

Wars—Spiritual and Physical

*“For we are not fighting against [physical] flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen [spiritual] world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and **against evil spirits** in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12).*

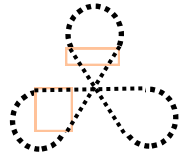
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WHO DO YOU TRUST?

HIGHEST POWER—"Father, Son, Spirit"

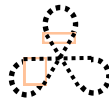
GUARANTEE that the True God is truthful, righteous, and merciful. When you contact your Creator, He'll be **100 % honest** with you.

SPIRITUAL CREATOR



Supreme Being

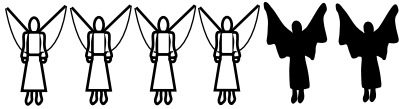
Heavenly Father



HIGHER POWERS—angels, spirits, fallen angels, "gods," and demons.

NO guarantee that angels and spirits are truthful, righteous, and merciful. "*Test the spirits and see if they are of God*" (1 John 4:1).

SPIRITUAL CREATURES



Angelic Beings

HIGH POWERS—Religious leaders and powerful, influential people.

NO guarantee these humans are righteous, truthful, and merciful: Buddha, Mohammad, Pope, priests, ministers, shamans, dictators, politicians, scientists, Hitler, or Antichrist.

PHYSICAL CREATURES



Influential Human Beings

LOW POWERS—Common People

People are trying to survive and seek help from higher powers. But who can they trust: powerful people, angels, gods, or God? Only the **Creator God** can be **100 % trusted**!

PHYSICAL CREATURES



Human Beings

REACH UP to GOD

Wherever you are in the "the world," reach for help **directly** from the Lord.

- Bypass angels, fallen angels, "gods," "spirits" behind idols, and demons.
- Bypass the religious leaders and powerful, influential people.

Instead, go to the highest power, who's **100 % honest** and **100 % trusted**. God is not a liar like Satan. "*God is not a man [or angel], that He should lie*" (Num. 23:19).

People can reach the True God directly through Christ. "*Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'*" (John 14:6).

"Jesus ... yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the **veil** of the temple was torn in two from **top to bottom**" (Matt. 27:51).

The "**veil**" was torn. You can approach God now without any barrier. Pray directly to Him in the name of Christ. Be saved.

"*Since we have confidence to enter the **Most Holy [Holy of Holies]** Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain [**veil**], that is, his body ... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith*" (Heb. 10:19-22). Talk to God. Be forgiven of your sins. Be clean.

Pray **directly** to God (Christ) and get help



Helpless human

Wars—Spiritual and Physical

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The **purpose of this book** is to lead you to our Lord Jesus Christ, so

- that you may know Him, as a human brother and a loving God;
- that He forgives all your sins, as you repent, and save your soul;
- that He baptizes you in the Holy Spirit with spiritual fruit and gifts;
- that He gives you eternal life and you live with Him in Heaven forever.

This Bible Study book is dedicated to:

My mother Mary Sells, who loved me and taught me to love other people.

My wife Myrna, who helped me continue to stay on the right (righteous) path.

Colleen, a kind lady who gave me her kidney, thus extending my life.

I pray that the Lord bless them in their daily lives and reward them.

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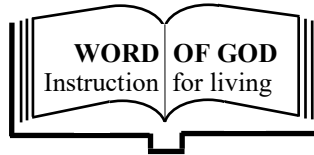
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FOREWORD

Welcome to our Bible study on ***Wars—Spiritual and Physical***. Like most of us, you worry about your physical survival. Each day is a routine: Wake up, shower, put on clean clothes, eat breakfast, travel to work, be productive at work, finish job, return home, eat supper, watch the news, go to bed, and get a good sleep. “*Another day, another dollar,*” as saying goes. Most of us get so engrossed in this physical life that we forget about the activities in the **spirit world**, where much of our troubles originate. You, and the rest of us, need to take time out and dedicate a few hours a week to seriously study your future. Join a Bible Study group to learn, analyze, converse, plan, and prepare for the near future. Your life, now and forever, depends on it. Even now, you are in midst of a **spiritual war**, which we will study.



Our guide is the “Word of God,” from which we take our worldview perspective. We read, analyze, decipher, filter, and judge everything from that standpoint. It’s our “eye glass” to see the “seen” and “unseen” universes we live in. The Bible helps us “know” and “see” our Lord. Our Creator gave His creatures **free-will** to follow Him or make alternative choices. Evil spirits put a relentless pressure on us to **sin** that will separate us from our God. They put us under stress while we are trying to make a salvation decision of eternal consequence.

SPIRITUAL WAR: The first war occurred in Heaven. Evil spirits invented and made war.

*“There was **war in heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon [and his angels] ... [the rebels] prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. The great **dragon** was cast out, that **old serpent**, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he [and his angels] was cast out into the earth”* (Rev. 12:7-9). Then the fallen angels spread **sin**, **war**, and **death** against, among, and between the earthlings.

This might sound odd but in this war: **Sin** is an offensive **weapon of war** for fallen angels. **Love**, **Scripture**, and **spiritual gifts** are our defensive “**instruments of war**.” Our prototype for fighting the demons is Christ, who prays first; then uses the “*Sword of the Spirit*” (**Bible**) to combat the devils. Physical weapons of war are useless against demons (evil spirits).

PHYSICAL WAR: Humans engage in **wars**, which are strategized and incited by the devils.

Humans continually fight among themselves; thinking people of a different country, religion, or race are their enemies. One group is pitted against another; surmising they are foes: Arabs against Jews. Chinese against Japanese. Cowboys against Indians. Whites against Blacks. Democrats against Republicans. Communistic Russians against democratic Americans.

But, all humans are brothers and sisters. **No human is an enemy to another human**. Satan has fooled us into believing that our brothers are our enemies. The **true archenemies** of mankind are **evil spirits**, who try to lure us into sin and separate us from our Heavenly Father.

PEACE—WAR QUARANTINED: **Prince of Peace** reigns over Christ-like citizens forever.

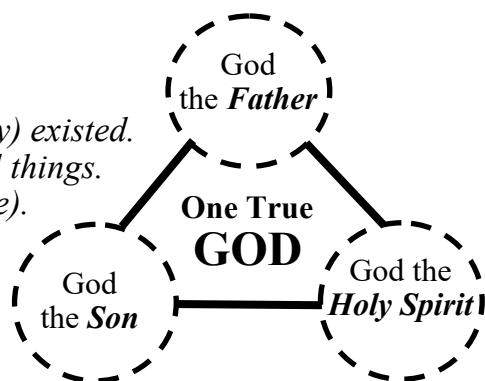
*“They [warriors] shall beat their [people-killing] swords into plowshares ... Nation shall **not** lift up sword against nation, **neither** shall they **learn war anymore**”* (Micah 4:3). *“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying ... no more pain, for the former things [sin, violence, war, death] have passed away”* (Rev. 21:4). *“God is love”* (1 John 4:16). *“Love [Omnipotent God] never fails”* (1 Cor. 13:8). Ultimately, **God always win**. So, join Him, fight alongside Him, but not against Him. Praise God.

Chapter 1: The Spirit—God the Creator

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE

In the everlasting past:

- Only three *sinless* spiritual beings (Trinity) existed.
- Only spiritual things existed—no physical things.
- *Pre-creation* (before the physical universe).
- *Pre-creatures* (before any other beings).
- *Pre-angels*.
- *Pre-humans*.
- *Pre-sin*.
- *Pre-war*.
- *Pre-death*.



EVERLASTING to EVERLASTING

Welcome to our Bible study on **Wars—Spiritual and Physical**. To understand these wars, particularly spiritual war, we need to go back to the beginning—the everlasting past. A time when nothing existed but the Triune God.

Before the Creator constructed the physical universe, no other beings or things existed. The spiritual universe was a sinless environment. It was crystal clear without any sin.

Why would we care about who lived in the eternal past? Because people are told to serve and worship only their one true God. *“For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve”* Matt. 4:10).

In the **everlasting past** is where we find our **One True God**. *“But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God”* (Jer. 10:10).

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world [physical universe], even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psa. 90:2).

The ever-existent God has no beginning and no end. Creation and creatures had births. So, don’t worship them. Anybody* or anything that has a beginning can never be call “God.” No more such unique title is given out.

* *Special exception for the Mediator Christ.*

WHO is the ONE TRUE GOD?

God is love, Spirit, unchangeable, eternal, and sinless—only a few of the many awesome attributes that the Bible tells us about God.

1. **Love.** *“God is love”* (1 John 4:16). God’s character and nature is love. His will is love among all His creatures and creation. Our Abba Father loves us as His little children.
2. **Spirit.** *“God is a spirit”* (John 4:24). A spirit is not affected by physical things—matter and time. God never grows old.
3. **Unchangeable.** *“I am the Lord, I change not”* (Mal. 3:6). *“Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever”* (Heb. 13:8). Physical things are ever-changing, thus there’s time.
4. **Eternal.** *“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever”* (1 Tim. 1:17).
5. **Sinless.** *“In Him [God the Son] there is no sin [He is sinless]”* (1 John 3:5). **Love** and **sinlessness** separates **God** from “gods.”
6. **God of gods.** *“For Adonai your God is God of gods [angels]”* (Deut. 10:17 CJB). In this book, we’ll treat **angels** as “gods” or “sons of God,” for they’re God’s creatures. God is omniscient (aware of all) and omnipotent (all-powerful). *“Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth”* (Rev. 19:6).

THE TRINITY

*"There are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word** [Christ], and the **Holy Spirit**; and these **three are one**" (1 John 5:7). The three congruently coincide in "**one**" Triune God. In geometry, congruent means coinciding exactly when superimposed. Coincide means to fit in same space and time. Coincide also means being in a complete agreement. The three spirits completely agree as "**one**."*

GOD the FATHER

Jesus instructed believers to address God as "Our Heavenly Father," even though in some religions, like Islam, it's presumptuous to call God your Father and you're His child.

*"After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father** [God] which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread" (Matt. 6:9-11).*

While the callous deities of pagan religions merely want homage and obedience from their devotees, our Abba Father is a concerned real father to us, because He loves us. For the glory and pleasure of God is why we exist today.

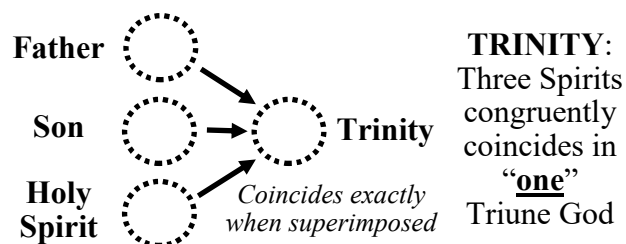
GOD the HOLY SPIRIT

First of all, the Holy Spirit is a being, not an impersonal energy or "force." A person has feelings and reasoning power. Forces do not. The Holy Spirit should not be confused with other indwelling powers, e.g.: Egyptian "**ka**," Grecian "**pneuma**," Indian "**prana**," African "**ase**," Hawaiian "**mana**," Chinese "**chi, qi**," Taoist "**life-force**," or Star Wars "**the force**."

*"The Comforter, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you** all things, and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26).*

*"When [during Pentecost] he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide you into all truth** ... and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me [Christ]" (John 16:13-14).*

*"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting ... They were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues [Heavenly languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).*



GOD the SON (JESUS CHRIST)

From the **spirit** world, God the Spirit created the physical cosmos. Spiritual **birthed** physical, so Jesus (physical, **though** spiritual God) is the physical **Son** of the **Spirit** God the Father.

In the eternal past, God the Son **always existed** as **Spirit**. After creation, when on Earth, He was known as Jesus. Before creatures existed, God knew that He Himself, as Emmanuel, had to come to Earth to save humanity. The sinless Lamb of God had to be crucified to redeem us. *"The **Lamb slain** from the **foundation of the world** [creation]" (Rev. 13:8). "For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own **Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh" (Rom. 8:3).*

God didn't let His creation run amok. He entered and participated in the creation as one of the creatures (human). He didn't just decree laws, but actually subjected Himself to it and endured it. The Lord did not make His laws impossible or unreasonable for humans to live by.

About two millennia ago, the Son of God wrapped Himself in the human form of a baby. His **Godhood** (Trinity status) didn't cease, but His **manhood** was added. **God Himself** had to overcome **sin and death** as a **regular mortal**.

Kings, senators, and legislators decree laws, which many don't live by, for people to follow. God lived and endured His own laws showing that His laws can be obeyed and are livable.

*"Christ ... Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible ... **All things** were created **by** him, and **for** him ... He is the head of the body, the church ... the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the **preeminence** [authority, supremacy over all]" (Col. 1:7, 15-20).*

Christ is the **King** of kings, **Lord** of lords, **God** of gods, and **Spirit** of spirits! Amen.

