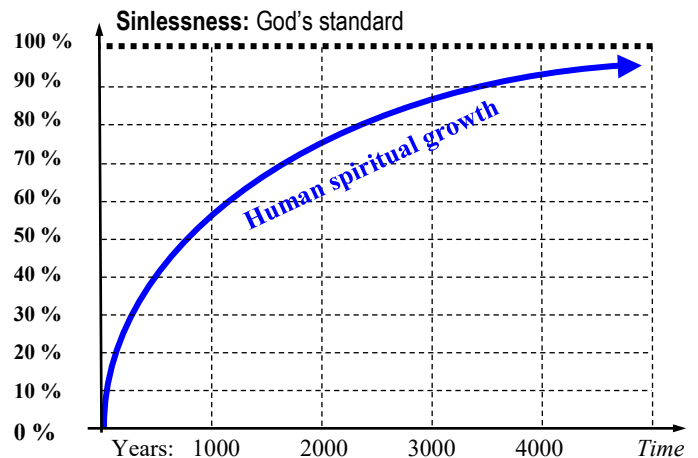


HAPPY ENDING

Just as there was a happy ending in the Book of Ruth for Boaz, Ruth, and Naomi, so there'll be a joyful ending for Christ, Church, God, and Israel.

BE LIKE CHRIST—IN CHARACTER

The ultimate goal of the "*sons and daughters of God*" is to grow spiritually and **be like** the "*Son of God*." Not be **God**, but **be like Him**—in character and deed. A human or an angel **can never become** God. A finite **creature** can't be an infinite **Creator**. Lucifer wanted to be like God, but he sought only God's power, instead of God's character. Since we can't be God, we can't be fully **sinless** like God. But our goal is still **sinlessness**.



To progress toward being **sinless**, **sin less**. If you sinned a thousand times last year, reduce that this year. Sin even less next year, and so on. When you repented of your sins, Christ cleaned you from **ALL** your sins. "*The blood of Jesus ... cleanseth us from **ALL** sin*" (1 John 1:7). For a moment **you're sinless!** Then you fail again. But, repent your sin and increase your "sinless" moments. The percentages (%) are arbitrary, but they illustrate the need for sinlessness, trust, and faith. The chart help us visualize and understand such a concept as this:

God doesn't hand over His mountain-moving power (90% grade) to a baby Christian (9% grade). Such power is entrusted only to a saint who's 90% like Jesus.

SANCTIFICATION—SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual growth is similar to human physical growth. Little by little a Christian starts to look, think, and act like Jesus (God), just as a baby grows into an adult: 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6%, 7%, 8%, 9%, 10%, 11%, .12, .13, .14, .15, .16, .17, .18, .19, .20, .21, .22, .23, .24, .25, .26, .27, .28, .29, .30, .31, .32, .33, .34, .35, .36, .37, .38, .39, .40, .41, .42, .43, .44, .45, .46, .47, .48, .49, .50, .51, .52, .53, .54, .55, .56, .57, .58, .59, .60, .61, .62, .63, .64, .65, .66, .67, .68, .69, .70, .71, .72, .73, .74, .75, .76, .77, .78, .79, .80, .81, .82, .83, .84, .85, .86, .87, .88, .89, .90, .91, .92, .93, .94, .95, .96, .97, .98, .99, .999, .9999,99999999 **like Christ** (God), and so on infinitely. Only **Christ** is 100% **sinless** grade, for He is God Himself.

SPIRITUAL WAR started in HEAVEN

Evil spirits invented **sin**, **war**, and **death**. These inventions were “too heavy” (too radical) to stay in Heaven, so to speak. So, they sunk down to Earth. As we’re experiencing them now, they’re too heavy for us earthlings, too. They’ll sink farther down to Hell, where they’ll stay forever.

“War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. The dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the **Devil and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he [and his angels] was cast to the **earth** ... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath [anger, retaliation]”** (Rev. 12:7-12)

SPIRITUAL WAR moved to EARTH

Woe to the earthlings, for Satan has come down to you to implement on Earth what he initiated in Heaven. He separated angels from God resulting in their spiritual eternal death. The war he ignited in Heaven now continues with humans on Earth. The lust for war has infected the mortals by the **war**mongering spirits. No wonder a nation is always rising up against another nation by conflict or greed. War, whether an angel or human is involved, isn’t condoned by our peaceful Lord. None of spiritual combatants changed, only the location. It is still good angels versus evil spirits; but now humans are added. Earth is a temporary place of government (world system) of the liberal, troublemaking devils before they move on to Hell. **War** is a way of collecting souls for the Inferno.

SPIRITUAL WAR will settle in HELL

Hell is the final destination for the fallen angels.

“God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to **hell”** (2 Pet. 2:4).

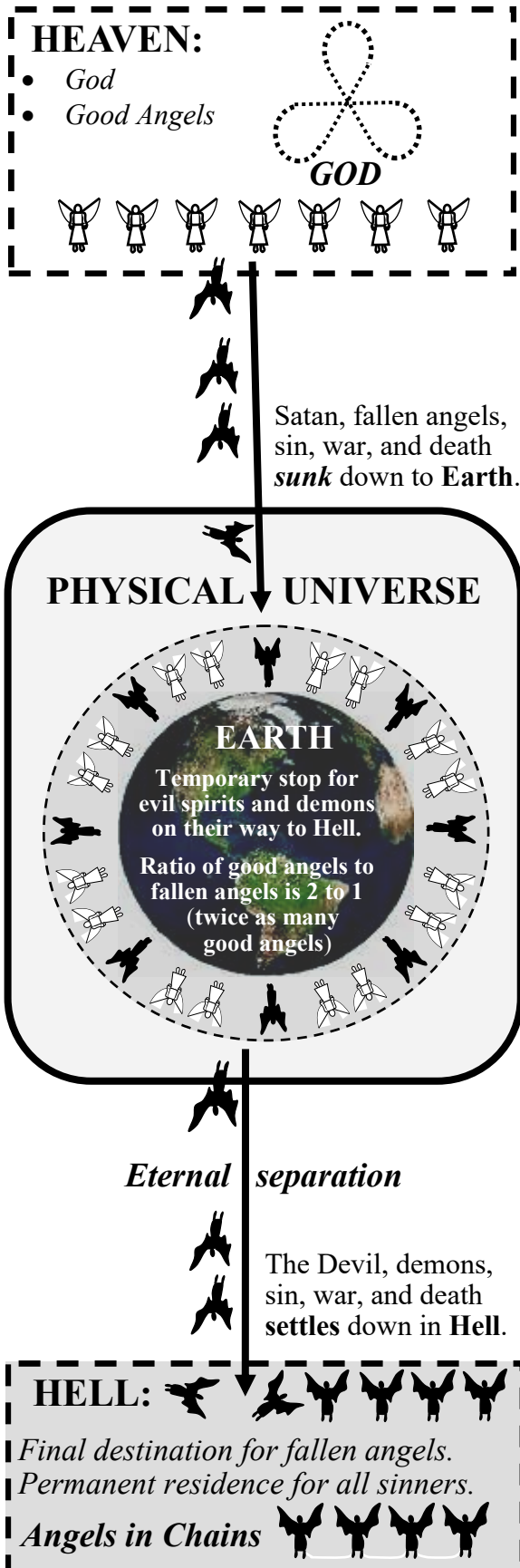
Christ said to human sinners, **“Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire** [Hell], **prepared for the devil and his angels**”** (Matt. 25:41).

Hell’s environmental condition is like that of the planet **Venus**—unlivable, dry, suffocating, tormenting, and extremely hot (~ 860° F, 460° C).

Angels and humans, who love to sin and keep sinning, will be condemned to the eternal Inferno.