“From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psa. 90:2).

EVERLASTING PAST:

- Only God existed.
- Love existed.
- No angels existed.
- No humans existed.
- No sin or death existed.

NOW:

- God exists now.
- Love exists now.
- Angels exist—good and evil.
- Humans exist—good and evil.
- Sin, wars, and death exist.

EVERLASTING FUTURE:

- God will exist forever.
- Love will exist forever.
- Good angels will live in Heaven. Evil ones in Hell.
- Saved humans will live in Heaven. Sinners in Hell.
- Sin, wars, and death will exist only in Hell.

NATURE of GOD—GOD is LOVE

What differentiates our Heavenly Father from “gods” is that He’s *ever-existent, sinless, and love*. What people call “gods” are just creatures (avatars of evil spirits), such as the womanizing, lustful god **Zeus**, who’s the child of Cronus and Rhea. The Roman god **Jupiter** is the son of Saturn and Ops.

Jehovah, God of Israel, and **Allah**, god of Muslims, aren’t identical. They don’t have the same nature. One kindly loves; the other strictly rules.

Islam makes a major emphasis on obedience. If obedience was the only thing that mattered, then Allah would not have wasted his time creating humans; instead he’d have been better served by androids. A robot doesn’t intentionally disobey (sin against) its master. It is 100 % obedient.

Christians must be like their loving Father.

7-19 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him ... Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [substitute as appeasement] for our sins ... if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world ... Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God ... God is love ... We love him, because he first loved us. (1 John 4)

Spiritual, selfless, agape LOVE of GOD

This love (*agape*) is God’s nature of true love for all His creatures and creations. Imperfect love are sinful lust (*eros*), flirting (*ludus*), possessive (*mania*), self-love, self-preservation (*philautia*), friendship, brotherly (*phileo*), familial (*storge*), or practical, pragmatic (*pragma*).

GOD is LOVE

Love was the character and nature of God in the eternal past and will be in the eternal future.

“God is love” (1 John 4:16). God = love.

1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love [God], I have become as ... clanging cymbal. Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love [God], I am nothing. Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor ... though I give my body to be burned, but have not love [God], it profits me nothing.

4-7 Love [God] suffers long and is kind; love [God] does not envy; love [God] does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8-11 Love [God] never fails ... prophecies, they will fail ... tongues, they will cease ... knowledge, it will vanish away. (1 Cor. 13)

Our Savior is love and conducts Himself in loving others. A **person of love** thinks, lives, and acts outside of his personal self and needs. **Love** pleases others; **sin** pleases self. Love will ultimately benefit all creatures and creation.

IN EVERYTHING exercise LOVE

All deeds must be done in love. Not just in science or religion, but in family, business, job, school, government, thought, action, sight, eating, drinking, teaching, etc. Else, humanity will continue to live in an evil world. Everybody should exercise the Fruit of the Holy Spirit:

love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Love is best for all.

Love (like oil) lubricates the interacting mechanisms of things and beings in the universe.

Sin (like friction) impedes its smooth operation.

Existence of the God and spirits

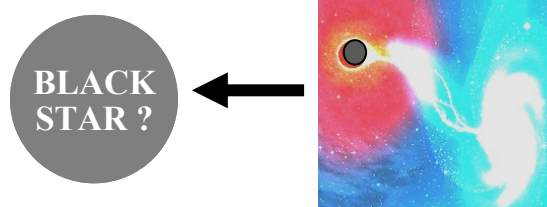
EXISTENCE of GOD

Both science and religion are based on **truth**:
One on physical truths, other on spiritual truths.
One on law of Physics, other on Law of Love.
Science must be done with **love** and goodness.

We analyze the existence of God similar to the way scientists deal with unknowns. Astronomers use the **cause-effect** logic to explain the existence of Black Holes, which the human eye can't see. If they can't see the **cause**, then they examine its **effect**. They know there is a Black Star by observing its effect (evidence of star devouring objects) on the stars in its vicinity.

CAUSE: Unknown

EFFECT: Given



As scientists analyze materials through their physical effects, Saints have faith that God exists by experiencing His spiritual **love** in their lives. Love is the **effect** that verifies He exist. God is an **invisible** (beyond our five senses) **Spirit**, but His **love** materializes in their hearts.

CHARACTERISTIC and BEHAVIOR

If we don't "see" it, then we analyze its effect. Scientists haven't seen an atom with their eyes, yet they have **faith** it exist by analyzing its behaviors and characteristics (number of weight, elections, neutrons, protons). Chemists categorized elements into Periodic Table according to their atomic structure. Due to its design, atoms **behave** in unique ways. **Noble gases**, e.g., have full valence electron shells. They are stable, inert gases that rarely combine with other atoms. These elements are Helium (**He**), Neon (**Ne**), Argon (**Ar**), Krypton (**Kr**), etc. \

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EXISTENCE of SPIRITS

God is the Holy Spirit. Angels are spirits, who were created by the Creator God. Angels are called “sons of God” or “gods”

AGE of ANGELS? Nearly 5 billion years

When did they start existing? “*I [God] laid the **foundations** of the **earth** ... and all the sons of God [**angels**] shouted for joy*” (Job 38:4-7). Biblically, the angels existed and observed their Creator forming the Earth. Scientifically, the Earth formed about 4.5 billion years ago.

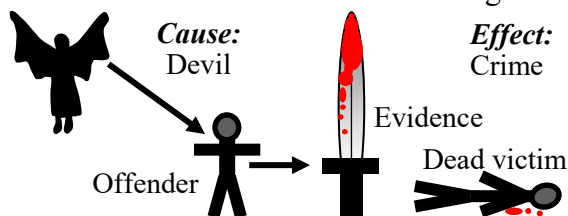
NUMBER of ANGELS—over 100 MILLION

"I [John] heard the voice of many angels ... the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand" (Rev. 5:11). 10,000² is **100 million**. Whatever the exact number is, Satan turned one third of the angels (~33 million) into evil spirits.

EVIDENCE that FALLEN ANGELS exist

We verify angels' existence by investigating the unknown like a clever detective gathering **evidence** for the court. "***Faith is ... [physical] evidence of [spiritual] things not seen***" (Heb. 11:1). From the **evidence** gathered physically, we trace it back to a spirit (invisible evil angel) in the spirit world, where the cause originated.

Here's an illustration: Say there was a crime. As the criminal stabs the victim, some blood spills on his clothes. He hears the police siren. He panics and runs, but drops his weapon in his haste. When the police gets to the crime scene, they see no one but the dead victim. As they search, they find a bloody knife. Later they find the fingerprint of the murderer on the knife, and the victim's blood on the killer's clothing.



The lab verifies that the fingerprint belong to the culprit. A prosecutor proves, by **evidence**, that the offender killed the victim.

Similarly, none has ever seen the wily Devil. But by sin that occurs in the real physical world, Satan (“*murderer from the beginning*”) was exposed as the real cause of sin (*crime*). He uses human sinners as pawns to do his dirty work. Sin is the **evidence** that proves Satan and other evil spirits exist.

Existence of Spiritual Things—Faith, Love, Sin

EXISTENCE of SPIRITUAL THINGS

Science and humans have difficulty understanding **love**, a spiritual thing. Love doesn't work according to the Law of Physics. Physically, as two meteorites gets farther apart, gravitational attraction weakens. But under the spiritual Law of love, **love** becomes stronger as you take a helpless baby farther away from its loving mother. Spiritual things do exist. People, especially the secular educated, must take spirits and spiritual (eternal) things seriously.

Obviously, the physical universe exist. Our senses detect the material objects around us. We feel, hear, see, taste, and smell them. Scientists explore with five senses; but saints must probe with a sixth sense, our **spiritual sense**. *"The natural man [with his five senses] does not receive the [spiritual] things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him ... because they are spiritually discerned"* (1 Cor. 2:14).

LIVING by FAITH—by SPIRITUAL SENSE

Physically, our five senses are limited by what they can detect. Spiritually, our **faith** can sense spiritual things and spirits, which our human eyes can't "see."

The patriarchs had spiritual sense—**faith**. They did amazing deeds not understood by faithless people. *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony ... who through faith subdued kingdoms ... stopped the mouths of lions ... became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens ... They were stoned, were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword ... afflicted, tormented—of whom the world [faithless people] was not worthy"* (Heb. 11:1-38).

Our faith multiples as we read our Bible and are filled with the Holy Spirit. By faith we know that good angels surround, defend, protect, and help us. *"The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear [respect] Him [God]"* (Psa. 34:7).

LIVING without FAITH—Using only five senses

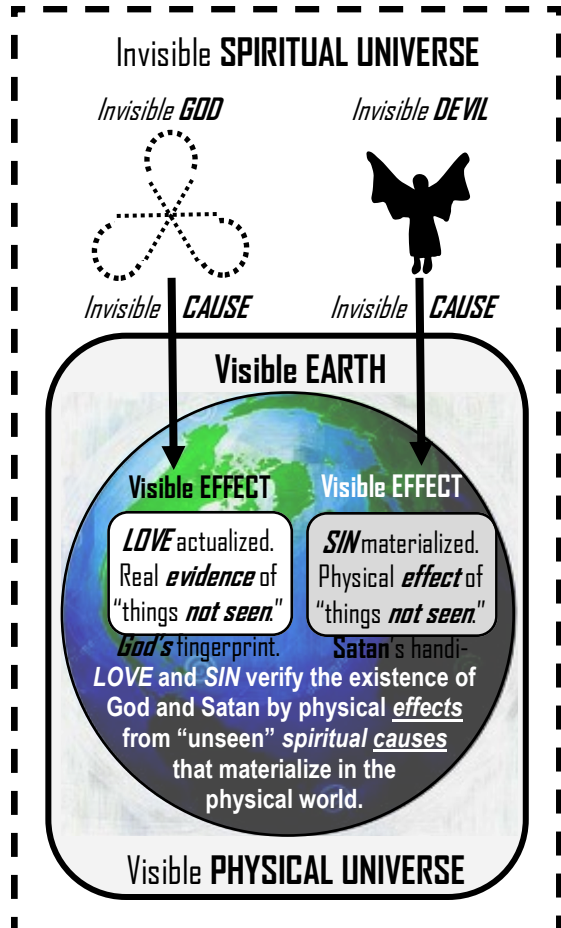
A man and his friends explored the Sterkfontein Caves in South Africa. Regrettably, he got lost and wondered around in a pitch-black cave. It took six weeks to find his starved body. What a tragic news!

But it is also true of unbelievers in spirits. Living without faith is to live in spiritual darkness. Secular education has depleted our awareness of God the Spirit. Scholars are intelligent, but as sinners prefer **darkness**—they don't want their shames exposed. *"The Light [Jesus] from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the Light, for their deeds were evil"* (John 3:19). Faith sees Light.

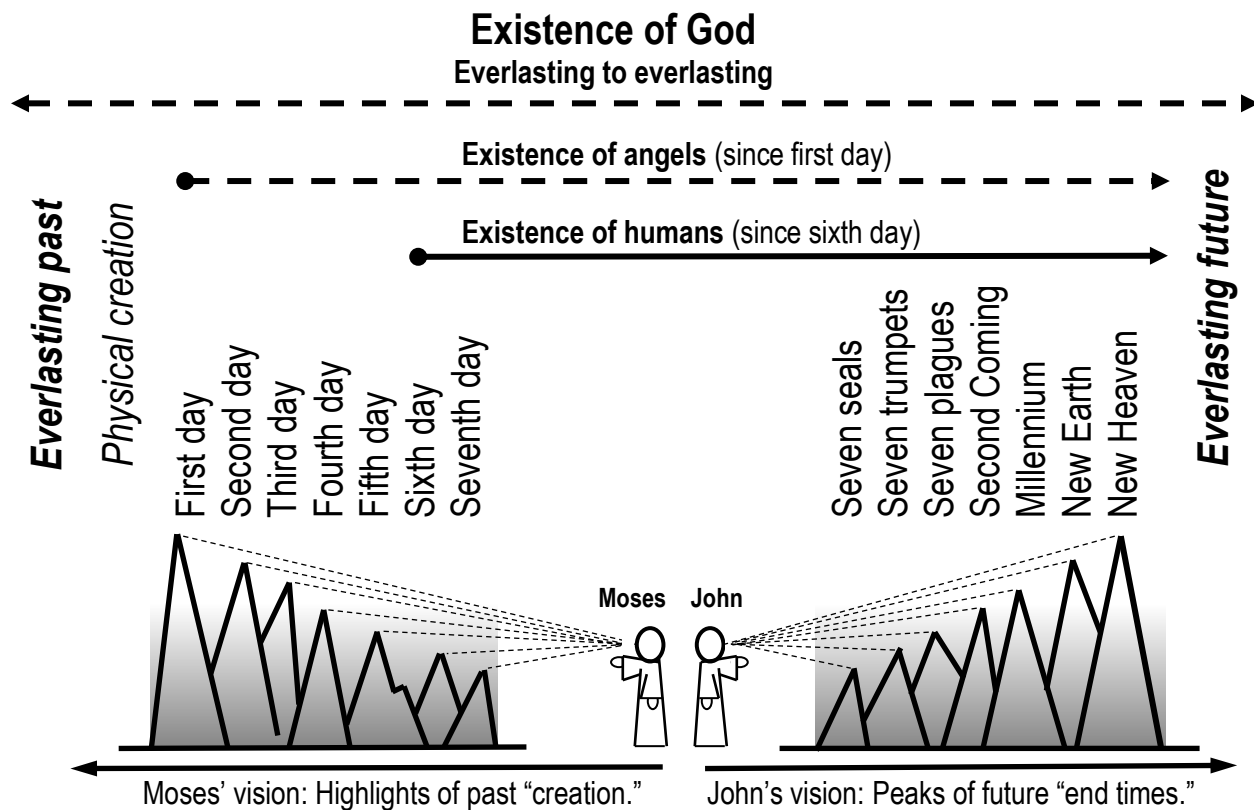
EVIDENCE of spiritual LOVE and SIN

As scientists have "**faith**" that there are microscopic atoms, which are so small that they're "seen" only by faith, likewise, Christians have **faith** that an invisible God, spirits, angels, and spiritual things do exist. We know that God exists by the **evidence of love** He leaves on the hearts of humans. When righteousness occurs, it shows that a real but unseen Lord is active in a human. *"God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God [abides, lives] in him"* (1 John 4:16).