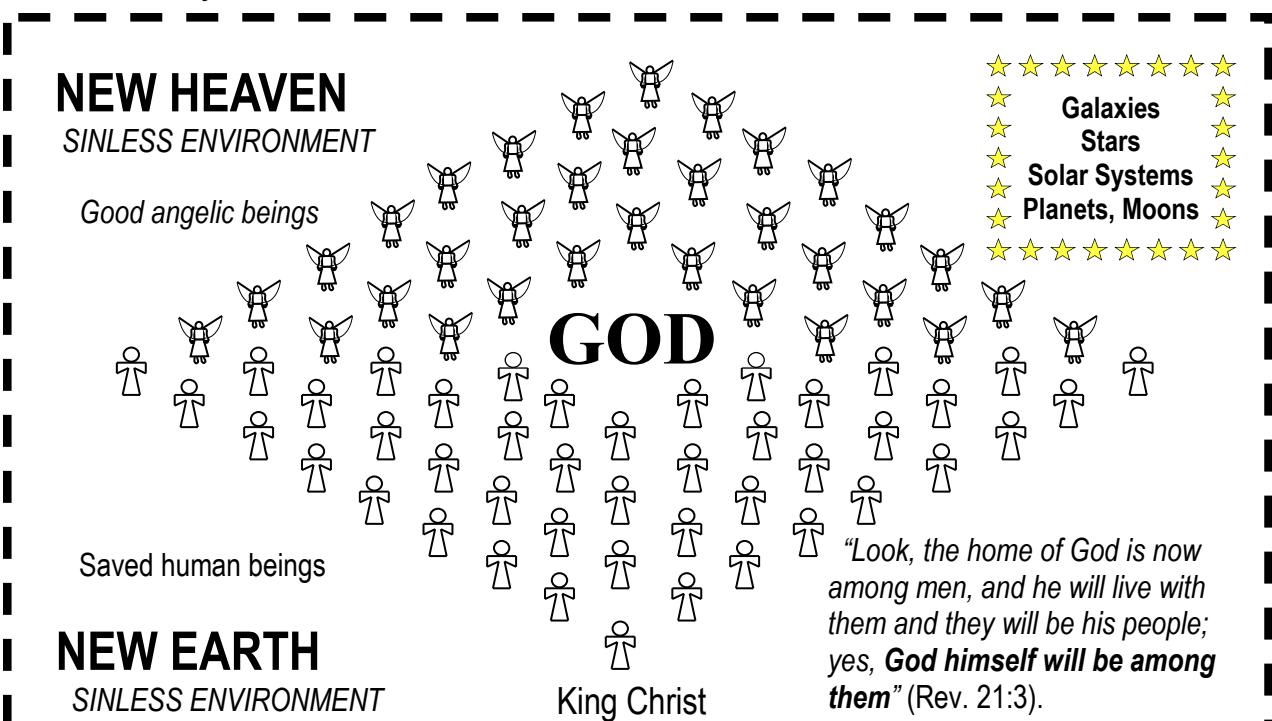
Hell is the only place where **war** will persist.

Ironically, those who love war will live in a state of warfare; where “wolf eats wolf.” **Predators preys only** on other hungry **predators** (sharks).