We know that fallen angels exist since they leave **evidence** of their mischievous activities behind. Sins occur when the nefarious spirits are active in our hearts and in our world. Other evidence are child molesting, aborting babies, serial killing, selling addictive drugs, profaning God's name, and other observable evil deeds.



An illustration of the effects (evidence) that God and Satan leave on our physical world.



VISION of the PAST

Moses wrote the **Book of Genesis**. He described events that occurred *before* his lifetime. So what he has seen was a vision. *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). 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, rivers, trees," 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 occurred in millions or billions of years.

VISION of the FUTURE

John wrote the **Book of Revelation**. He saw events that will happen long *after* his lifetime. His vision of the "end times" were given in **symbolism**. Between the highlights of the visions, other events will occur. The details of the Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, and Seven Bowls of Plagues are vaguely understood now. As these events draw closer, they'll focus clearly in our views and minds. Then we'll definitely understand them, and even live out these prophecies.

God gave vision in an abstract **symbolism** for human comprehension and retention.

TOTAL UNIVERSE

The "Total Universe" includes the spiritual and physical universe (creation). The Creator God "spoke" creation into existence and populated it with all the creatures living therein.

SUPREME BEING—Spiritual Creator

The Trinity is the eternal beings of the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Creator made creation (things) and creatures (beings), whether earthly or heavenly.

ANGELIC BEINGS—Spiritual Creatures

"I [John] heard the voice of many angels ... the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand [100 million]" (Rev. 5:11). A third of them (~33 million) became fallen angels and demons.

On the "**first day**" of Creation, God created angels, who saw the Earth form (~4.5 billion years ago), according to science. *"I [God] laid the foundations of the earth ... and all the sons of God [angels] shouted for joy"* (Job 38:4-7). The angels watched the rain of asteroids, which coalesced into Earth. They've also likely help design and develop many earthly life forms.

HUMAN BEINGS—Physical Creatures

On the "**sixth day**," God made the first humans and set the couple in the "Garden of Eden." Satan deceived Adam and Eve into sin—starting the downward spiral of human suffering and death.

TOTAL UNIVERSE:

- SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE
- PHYSICAL UNIVERSE

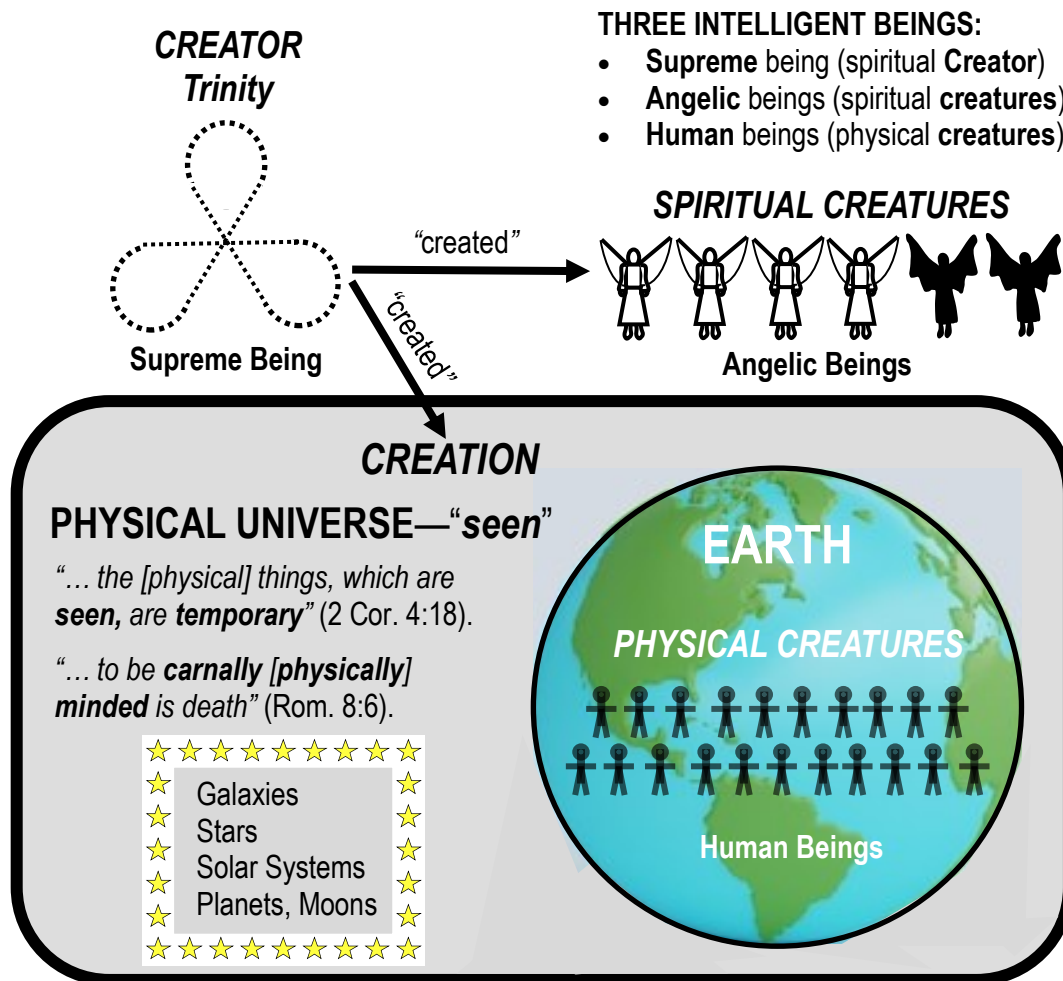
SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE—“*not seen*”

“... 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 angelic 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 does not 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.

SEEKING for THE TRUTH

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

If the Bible is a lie, **then** there's no love, no sin, no war, no death. If no forgiveness, Jesus died in vain.

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

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

Science and Bible pursue the same truth differently. But they are two sides of the same coin.

One is a godly side, while the other has become a secular (Godless—"no God") side. Science done with no God results in unloving deeds and products, such as nuclear bombs and weapons.

SCIENCE or RELIGION?

Devout saints have faith in God, spirits, and spiritual things. Scientists have no faith spiritual laws, but have faith in physical laws. It's true that Hydrogen behaves like it has one electron, proton, and neutron. Oxygen acts like it has eights. They combine to form water (H₂O). Atoms are so tiny, so we "see" them by faith.

Understanding SPIRITS, SPIRITUAL

We use **parables** and **analogies** to explain spiritual concepts that are hard to understand to people. Animals are land-bounded creatures; birds are air-oriented fowls. Saints are like doves, while physicists are like heavy elephants. Secular scientists and schools deny spiritual concepts, since their **only world** is physically based. They're trapped in an exclusively materialistic "**box**" called the "**physical universe**."

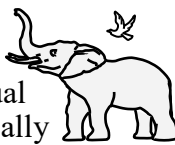
Like an elephant weighed down to the Earth, physicists are pinned in a "box" and won't venture (fly) out. To live outside the box, one must leap out, explore, and thrive in the spiritual universe; like a dove that takes its first dive into the air and starts flying in the wind. "*The wind blows where 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 Christian]*" (John 3:8).

Jesus said, "*I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*" (John 14:6). "*When he, the **Spirit of truth** [Holy Spirit], is come, he will **guide you into all truth***" (John 16:13).



Analogy:

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



CREATION is made up of Creator's Words

Philosophers Leucippus and Democritus theorized of atomism (all things are made of atoms). Pythagoras thought on subatomic level and said that all things are made up of sound. Electrons, neutrons, and protons are made up of waves and vibrations. The universe is like a symphony of musical strings. Things oscillates with sounds.

Some scientists, like Michio Kaku, believe in the "**String Theory**", similar to Pythagoras sound theory. Such beliefs are what the Bible says that everything is made of—God's words.

*"By faith we understand that the universe was created by **God's word**, so that what can be seen [physically] was made out of what cannot be seen [spiritually]"* (Heb.11:3).

God **spoke** the creation into existence. So, creation is made up of words (sounds, waves, vibrations). Living beings are structured with genetic DNA. Likewise, matter and atoms could be structured with a "**DNA-like string**" words.

A "word" can be a sound or "bit" structured like computer language at the quantum level. A **bit**, in computer science, is a binary digit (**1** or **0**), smallest unit of data. A **byte** is 8 bits. A **word** is a mixture of 16, 32, or 64 **bits** string depending on the computer processor design. A **string** is a continuous sequence of bits.

God's Word might be more like a computer program for each object in Creation: atom, dust, stone, tree, forest, mountain, planet, wind, sea, cell, eye, brain, bones, muscles, body, and etc.

If objects and creations aren't words, why does the universe and nature so readily obedient to its Creator? God says, "*So shall My **word** be that goes forth from My mouth. It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please. It shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it*" (Isa. 55:11). Each atom obeys its Creator God.

Why did the wind and sea obey Christ? "*He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!'* The wind ceased and there was a great calm. He said to them ... 'How is it that you have no faith?' They ... said to one another, 'Who can this be, that even the **wind** and the **sea obey Him!**'" (Mark 4:39-41).

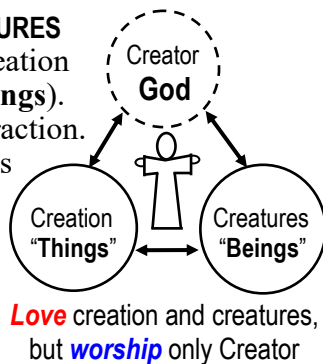
*"The **truth** is, you can say ... 'Go, mountain, fall into the sea.'* If you have no doubts in your mind and believe that what you say will happen, **then God will do it for you**" (Mark 11:23 ERV). The Almighty actualizes our faith into a reality.

CREATOR, CREATION, CREATURES

Our Creator God 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 (spiritual angels and physical humans) to loving character and deeds, which religions study.

Our Maker wants harmony and love between all His creatures and creation for the optimum interaction of all lives. Love is the ultimate benefit for all.



CREATOR

God made everything for His **pleasure** and **glory**. *"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive **glory** and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, for thy pleasure they are and were created"* (Rev. 4:11). He made creatures with **free-will**. He could have made robots (obedient programmed **things**), but He made children (self-determining **beings**) to—by their own free-will—love, glorify, and worship Him.

Use or misuse of free-will has led to good or evil deeds, depending on the being's intention: **Sin** is exploitation of others to profit oneself. **Love** benefits all, including all creatures and creations.

So, science must be done with love for all in mind. It should not be misused to create nuclear bombs, abortion facility, and people-destroying technology.

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

An Intelligent Designer (**being**) conceived, formed, and purposely made the **physical universe**: atoms, electrons, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, black holes, binary stars, quasars, pulsars, supernovas, galaxies, planets, moons, sky, oceans, and all other **things**.

It's the reverse of what scientists believe: **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.

The same Intelligent Designer (Creator) that made the spiritual things also designed the physical things. So, there's a correlation between the spiritual and physical entities. Jesus used parable to explain the spiritually "unseen" by using physically "seen" things. This similarity is faith (sixth sense) for our eyes to "see" the "unseen" spiritual universe.

CREATION

"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 galaxies, stars (lights), 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. Jupiter rotates in **9.9** Earth hours. Venus' day is **5,832** Earth hours. Its **day** (243 Earth days) exceeds its **year** (225 Earth days)! 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 orbits (180° rotation). Its "nighttime" ("*dusk to dawn*") takes another 3×10^8 years. At the next 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 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.

*"Then 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 sinlessness]"* (Gen. 1:26-31).

Seventh day, God rested from His work. Likewise, we are available to work six days, but rest on our seventh day—Worship Day.

Views on Creation

CREATION— BIBLICAL VIEW

The Creator made everything. The physical creation was conceived, planned, created, and sustained by an Intelligent Designer. Believers use the Bible to explain the world they live in. Though science and Bible don't exactly agree, they are gradually merging together about the details of creation. The Bible is steadfast to its word, while science keeps refining its guesses until its hypothesis becomes an actual fact. God loves the truth. We're all seeking for the truth.

I (author) believe in **physical science**: the basic truths of astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, and physics, not in extreme ideas of multi-universes, time travel, or 11-dimensions.

I have faith in **religion**: the basic truths of the Bible—Holy Scriptures. That there exist spirits, spiritual things, and spiritual universe.

CREATOR—"THE WORD"

"In the beginning was the Word [Christ] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... All things were made by him" (John 1:1-3)

*"Christ ... is the image of the invisible God ... For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and ... earth, visible and invisible ... all things were created **by him**, and **for him**: He is before all things, and by him all things consist [are upheld]"* (Col.1:7,15-17).

TIME—MEASUREMENT of CHANGE

When God made the first atom, which internally started changing, is when we can logically say "time" began. When the structure of matter alters, we say it "**changed**" or "**got old.**" When the spin of objects, such as the Sun and Earth—relative to each other—has cycled; we say that "**time**" or "**a day**" has passed. Physical things are ever-changing; spiritual things are stable.

If God shrunk the universe to the size of a basketball, then time is set to the ball holder's (God's) 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, planet, or star varies, despite the imagination of quantum physics or science-fiction movies.

GOD'S TRUTH is true everywhere

Similar to God's minute, **God's Truth** is the Truth everywhere, despite what philosophers, scientists, religionists, politicians, or fictional movies might say. True religion and true science are the two sides of the same coin (Truth).

CREATION— SCIENTIFIC VIEW

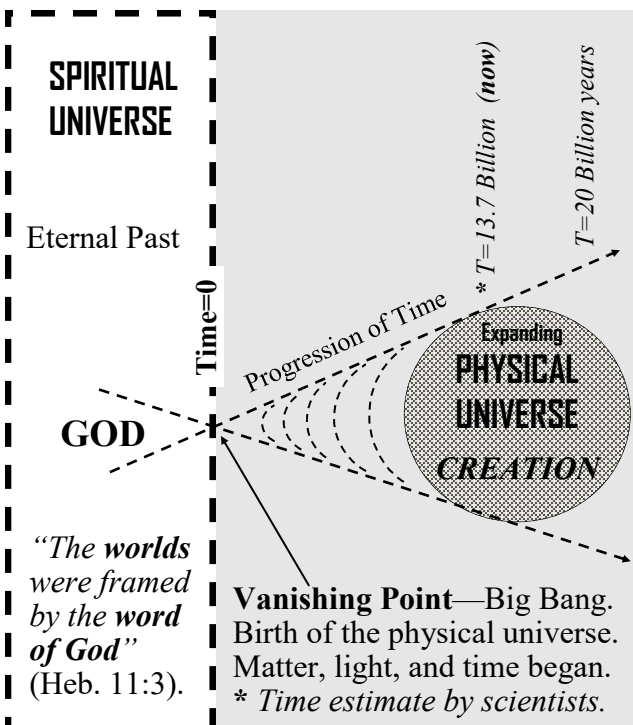
Astronomers used the "scientific method" to formulate the Big Bang theory to explain the origin of the universe. *Next page compares Bible and science beliefs about creation.* In their own ways, they basically agree. The Lord is a **God of order**, not confusion (1 Cor. 14:33). He loves the **truth**, is 100 % honest, hates lying, dislikes false weight measurement, is orderly, methodical, factual, like a ... a true scientist.

BIG BANG, EXPANDING UNIVERSE

In 1929, from Edwin Hubble's work, astronomers knew that the universe was expanding, i.e., yesterday the cosmos was smaller than today and tomorrow it'll be larger than now. If we "rewind" time, we see the universe shrink to a single point (singularity). Even before that, where did the singularity come from? Matter and energy don't just materialize from nothing or from nowhere, according to science.

WHAT or WHO is the FIRST CAUSE?

Creation was the effect, but what or **who** is the cause? There was a time when **no** physical thing existed. So, creation originated from the spiritual side. Only God (First Cause) is on the other side of **time = 0** vanishing point. Thus, only the Creator could have made creation. The Scripture says, *"For with God nothing shall be impossible"* (Matt. 19:26).

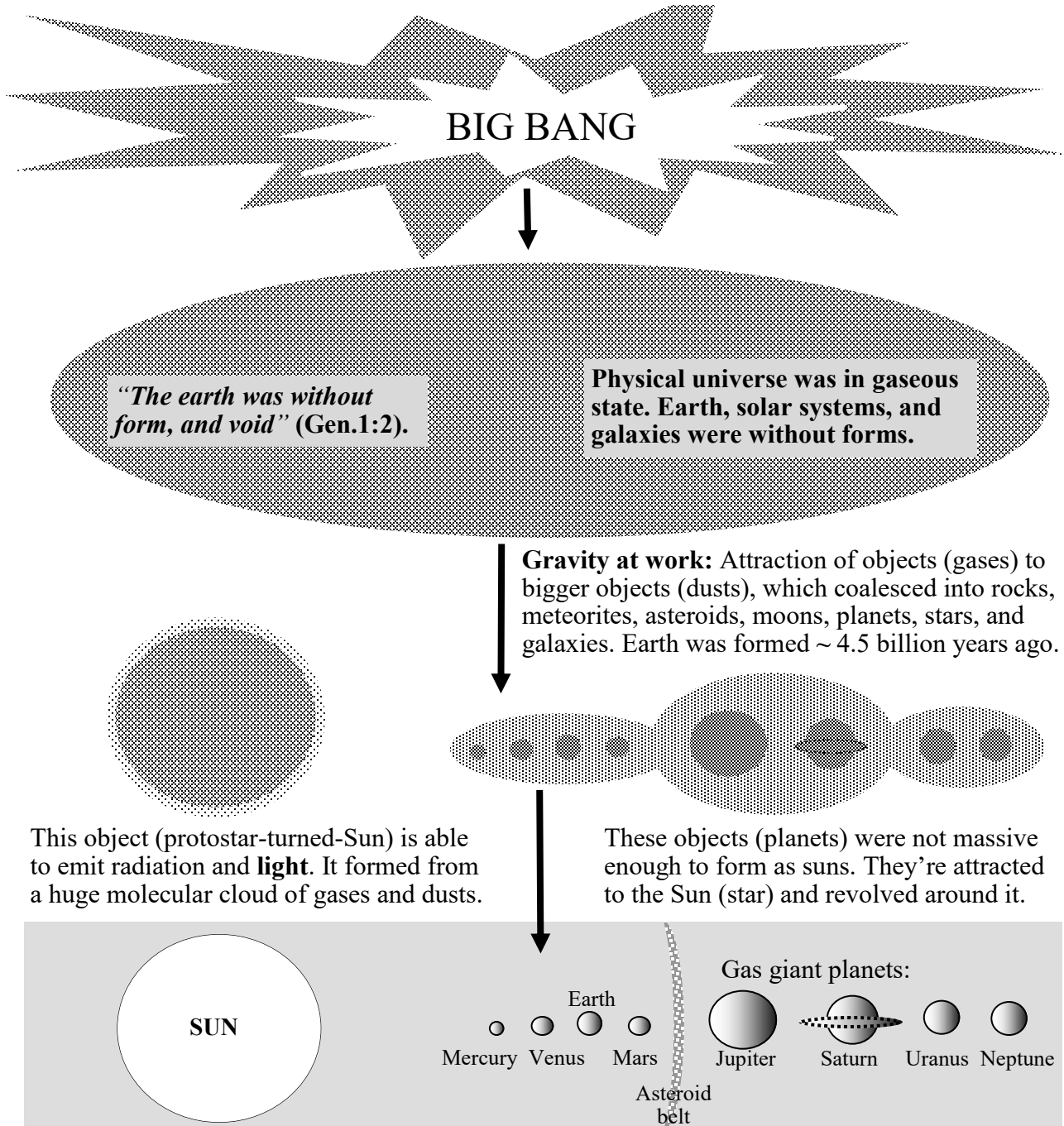


Biblical and Scientific Beliefs Comparison

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 UNIVERSE

Good Spiritual World

God (Spirit)

God the Father

God the Son

God the Holy Spirit

Good Angels

Seraphim

Cherubim

Michael

Gabriel

SIN

← Separation →

Evil Spiritual World

Fallen Angels

Satan

Demons

Angels in chains

Evil spirits

Evil Organization

Principalities

Powers

Thrones

Dominions

PHYSICAL UNIVERSE

Populating the universe with sin

Like a disease, SIN spread from Satan to Adam and throughout mankind.

Body of mankind, full of sinners, is suffering from the disease of sin.

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If **SIN** is not contained, it will infect all creation and creatures, laying waste and destruction to life. First life on Earth, then planets and stars, and finally everything.

SIN

Body of Mankind

EARTH

Physical creatures:
Humans, Animals

Panoramic view of how SIN and DEATH spread from Satan to fallen angels to mankind.

Chapter 2: The spirits—Angelic Creatures (“gods”)

SPIRITUAL WAR

This section of our Bible study is about our *spiritual war* with **evil spirits**, who deceives and leads humanity astray from God.

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, supply trucks, tanks, and various essential duties.

In the **spiritual war**, our enemies are also arranged in a certain order. Archangels, like Satan, are at the top. Then “princes” that are 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, economy, politic, tax, governmental election, national defense, warfare, 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 affected by some spirits. There’re “princes” of Persia, Greece, Israel, Rome, Africa, Egypt, Germany, Spain, France, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, India, China, Japan, Vietnam, Canada, and other countries.

Evil spirits plan conflicts between countries and incite wars. Satan uses **war** to **harvest souls** for his kingdom in Hell. In contrast, Jesus gather souls for Heaven.

DEVILS’ INFLUENCE in our WORLD

An example of fallen angels’ dirty hands in human affairs: U. S. President Trump was doing great during his term in office. Then COVID19 hit. He lost re-election that he was favored to win. The pandemic was not accidental. Like Satan causing sore disease on Job, evil spirits use their powers to ruin our health with diseases and viruses. They favor politics that achieve their goals.

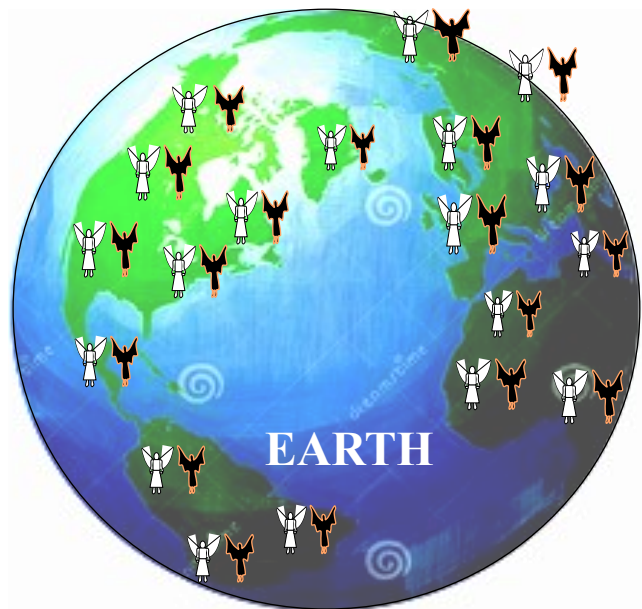
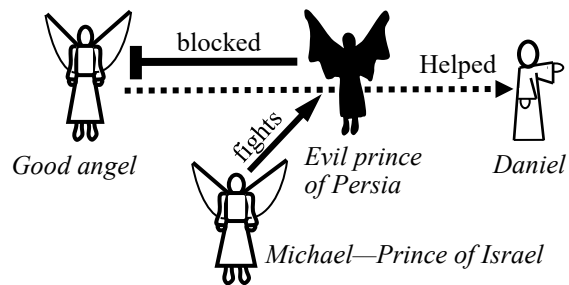
ANGELIC PRINCES, PRINCIPALITIES

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 were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one 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 second spirit. Daniel is finally helped after 21 days.