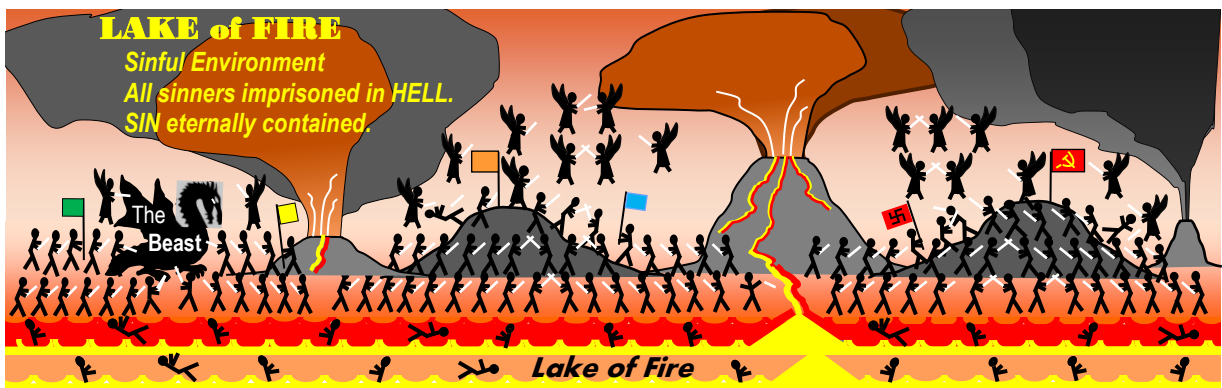


In the everlasting future:

- *Sin, sinners, wars, and death are quarantined in the Lake of Fire.*
- *The rest of the universe is a **sinless** environment.*



— FINAL ETERNAL SEPARATION —



Panoramic view of the final eternal separation between good and evil.

Looking at the "big picture," this is like the final surgical extraction of a malignant tumor of evildoers from the body of mankind. Afterwards, the parasitic evildoers (human criminals and angelic sinners) are thrown into the **Lake of Fire** (prison) permanently. Humanity is restored to health and its environment will be like the Garden of Eden again. In Hell, war, violence, hatred, lying, stealing, fighting, and suffering will go on, but there's no more death. "Sheep" (saints) are gone, so "wolves (sinners)" preys on other "wolves." "Lions" cannibalizes other "lions." Demons fight demons. Criminals try to kill each other. Regretful sinners also try to commit suicide. They seek death but can't die. For the [physical] **first death** is destroyed. "*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death*" (1 Cor. 15:26). "*Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the [spiritual separation] second death*" (Rev. 20:14). God sends His prophets to warn us of coming disasters. His prophets tells the truth and their prophetic messages are 100 % accurate. A simple advice to heed: **Hell: Don't go there. Heaven: Go there.**

ANIMAL PREDATORS made BENIGN

In the Millennial Kingdom, animals will be harmless, for their predatory manipulators are in Hell, thus ending carnivorous desires.

*“The **wolf** also shall dwell with the lamb, the **leopard** shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young **lion** and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the **bear** shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the **lion** shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den”* (Isa. 11:6-8).

The animal kingdom, reverting back to its original gentle behavior, verifies that the Creator did make all His creatures nonviolent and “very good,” including microbes, cells, plants, insects, fish, animals, birds, humans, and even angelic beings.

DEVIL in the BOTTOMLESS PIT

In the Millennial Kingdom, Christ reigns a 1000 years with His saints; simultaneously, the Devil is imprisoned. Afterwards, the Apex Criminal goes on “probation,” but commits more crimes; then the habitual evildoer gets “life without parole” in Hell.

*“I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great [spiritual] chain in his hand. He laid hold on the **dragon**, that old **serpent**, which is the **Devil**, and **Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, cast him into the bottomless pit, shut him up, set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more ...*

*When the thousand years are expired, **Satan** shall be loosed out of his prison, shall go out to deceive the nations [again] ... to gather them together to battle [war]: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the **beast** and the **false prophet** are, and shall be tormented day and night forever.* (Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10).

Obstinate sinners are assembled, and then isolated into Hell.

JUDGMENT of HUMANS and ANGELS

The Creator **vets all** who enters His heavenly home. Judgment will proceed for humans and angels. Good angels stay in Heaven; fallen angels go to Hell.

Unrepentant human sinners receive **punishment** for their outstanding sins and crimes. They did not take advantage of forgiveness of their sins by Christ.