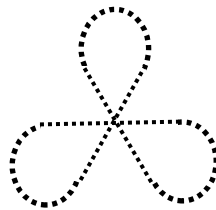
Good angels and evil spirits are at war all over the globe.

WAR in HEAVEN—COMBAT among SPIRITUAL CREATURES

Spiritual Universe

- *Post-creation*
- *Post-angels*
- *Post-sin*

Good Supreme Being:



WAR in HEAVEN:

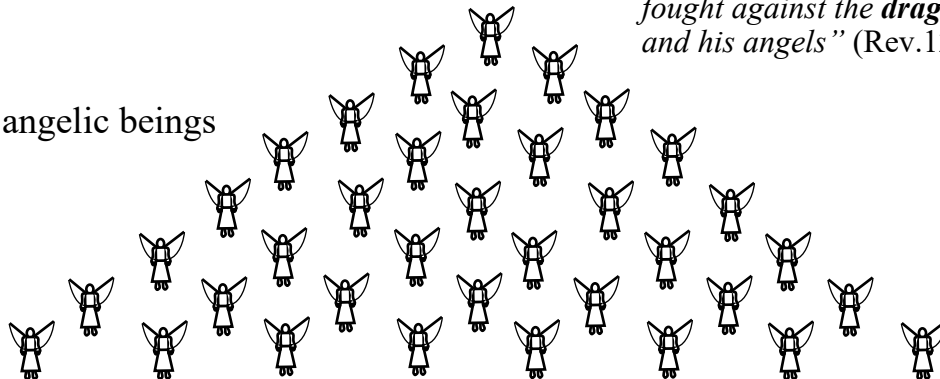
Good spirits vs. *Evil spirits*

WAR among SPIRITS:

“There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon ... and his angels” (Rev.12:7).

Good angelic beings

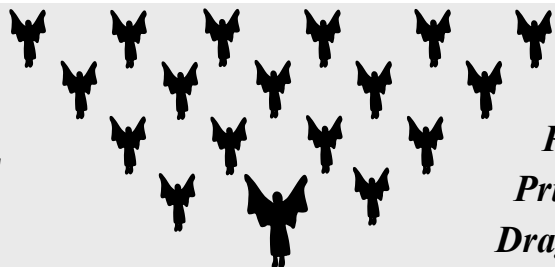
Archangel
Michael



Good vs. *Evil*
Love vs. *Sin*

Spiritual Warfare

Evil angelic beings



*Demons
Rulers
Powers
Principalities
Dragon (Devil)*

SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS

Dragon

“For we wrestle [war] ... against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12).

Panoramic view of the FIRST WAR and its spiritual, angelic combatants.

SPIRITUAL WAR started in HEAVEN

Evil spirits invented *sin*, *war*, and *death*. These inventions were “too heavy” 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 will 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” (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 warmongering 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.

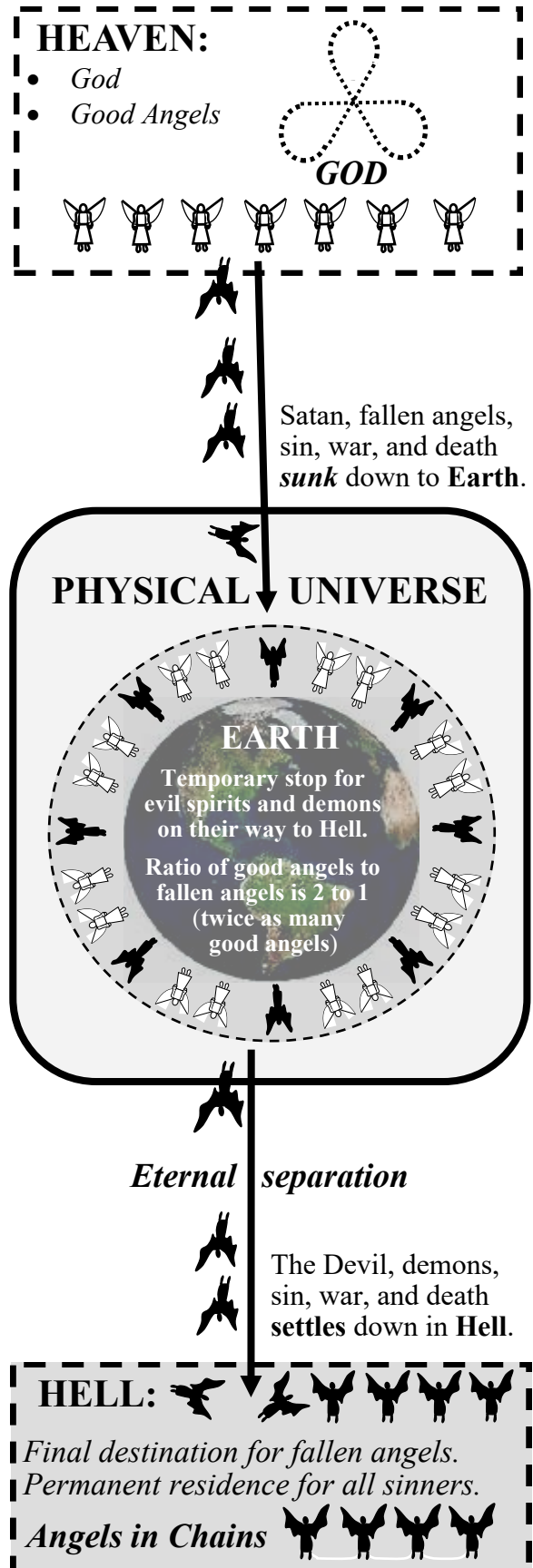
SPIRITUAL WAR will settle in HELL

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



WHY creation, creatures CREATED

The Trinity created everything: atoms, electrons, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, photons, black holes (stars), binary stars, quasars, planets, and galaxies. Why?

Here's an idea: Woman is made lovely. If she is the only person on Earth, no one else would admire her. She is delighted when others notice her beauty. So, she feels good that a man tells her that she's pretty. She'd likely marry a man that keeps telling her that she's beautiful.

Similarly, God is love and omnipotent. In the everlasting past only the Triune God existed. Nobody and nothing else existed. It'd be great, if other beings could know and share the glory of God. So, for God's **pleasure** and **glory**, the creation and creatures were created.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev. 4:11).

"The heavens [creation] declare the glory of God" (Psa.19:1).

When we praise and glorify God, we state facts. "God is omnipotent" is true. So is this: *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; the government will be upon His shoulder. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Isa. 9:6).

We're created to glorify and worship God. We explore, discover, experience, and enjoy the things He has made for us.

INNOCENT ANGELS CREATED

The Lord made the creation (material objects). *"God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good**"* (Gen. 1:31). Initially, the "Total Universe" was a sinless environment.

Then, God created spiritual creatures: angels. For a long time, they're sinless and benevolent. Angels existed when the Earth formed. Scientifically, we can say they're at least 4.5 billion years old.

*"I [God] laid the **foundations** of the **earth** ... And all the sons of God [angels] shouted for joy"* (Job 38:4-7).

GOOD ANGELS avoid WORSHIP

*"I [John] fell down at his feet to worship him [angel], but he said, 'No! Don't! For I am a servant of God just as you are ... **Worship God**'"*

(Rev. 19:10 TLB). A good servant angel directed John to worship the correct person—Father God.

LUCIFER—SATAN—DEVIL

Sin originated in the heart of an angel Lucifer. The selfish Devil said "**I**" five times:

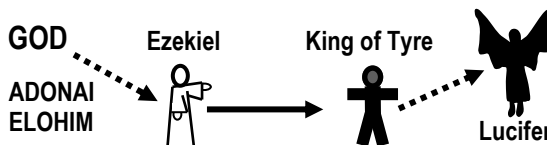
*"How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground ... For thou hast said in thine heart,*

- *I will ascend into heaven,*
- *I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:*
- *I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation ...*
- *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;*
- *I will be like the most High.*

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the [bottomless] pit" (Isa. 14:12-14).

SATAN is a created ANGELIC CREATURE

Angels were initially created sinless. God spoke to Lucifer via His prophet to King of Tyre (Tzor).



*"The word of **Adonai** came to me [Ezekiel]: 'Human being, raise a lament for the king of Tzor [human containing evil spirit **Lucifer**], and tell him that **Adonai Elohim** says:*

*"You [**Lucifer**] put the seal on perfection; you were full of wisdom and perfect in beauty; you [as **serpent**] were in **Eden**, the garden of God ... You were a **keruv** [cherub angel], protecting a large region ... You were perfect in your ways from the day **you were created**, until unrighteousness was found in you. When your commerce grew, you became **filled with violence**; and ... **you sinned** ... Your heart grew proud because of your beauty, you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor" ' "* (Eze. 28:11-17 CJB).

WHERE WORSHIP goes WRONG

If worshipers praise God, they state facts. "Omnipotent is our God" is a fact. Glorifications of our Creator are truths.

Worship of a **creature** or **creation** is false. They do not have the eternal attributes of **Creator** God. If the Scripture says the creature Lucifer was "perfect in beauty," we agree. But to say, "**Satan** (creature) is **God** (Creator)" is a **LIE**.

NUMBER of ANGELS—over 100 MILLION

"I heard the voice of many angels ... the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand [100 million]" (Rev. 5:11). A third of the angels turned evil.

AGE of ANGELS—over 4.5 BILLION YEARS

*"I [God] laid the **foundations** of the **earth** ... all the sons of God [**angels**] shouted for joy"* (Job 38:4-7).

Biblically, angels observed the formation of Earth.

Scientifically, the Earth formed 4.5 billion years ago.

FALL of ANGELS: LUST, SIN, DEATH

Sin is a spiritual contagious disease. God made symbiotic creatures, who affect each other. *Sin* originated in Lucifer, who sinned against another spirit (God). *"None of us lives to himself [totally isolated]"* (Rom. 14:7). Sin didn't stay isolated in Satan, but infected angels.

Sin was a very new thing. Probably, some angels at first kept a distance and *"poked it around with a stick."* Like naive babies, some *"licked it,"* found it sweet, and *"ate it."* But sin brings self-destruction. **Lust** (covet) begets **sin** that begets **death**. *"Let no man [or angel] say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. When **lust** [desire] hath conceived [actualized], it bringeth forth **sin**: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth **death**"* (James 1:13-15).

The selfish attitude became prevalent among angels. Some thought, *"Forget **others**, I'll do what **I** please!"* Evil spirits started taking advantage of other angels. They became self-centered and cared only for themselves. **They lost:** love for **others**, empathy for **others**, and sense of remorse for any harm they caused **others**. The rebels became criminals that exploited **others**.

An irreconcilable difference of lifestyle of living developed between God and "gods" (evil spirits). God is love, but Satan's character is exploitation. The rebel spirits formed their own "**Godless**" self-government to organize their own agenda against God; a precursor of separate Godless state and godly church. When spiritual war moved to Earth, this original angelic government system became the "world system" on Earth.

"Angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he [God] hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment" (Jude 1:6).

Evil spirits infected mankind. A drug addict can say "what I do with my body is my choice" or homosexuals say "what we do in our house is none of your business" to defend their lewd behaviors. Sin, like flu, "overflows the house," and becomes other people's business. Like a disease, **sin** infects the sinner and those near him.

PROGRESSION of SIN

Anthropologists might say that evil behaviors, e. g., stealing, plundering, killing, can be traced back to predatory animals, apes, and cavemen. But it goes back much farther. Likely, every conceivable sin was first practiced by the evil spirits before sin ever surfaced with humanity. Such sin as lie, lust, rape, debauchery, perversion, sodomy, homosexuality, gang violence, etc.

The Creator first made His creatures sinless. **Sin** came *after* the spirits were created. Evil spirits were the original inventors of sin, war, and death. Anarchy demands law and order. *"The law is ... **for the lawless and disobedient** ... **for sinners**"* (1 Tim. 1:9-10).

People see the Ten Commandments in a certain order—from the worse sin to the least. But a sinner usually sins in an inverse order (**10th** to **1st**). Sin starts within one's **self**, then against **others**, and finally against **God**.

SELF

Lust is a thought born in one's self, by entertaining a future sin in the mind (**10th** of 10 Commandments violation: don't **covet**). The Devil coveted being worshiped. Covet starts a chain reaction of sins against **others** and **God**.

OTHERS

Sin escalates to a lie (**9th**)—(Satan is the "Father of Lies"), to steal (**8th**), to sexual pleasure (**7th**), to murder (**6th**). *"He was a murderer from the beginning"* (John 8:44). Satan brought the "second death" (eternal separation from God) to his fellow angels. These crimes could have been avoided, if angelic beings listened to their parent God (**5th**). They halted the sacred **worship** of their Creator God (**4th**).