Repentant humans, though, were forgiven of their sins by the purifying blood of Jesus, who endured pain and paid the price of mankind’s sins. Since new citizens of Heaven are acquitted of their sins and guilt, there is no punishment but only **rewards** are distributed to them.

Just arriving in Heaven is a **tremendous reward!**

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

*“I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it ... I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. The sea ... and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

***Death and hell** were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death** [eternal separation from God]. Who-soever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the lake of fire”* (Rev. 20:11-15).

The Great White Throne Judgment will reveal many hidden secrets. Many unknowns are unveiled. Innocent prisoners accused of murder will be exonerated. What really happen when JFK was shot? O. J. Simpson will stand another trial. He might say he is innocent, but God will bring out the resurrected Nicole and Ron to speak for themselves if they were stabbed to death. We will know the complete details about the Devil, the “Father of Lies” and “Murderer from the beginning.”

The Spirit of Truth will reveal the lies and facts about Adam, Eve, Cain, Nimrod, Jezebel, Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Jack the Ripper, cheating spouses, graffiti writers, computer hackers, “got away with murder” killers, etc. All will know exactly who you are. All your sins will be known: lying, cheating, stealing, and aborting babies.

“Whatever they have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms shall be broadcast from the housetops for all to hear!” (Luke 12:3 NLB).

So, right now is the best time to get on your knees and repent to Jesus of all your sins. Christ died on the cross for you for ALL your sins. He will clean and forgive you. He gives you eternal life. Be forgiven.

EARTH BURNS and MELTS with FIRE

*"The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall **melt** with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up** ... we ... look for **new heavens and a new earth**"* (2 Peter 3:10).

Scientists predict a similar destiny for our Earth. Our Sun will expand into a **Red Giant** star, engulfing the Earth with tremendous heat. Finally, our red star will collapse into a **white dwarf** star. The difference between Christian and scientific beliefs is that the aftermath will be a utopia for the saints, but an utter disaster for unbelievers in God.

NEW HEAVENS and NEW EARTH

Old Earth and old Heaven will pass away.

*1-4 I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. There was no more sea. I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God ... "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying ... no more pain, for the former [sinful] things have passed away."*

*5-6 He said, "Behold, I make all things new ... Write, for these words are true and faithful ... 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, and I will be his God and he shall be My son ... 8 The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **second death** [eternal separation from God]."*

10-21 He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God ... The twelve gates were twelve pearls ... The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

*23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon ... for the **glory of God illuminated it**, and the **Lamb** is its **light**. (Rev. 21)*

CONCLUSION

As we conclude our Bible study of Ruth, we like to thank M. R. Dehaan for his special insight that God the Holy Spirit has given him. His book was an excellent guide for our spiritual understanding. Dehaan makes an analogy between the **physical** earthly family and the **spiritual** heavenly family:

- Elimelech (Jew) – God.
- Naomi (Jew) – Israel.
- Boaz (Jew) – Christ.
- Ruth (non-Jew) – Church (gentiles).

Spiritually, the Book of Ruth is about the relationships between God the Father and Israel (Jews), and between Christ (Jew) and the Church (non-Jews). The Old Testament story of Ruth is about a physical Jewish family going through hardships in the country of Moab.

M. R. Dehaan started off by encouraging students to "**keep these three things in mind**":

1. "**Look for the primary interpretation.**"
2. "**Make your practical applications.**"
3. "**Evaluate the prophetic revelation.**"

We modified this levels-idea further:

1. **Physical** level—World seen by **five senses**.
2. **Spiritual** level—See unseen world **by faith**.
3. **Time** level—God gives **look-ahead** to saints.

Dehaan opened up the spiritual eyes of people to be aware of things beyond just what they see. For me, it made studying the Bible more meaningful. So, the reason we emphasize levels is that most people get stuck on the **physical** level. When they read the Book of Ruth, it is treated like a dry review of the Israel history. The book becomes more exciting and meaningful as you understand it from a **spiritual** perspective.

Time factors in when prophetic message are given to the true prophets and eventually to us by God.

The Great Statue vision of King Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel was given by God, over 600 years before it happen. That prophecy was fulfilled.

The disciple John has written the prophecy of the **Great Tribulation** that we must grimly consider. That is one reason for this book **The Church**. Do not take the book of Revelation lightly. It is time to start reading, planning, and preparing for the "**end times**." It's at our doorstep and its prophecies will all be fulfilled, word by word, event by event.

Pray to Jesus for salvation, guidance, protection, and wisdom. God bless and protect you. Amen.

— Author Jimmy Yellowhair

APPENDIX: Reading with symbolisms ([spiritual](#))

Ruth 1: Elimelech, Naomi, and Ruth

Elimelech – “[GOD](#)” Naomi – “[Israel](#)”

Ruth – “[the Church, spiritual Jew](#)”

Orpah – “[stayed gentile](#)”

Boaz – “[Christ, Lord of Harvest](#)”

Reapers – “angels harvesting souls”

It came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a **famine** ([judgment](#)) in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The man was **Elimelech** (“[GOD](#)”), his wife was **Naomi** (“[Israel](#)”), and his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion --Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah.

Then [GOD](#), [Israel](#)'s husband, **died** ([backed away](#)); and she was left, and her two sons. They took wives of the women of Moab: **Orpah** and **Ruth**. They dwelt there about ten years. Then both sons also died; so **Naomi** survived her two sons and her husband. She arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard ... that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread ... [Israel](#) said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house ... **Orpah** (“[stayed gentile](#)”) kissed [Israel](#), but **Ruth** clung to her. She said, "Look, '[stayed gentile](#)' has gone back to her people and to her gods ..."

But “[the Church, turning spiritual Jew](#)” said:

"Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, there will I be buried."

When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem ... all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this [Israel](#)?" But she said to them, "Do not call me [Israel](#); call me **Mara** ... Why do you call me [Israel](#), since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?" So [Israel](#) returned, and [the Church](#) the Moabitess (gentile) her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Note: The salvation of the Church and gentiles. As Ruth did, join the Jews and Christ: “*Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, there will I be buried*” (Ruth 1:16-17).

Be saved: “If you [confess with your mouth](#) the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, [you will be saved](#). For [with the heart](#) one believes unto righteousness, and [with the mouth](#) confession is made unto [salvation](#)” (Rom. 10:9-10).

Ruth 2: [Church](#) Gleans in the Field of [Christ](#) (“[Lord of Harvest](#)”)

There was a relative of [Israel](#)'s husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of [GOD](#). His name was [Christ](#). So, [the Church](#) said to [Israel](#), "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." She left and gleaned in the field after the **reapers** (“[angels harvesting souls](#)”). She happened to come to the part of the field belonging to [Christ](#), who was of the family of [GOD](#). Behold, [Christ](#) came from **Bethlehem**, and said to the **angels**, "The Lord be with you!" They answered, "The Lord bless you!" [Lord of Harvest](#) said to his servant who was in charge of the **angels**, "Whose young woman is this?" He said, "It is the young **gentile** woman who came back with [Israel](#) from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the **angels** among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now."

The [Lord of Harvest](#) said to [the Church](#), "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them ..." She fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" [Christ](#) answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

When [Church](#) rose up to glean, [Christ](#) commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves ... Let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." She gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned. It was an ephah [*a day's wage*] of barley. She took it up and went into the city. [Israel](#) saw what she had gleaned. She brought out and gave to her what she had. [Israel](#) said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? Where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." She told [Israel](#) with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is [Christ](#)." [Israel](#) said to [the Church](#), "Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" [Israel](#) said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives." [Church](#) said, "He also said to me, 'You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.' " [Israel](#) said to [the Church](#) ... "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field." She stayed close by the young women of [Christ](#), to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with [Israel](#).