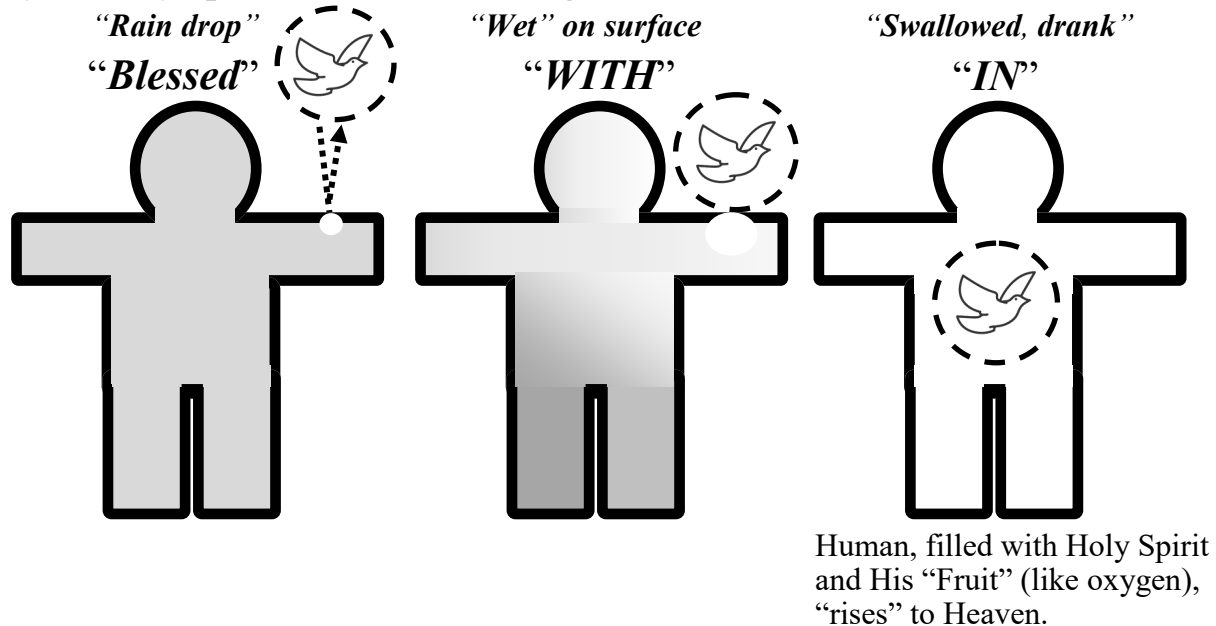
GOD

Worst of all sins are against God. Some angels used God's name in profanity (**3rd**) and adored creation (**2nd**). The "gods" glorified themselves ahead of God (**1st**). Humans now follow a similar lifestyle of evil behavior (sin).

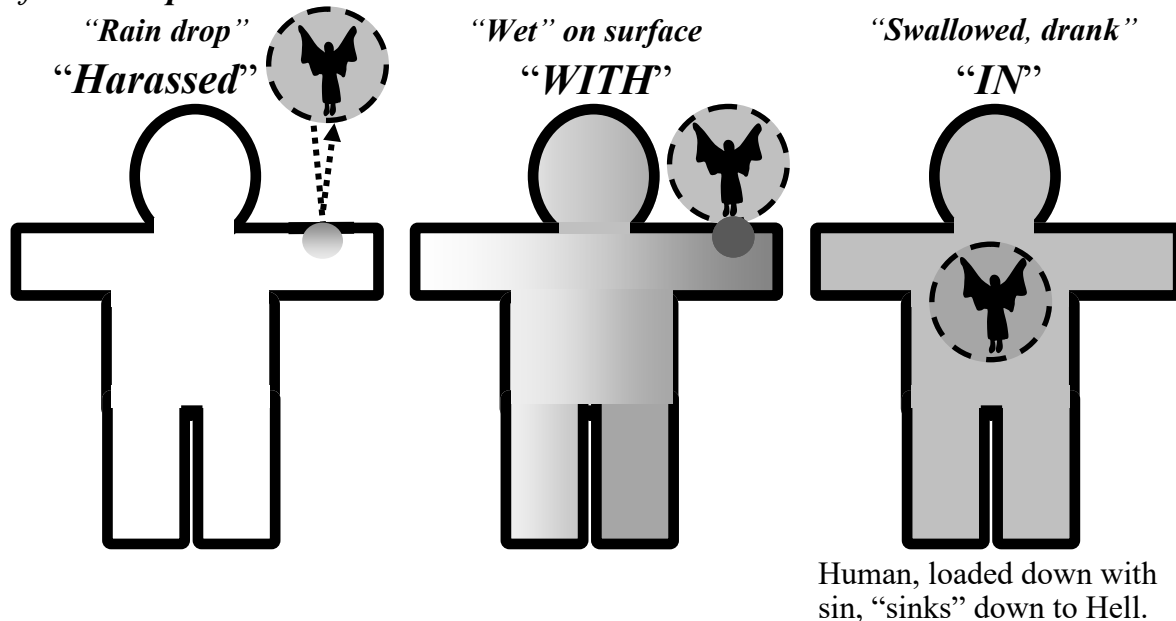
SPIRIT POSSESSION—GOOD or EVIL SPIRIT in a HUMAN CONTAINER

Since humans have free will, God allows them to make their choices. Some to their benefit and others to their detriment. A person can permit the **Holy Spirit** or **demon** to live within him. *“The **Spirit of truth**; whom the world [evil people] cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth **with** you, and shall be **in** you”* (John 14:17). The wise chooses the infilling of the Holy Spirit for spiritual gifts and Fruit of the Spirit. The fool gets filled by an evil spirit for sinful pleasure or power, which ends in a tragic demise.

*If the **Holy Spirit** was water—“living water”:*

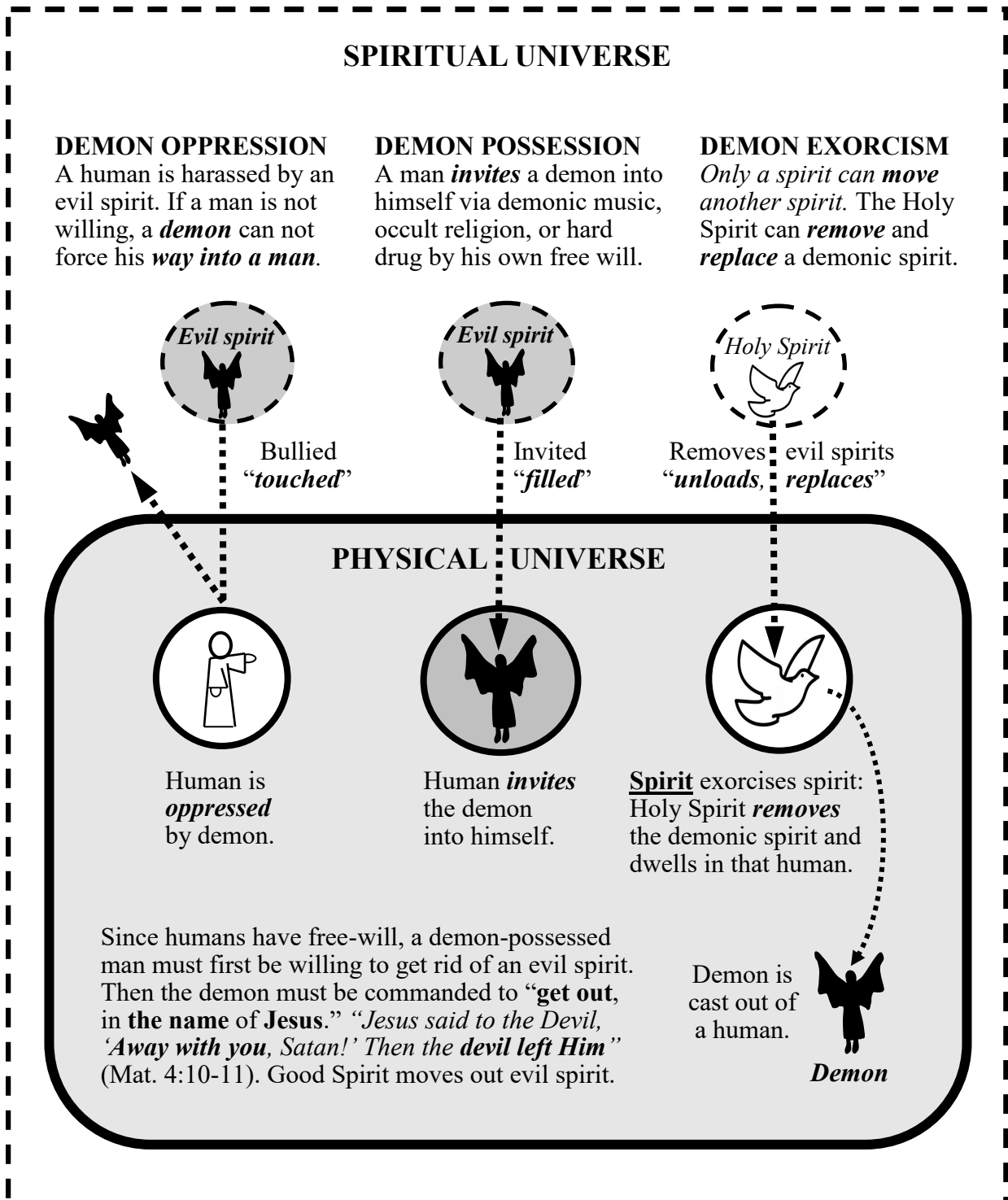


*If an **evil spirit** was water—“Pollution”:*



*Illustration of **infilling** by a **spirit** (Holy Spirit or demon) to the **degree** (level) a **human** allows.*

SPIRITUAL and **PHYSICAL** interaction between intelligent beings:
God, angels, and humans



Human can accept or deny a spirit. But only God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) can exorcise a spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT indwelling, DEMON possession

A man can allow a spirit (**Holy Spirit** or **demon**) to dwell in him. A wise person ("vessel") is filled with the **Spirit** for spiritual gifts and Fruit of the Spirit. The unwise is filled by a demon for pleasure and sin. Indwelling by a spirit is to the level a man allows, i.e., he can totally **accept** or **deny** a spirit. Or lets a demon buzzes around him or lands on him like an annoying **fly** (the Devil is aptly named **Beelzebub** or the "**Lord of Flies**") to harass him.

If a man fully accepts a demon, then he becomes its **avatar** with a demonic, psychopathic character.

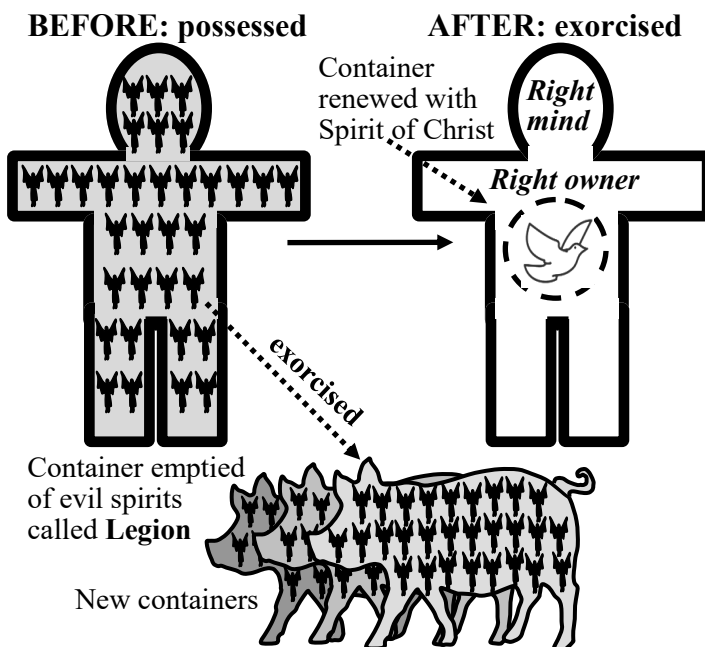
Be extremely careful of what you allow into your body, thought, heart, and mind, i.e., **avoid taking in** demonic music, alcoholic drinks, hard drugs, occult religions, horror movies, and other addictions that will separate you from God and Heaven.

JESUS' EXORCISM of POSSESSED MAN

A "possessed" man absorbed the evil character of the demonic possessors, who are going to Hell. But, demons must obey Jesus their Creator. A **legion** of 2,000 demons asked for **his permission** to get out of one container (man) to enter other containers (pigs).

A man **rightly** owns one **body-soul-spirit** self and has the final say about it. If he doesn't want to share it, then demons are locked out. So, don't let them in!

The "possessed" man had many tenants (spirits) in himself. He preferred to be filled by **Spirit of Christ**, who evicts the other tenants (demons). The **right owner** of the body was back to his **right mind**.



Demonic spirits are exorcised from a **human** being.

JESUS exorcises DEMON from a MAN

Worldly people don't realize that they are **containers** and **avatars** of evil spirits. A "**driver**" of avatar is a demonic spirit.

A reason why people act devilish and evil.

2-5 A [demon possessed] man ... met **him** [Jesus]. He lived among the tombs; and

no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but he wrenched apart the chains, and the shackles he broke in pieces; no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself [container self-mutilating] with stones.

6-9 He saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me [demons]." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is **Legion** [spiritual army in one man]; for **we** [evil possessors] **are many**."

11-13 Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." He gave them **permission**. The unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

14-17 The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country ... They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his **right mind**, the very man who had had the legion.

18-20 The man [avatar] who had been possessed by demons [drivers] begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." He went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. (Mark 5).

SIN splits CREATURES from CREATOR

The intention of the Devil is to **separate** the sinful creatures from their sinless Creator.

LUST, COVET, DESIRE—SEED of SIN

Lust, excessively coveting more than God has given you, leads to sin. The Devil craved worship from his fellow creatures. Lucifer—God’s splendid creature, “perfect in beauty”—desired to be worshiped as God. Instead of glorifying only the Most High, Satan coveted glory for himself. He even had the audacity to demand worship from his own Creator (Jesus)! *Read Matthew 4.*

SIN—SEED of DEATH

When a person **actualizes** (carries out, does) his lust, that’s against God’s will; then coveting becomes sin. *“When **desire** has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and **sin**, when it is full-grown, brings forth **death**”* (James 1:15).

Satan uses **sin** as a wedge to pry loose a human from God. Sin puts an obstacle between a being and God. Such a barrier first occurred with fallen angels. They were severed from Heaven and cast to Earth. There’s no return to Heaven for them. Thus, they’re eternally dead.

DEATH—END PRODUCT

Sin brings forth death. A human life ends with the **physical** “First Death” when his **soul** and **spirit** leaves his **corpse**. The “saved” are redeemed and resurrected by Jesus from death. The “unsaved” also dies a **spiritual** “Second Death,” which is an eternal separation from God. It happens on Judgment Day.

SIN—ALTERNATE WAY of LIFE

Sin is a way of life that exploits others. The victim’s loss is a criminal’s gain. Living off of others’ demise are seen in viruses, parasites, fleas, animals, predators, humans, and nations.

SIN is EGOCENTRIC

Sin is self-centered. It’s inward directed to benefit self, not outward directed to care for others. Sinners take advantage of others. “**Sin** is the **transgression** of the **law**. *Ye know that he [sinless **Christ**] was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is **no sin** ... He that committeth **sin** is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested [materialized in flesh], that he might destroy the works [sin, war, death] of the devil”* (1 John 3:4-8).

DEVIL’S STRATEGY

The Creator initially made all His creatures “very good” with free-will. The entire angels were originally created sinless.

Monotheistic believers say only one Creator **God (Spirit)** exist. Polytheistic religions have many “gods” (spirits), but are only creatures.

Fallen angels invented and provoked war in Heaven. They got defeated and banished to Earth. Resentment festered in the nefarious spirits. They turned their animosity and warfare toward the earthlings. The strength of Satan is causing **schism** between beings. His “divide and conquer” strategy separates living beings.

People mistakenly blame our misery on the sins of naïve Adam and Eve, but the fault of sin originated with the devils. Satan **lied** to Eve. The Devil, evil spirits, and demons were far ahead in the **art of sin** when the first human appeared. So, the dominion over Earth was easily taken away from the innocent first humans.

Death is separation—from your body and God. Satan uses **sin** to **separate** creatures from God:

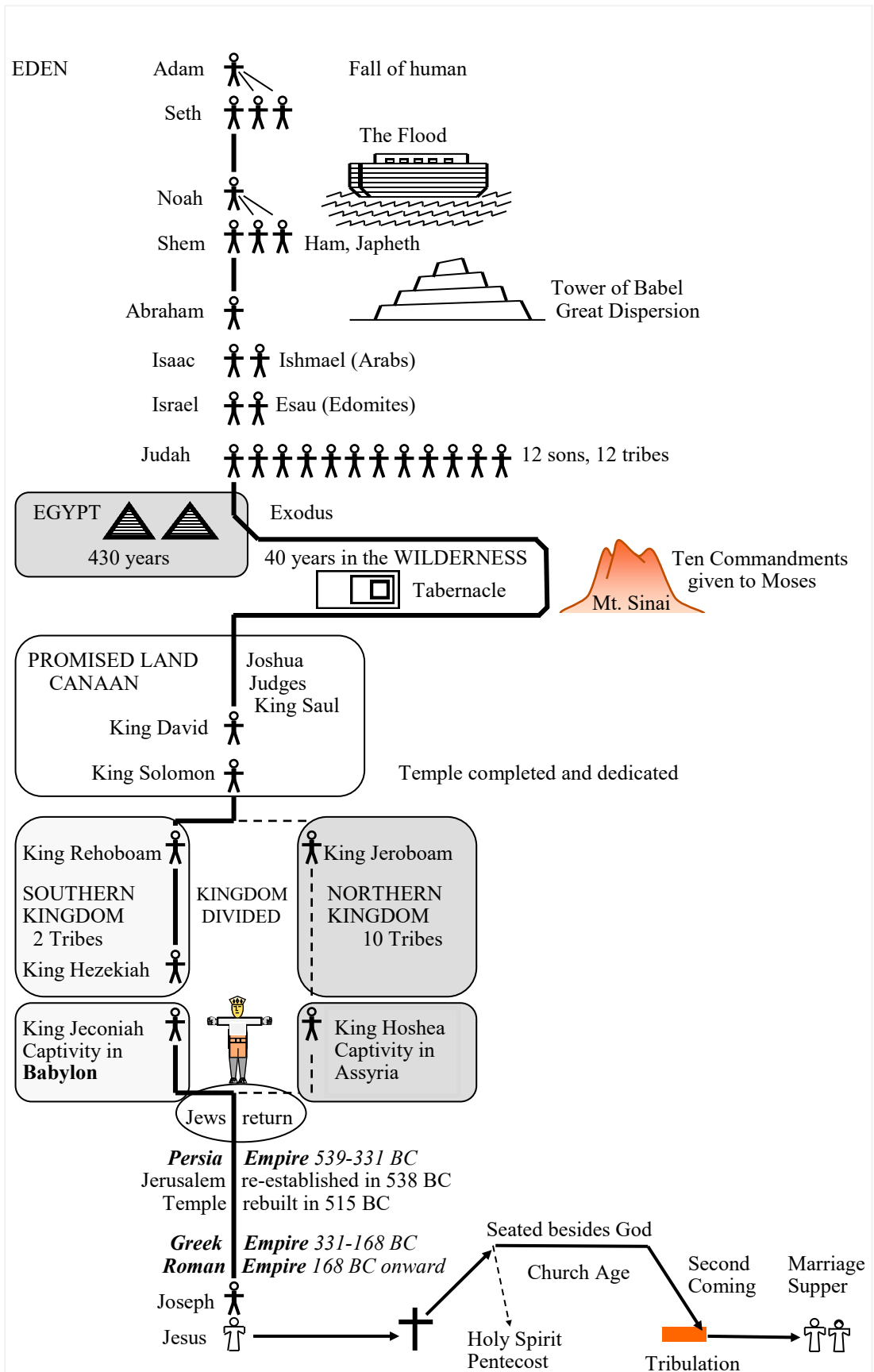
- *He **separated** sinful angels from Heaven. They can’t return there, for their spiritual death is an eternal separation from God.*
- *Physical death separates a human soul and spirit from its corpse. All humans die, then they are destined to go to Heaven or Hell.*
- *Sin **separated** creatures from their Creator.*
- *Sin **separates** a godless human from his God.*
- *Sin **separates** people by prejudice or racism.*
- *Sin **separates** family members by divorce.*
- *Sin **separates** a baby and mother by abortion.*
- *Sin **separates** godless from God, like **state** (secular) from **church** (worshipers of God).*
- *Sin is a wrong choice by God’s creature.*
- *Sin is anti-God, anti-love; for God is love.*

People are familiar with the order of the Ten Commandments: from the worst to the milder sins. But a sinner (like Satan or human) usually sins in an inverse order: self, others, and God. SIN originates first within **SELF**: Coveting. SIN against **OTHERS**: *Lying, stealing, sex perverting, murdering, dishonoring parents, and worshiping the pagan gods.*

SIN against **GOD**: *Profaning God’s name, idolizing created things, and putting ungodly beings above God (trying to replace God).*

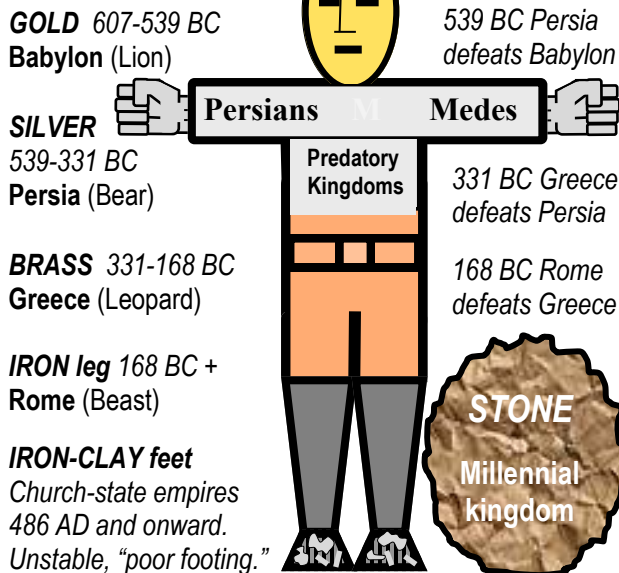
LINE OF REDEMPTION

Adam-Eve
 Seth
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 Enoch
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 Lamech
 Noah
 Shem
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 Cainan
 Shelah
 Eber
 Peleg
 Reu
 Serug
 Nabor
 Terah
 Abraham-Sara
 Isaac
 Jacob (Israel)
 Judah-Tamar
 Perez
 Hezron
 Ram
 Amminadab
 Nahshon
 Salmon-Rahab
 Boaz-Ruth
 Obed
 Jesse
 King David
 King Solomon
 King Rehoboam
 King Abijah
 King Asa
 King Jehoshaphat
 King Jehoram
 King Uzziah
 King Jotham
 King Ahaz
 King Hezekiah
 King Manasseh
 King Amon
 King Josiah
 King Jeconiah
 Shealtiel
 Zerubbabel
 Abiud
 Eliakim
 Azor
 Zabok
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 Joseph-Mary
 Jesus



Chapter 3: Physical Wars—Humans, Animals, Creatures

GREAT STATUE



Predatory WORLD KINGDOMS

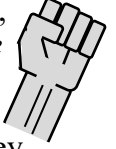
The third chapter of our Bible study covers **physical war**. Most wars don't start accidentally. They are planned by someone somewhere.

As you see from the above statue (succession of predatory kingdoms), evil spirits had already planned, six centuries ahead, what each nation will have what goals, governments, inventions, progress, culture, weapons, and wars. Victories and defeats were already determined for them. The whole intention was Satan's premeditated schedule to harass and harm God's people.

God is omniscient. He knows and is aware of all. He easily overheard the conspiracy of fallen angels strategizing and actualizing the predatory world empires to torment the Hebrews. God knows the "game plan" of the devils. So, He passed these plots along to Daniel—centuries before they will happen—to notify, explain the vision, set in prophecy, and warn His people.

Scientists use the scientific method to verify and establish facts, but criticize religions for not proving its beliefs by evidence. The Bible does, e.g., the Lord revealed to Daniel the mystery of the Statue (world kingdoms to come): Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. These historical events really came true, thus proving by factual, observable, and empirical evidence that God foresees future and interacts with humanity.

LUCIFER initiated VIOLENCE and WAR

Violence was a downfall for Satan. God says, "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with **violence**, and **thou** [*Lucifer the Devil*] **hast sinned**" (Eze. 28:16). 

Like a businessman driven by greed for money, the Devil apparently got violent and harmed other angels while operating his merchandise business.

"For the love of money [and merchandise it buys] is the root of all evil: which some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Tim. 6:10).

Evil people (and angels) love **violence**, such as in movies, sports, Roman gladiatorial combats, etc. Violence fuels war—pre-war, in war, post-war.

STATUE—"THE WORLD" KINGDOMS

The kingdoms of the Statue are characterized by **violence**, exploitation, and predation upon people. The body sections of the statue represents the succession of different world empires. Each one left its mark on ideology, economy, politic, culture, and technology. These become part of the next world power. All converge into one body—the "statue." Its conniving brain is really the "god of this world" (Satan). The "body" climaxes into the "beast with 7 heads and 10 horns" in the Book of Revelation.