Note: The Parable of the Sower

"Jesus said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. So, pray the [Lord of the harvest](#) to send out laborers into His harvest ... He who sows the good seed is the [Son of Man \[Christ\]](#). The field is the world [sinners], the good seeds are sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil, the harvest is the end of the [Church] age, and the reapers are angels ... The [Son of Man \[Christ the Lord of Harvest\]](#) will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire [Lake of Fire]' " (Matt. 9:37-38; 13:37-43).

APPENDIX: Reading with symbolisms (spiritual)

Ruth 3: CHRIST and CHURCH at threshing floor

Close relative – “Christ, Grace”

Closer relative – “The Law, Moses, Law-giver”

Night – “Tribulation” Midnight – “Mid-Tribulation”

Morning – “End of Tribulation”

Israel said, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? Christ ... is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight (“tribulation”) at the threshing floor. Wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. It shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down."

She went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that Israel instructed her. After Christ had eaten and drunk, his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. Now it happened at midnight (“mid-Tribulation”) that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. He said, "Who are you?" She answered, "I am the Church ... Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." He said, "Blessed are you of the Lord ... I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman. It is true that I am a close relative (“grace”); however, there is a relative closer (“the Law”) than I. Stay this Tribulation, and in the morning (“end of Tribulation”), it shall be that if he will perform the duty of the Law for you—good; let him do it. If he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I (Grace) will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until end of Tribulation. She lay at his feet.

She arose before one could recognize another. He said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor ... Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." When she held it, he measured six ephahs [six days' wage] of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city. So, when she came to Israel, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" She told her all that the man had done for her. She said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to Israel.'" Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

Note: The threshing and winnowing in the Tribulation

Grain and chaff are separated by threshing. This typifies the separation of repentant saints from unrepentant evildoers. In Tribulation, where will the Jews and non-Jews be? The Church stays with Christ (Rapture), but others will endure the Tribulation. “*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [total annihilation]; but for the elect’s [Jews] sake those days will be shortened*” (Matt. 24:21-22).

Ruth 4: CHRIST marries the CHURCH

Christ (Grace) went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the Law came by. Christ said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So, he did. He took 10 men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So, they did. He said to the Law, "Israel, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our GOD ... 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me ... I am next after you.'" He said, "I will redeem it [Yes to Naomi's estate]." Christ said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Israel, you must also buy it from the Church to perpetuate Mahlon's name through his inheritance." The Law said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance [Yes for his estate, but no for Moabite Ruth]. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself. I cannot redeem it." The custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, this was a confirmation in Israel. The Law said to Christ, "Buy it for yourself." He took off his sandal (as Moses [Law-giver] did standing on “Holy Ground”). Christ said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was GOD's, Chilion's, and Mahlon's, from the hand of Israel. The Church ... I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate Mahlon's name through his inheritance, that his name may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate." All the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses ... May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman." So, Christ took the Church and she became his wife ... and she bore a son. The women said to Israel, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a close relative! May he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for the Church, who loves you, has borne him." Israel took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Israel." They called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Note: Negotiation and settlement between the Law and Grace.

The Law depends on human works (sinful man's efforts) to fulfill its command. Grace depends on faith in Christ's work on the cross. “*There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ, because through Christ the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit ... flesh [physical humans] have their minds set on what the flesh desires [sin]; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires [love]; The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace*” (Rom. 8:1-6).

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As **Ruth** has billions of physical cells, so the “**Church**” has billions of spiritual cells. Like **Ruth**, gentiles must give up their old gods (idols, religion, fallen angels) and follow the Jew Jesus. A non-Jew becomes a “**spiritual Jew**” by accepting Jesus’ way of life—loving neighbors and God. As a physical lady keeps herself clean and beautiful, the **church** (gentiles) also must keep herself spiritually clean, which means repenting of sins and being washed in the “blood of Christ.” The Church is a living organism, not an inanimate building. She is people (gentiles of all kinds).