"THE WORLD" SYSTEM

Biblically, "the world" means Earth, universe, or evil spiritual system among earthlings. The "world system" is used by Satan to pit sinful people (with the spirit of anti-Christ, anti-God) against Jews and Christians. "**Believe not every spirit, but try [test] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world ... this is that spirit of antichrist ... and even now [first century] already is it in the world**" (1 John 4:1-5).

"**Do not love the world [devilish sinful lifestyle] ... lust of the flesh ... lust of the eyes ... pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. The world passes away, and the lust of it ... This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith ... The whole world [evil system] lies in the power of the evil one [the Devil]**" (1 John 2:15; 5:4, 9). "**In the world you will have tribulation ... I [sinless Jesus] have overcome the world**" (John 16:33).

END of THE WORLD—the great HARVEST

Jesus said, "**The harvest is the end of the world**" (Rom. 12:2). The "end of the world" doesn't mean the Earth ends. Figuratively, it means **the harvest** of the antichrists (people against Christ and God).

BABYLON—GOLD HEAD

1-3 [King] Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

27-29 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king **Nebuchadnezzar** what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions ... are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

31-33 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image ... whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee. This image's head was of fine **gold**, his breast and his arms of **silver**, his belly and his thighs of **brass**, His legs of **iron**, his feet part of **iron** and part of **clay** ...

37-38 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom ... Thou art this head of gold. (Dan. 2)

In 1750 BC, Hammurabi founded the Babylonian Empire. The road to the Ishtar Gate was bordered by high walls decorated by **lions** in glazed bricks. Inside was the famous "Hanging Gardens of Babylon." Esagila, the temple of the god Marduk, was embellished with **gold**.

1ST PREDATOR—LION (BABYLONIAN)

"Four great [spiritual] beasts [predatory kingdoms] came up from the sea [people] ... The first was like a **lion**" (Dan. 7:3-4).

In 701 BC, the northern 10 tribes of Hebrews were deported to Assyria. In 586 BC, **Babylon** (spiritual lion-like beast) defeated Jerusalem inhabitants. The two southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin were exiled to Babylon. After 70 years of captivity, the **Hebrews**, now known as **Jews**, returned to their land. King Cyrus permitted them to rebuild their temple and city.

PERSIA—SILVER CHEST and ARMS

"This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of **silver** ... After thee [Babylonian king] shall arise another kingdom [**Persia**] inferior to thee" (Dan. 2:32-39).

Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar's son Belshazzar that his kingdom will succumb to Persia. God allows who has kingdom or not.

18-21 O thou king [**Belshazzar**], the most high God gave **Nebuchadnezzar** thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour ... But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in **pride**, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: He was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: **they fed him** with **grass** like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the **most high God ruled** in the **kingdom of men**, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 O **Belshazzar**, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this.

24-25 Then was the part of the hand sent from him ... And this is the writing that was written, **mene, mene, tekel, upharsin**.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing:

MENE: God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL: Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES: Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the **Medes** (weak arm) and **Persians** (strong arm of the great statue). (Dan. 5)

2ND PREDATOR—BEAR (PERSIAN)

"Behold another beast, a second, like to a bear ... The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of **Media** and **Persia** (Dan. 7:5, 8:20).

Like a bear, the Persian army overwhelmed and routed its enemies by brute force and sheer strength of their smothering numbers.

558 BC, Zoroaster begins prophetic work.

550 Zoroastrianism: official Persian religion.

550 Cyrus the Great defeats Medes.

539 Persian King Cyrus II defeats Babylon.

521 Persia, under Darius, rules Nile to Indus.

520 Darius I completes canal Nile to Red Sea.

494 Persians suppress Ionian revolt.

GREECE—BRASS BELLY / THIGHS

"This image ... his belly and his thighs of brass ... third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth" (Dan. 2:32-39).

Note: All the kingdoms, wars, and progresses were already in evil spirits' plan, millennia ago.

The **Greeks** excelled not only in military matters, but also in art, architecture, engineering, drama, medicine, sculpture, and philosophy.

2000 BC Minoan civilization in Crete.

1600 BC Mycenaean begins in Greece.

1200 BC Mycenaean in Greece collapses.

775 BC First Olympic Games held in Greece.

750 BC Homer's Iliad and Hesiod's poetry.

551 BC Cleisthenes, democracy in Athens.

550 BC Pythagoras, mathematician / mystic.

490-417 BC Phidias, sculpture.

486-429 BC Herodotus, history.

470-406 BC Hippocrates, medicine.

469-399 BC Socrates, philosophy.

450-404 BC Golden Age of Athens.

446-431 BC Parthenon, architecture.

427-347 BC Plato, philosophy.

384-322 BC Aristotle, philosophy.

3RD PREDATOR—LEOPARD (GRECIAN)

"Lo another beast ... like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings [speed] of a fowl; the beast had also four heads [generals], and dominion was given to it" (Dan. 7:6).

Alexander the Great led the Greek army to a rapid, leopard-like conquest of Persia (today's Iran). Greece expanded its empire from Macedonia to as far as India. When Alexander died, his **four generals** (heads) divided Macedonia, Egypt, Syria, and Thrace among themselves.

2000 BC Greeks invade, settle Peloponnese.

1450 BC Destruction of Minoan Crete.

750 BC "Tyrants" in Corinth, Greek cities.

490 BC Battle of Marathon: Athens vs. Persia.

480 BC Greece defeated Persian's attack.

431-404 Peloponnesian War: Sparta, Athens.

356 BC Philip II, king of Macedon.

338 BC Chaeronea Battle: control of Greece.

331 BC Alexander the Great conquers Persia.

168 BC Rome defeats Macedonia (Greeks).

Intellect and ingenuity of human armies can't solely claim all victories. Wars are physical and spiritual. Evil spirits pick victors and losers. They determine military victories and defeats.

ROME—IRON LEGS, IRON/CLAY FEET

"This image ... His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay ... fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things ... the kingdom shall be divided [western and eastern empires]" (Dan. 2:32-41).

During the reign of Augustus (27 BC-14 AD) Jesus was born. Christ conducted His ministry during the reign of Tiberius (14-37 AD). Jesus had to interact with the statue (world system).

At Christ's first coming, he came as a non-violent servant, not as a physical warrior. The Jews expected the Messiah to conquer Rome. But **Christ** came to **conquer** spiritual **sin** and **death**, which was fought on a spiritual level by the spirits. Jesus conquered **sin** by living a sinless human life. He defeated mortal **death** by being resurrected after crucifixion.

Christ lost the physical war by being crucified, but won the spiritual war by taking away the Keys of Hell and of Death from the evil spirits. Then He was resurrected victoriously.

4TH PREDATOR—BEAST (ROMAN)

"I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast ... it had ten horns. The ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise" (Dan. 7:7, 24).

753 BC Foundation of Rome.

510 BC Foundation of Roman Republic.

290 BC Rome completes conquest of Italy.

241 BC Punic War I: Rome controls Sicily.

219 BC Punic War II: Hannibal invades Italy.

168 BC Rome defeats Macedonia (Greeks).

89 BC All Italy receives Roman citizenship.

49 BC Julius Caesar conquers Gaul (France).

47-45 Civil war in Rome: Caesar sole ruler.

31 BC Battle of Actium: Octavian over Rome.

27 BC Collapse of Republic, start of Empire.

43 AD Roman invasion of Britain.

70 AD Titus destroys Jerusalem Holy Temple.

116 AD Roman Trajan conquers Mesopotamia.

117 AD Roman Empire at its greatest extent.

In 27 BC, Octavian became the first emperor of Rome and took the name Augustus Caesar. He became pontifex maximus—religious high priest and **political** head of state. Successive emperors were Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian, Titus, Domitian, and others.

Predatory (animalistic, wolfish) governments

EMPERORS—WOLFISH LEADERS

Some Roman leaders genuinely considered the well-being of the people they governed. Some emperors were irrational, murderous, or insane. Their minds got corrupted, like **Satan**.

“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You [Lucifer] corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor” (Eze. 28:17).

Legend of Rome: King Numitor’s daughter Rhea Silvia bore twins Romulus and Remus. The boys were thrown into the river, but they were found by a **she-wolf** who suckled them. Later Romulus killed his brother Remus and became king—a model of Rome’s wolfish leadership. Real wolf leaders have control over their pack with their firm vicious bites. Killing, to them, is a natural part of leadership and life.

Rome, named after Romulus, was founded in 753 BC and first ruled by kings. Later, the senate had input. Dictators ruled during the wars. Finally emperors reigned over the vast empire. Rome became the most powerful and technologically advanced civilization up to that point.

FAMOUS ROMAN EMPERORS

31 BC-14 AD Augustus. Aqueducts built.
14-37 Tiberius. Indecisive. Ministry of Christ.
37-41 Caligula. “Little Sandal.” Irrational.
41-54 Claudius. Conquest of Britain. Irrational.
54-68 Nero. On throne at 17. Fire in Rome.
69-79 Vespasian. Not royal blood. Coliseum.
79-81 Titus. Burned Jewish temple.
81-96 Domitian. Tyrannical.
96-98 Nerva. Former lawyer. Responsible.
98-117 Trajan. Conquer Dacia. Forum-Market
117-138 Hadrian. Britain. Hadrian’s Wall.
138-161 Antoninus. Relative peace in empire.
161-180 Marcus Aurelius. Many uprisings.
180-192 Commodus. Throne at 19. Like Nero.
283 Diocletian divided the empire into western and eastern empires (**legs of statue**).
286-305 Maximian (**West**). Diocletian (**East**).
313 Constantine, first **Christian** emperor, issued Edict of Milan to protect Christians.
337-340 Constantine reunited the empire.
363-364 Jovian. Empire splits again.
475-476 Romulus Augustus. Fall of Rome.
518-578 Justinian. “Justinian Code.” Last “great” emperor. Built church Santa Sophia.

PREDATION came from ANGELS

Angels existed eons before the arrival of man. Sinning, lying, stealing, and killing were well established before Adam and Eve. Don’t blame humanity sins on the inexperienced first couple.

Wickedness arrived on Earth along with the evil spirits, who were cast out from Heaven. Sin came with the devils. How do we know this?

Well, in the eternal past there was **NO sin**. The choice of sinning began with spiritual creatures.

Scientific data shows evolution of predation:

13.7 billion years ago: “Big bang”—creation.

4.5 billion years ago: Formation of Earth.

1.0 billion years ago: Multicellular life, algae.

550 million years ago: **Carnivorous** creatures.

200 million years ago: **Carnivorous** dinosaurs.

200,000 years ago: Primitive *Homo sapiens*.

During the Carribrian explosion, many diverse life forms and creatures were eating plants and each other. Obviously they’re **carnivorous** and **predatory**. Evil spirits already infected earthly creatures with bloodthirsty habits by 550 million years ago. According to scientists, man evolved only 200,000 years ago. Evil spirits existed with predatory traits long before earthly life, organism, bacteria, fish, dinosaur, bird, animal, and man ever appeared, for perhaps billions of years.

PREDATORY CREATURES

Originally, God made animals’ initial instincts to eat plants and vegetation. Since our Creator is holy, it’s illogical for Him to make creatures with loveless, cruel, murderous attributes—predators that kill and eat flesh of **other** creatures. **Sin** hurts others; **love** cares for others.

When the nefarious spirits were cast to Earth, **sin** affected and infected every creature and plant. Evil permeated to every organism, from the tiniest to the largest, so that creatures don’t act like their Creator designed them to behave.

Viruses became parasitic predators to other microorganisms. Sharks, hawks, and wolves ate their fellow beasts. **Violent** Satan (“Dragon”) is the apex of the entire predatory chain. Violent trait, in humans and animals, provokes anger, combativeness, pillaging, merciless killing, etc.

In the Garden of Eden, creatures were benign and non-predatory. So will they be again in the Millennial Kingdom and beyond.

Dominated by Creatures (animals, beasts, fish, birds)

DOMINION over FISH, BIRDS, EARTH

Originally, humans were given **dominion** over life on Earth, before the Devil cheated them out of it. We're made the stewards of this planet, i.e., we're made the managers over the physical objects, air, waters, oceans, lands, minerals, plants, fish, birds, and animals.

*"God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them [humans] have **dominion** over the **fish** of the sea, over the **birds** of the air ... over the **cattle**, over all the **earth** and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'* So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them ... 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have **dominion** over the fish ... birds ... over every living thing that moves on the earth.'

God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food'; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Gen.1:26-31).

Today we see that, by the deceit of Satan, mankind's dominion over life on Earth has reversed. We are slaves to physical objects (idols and money), plants (alcohol, cocaine, and heroin), fish (whale worship), birds (eagle worship), and animals (elephant, monkey, and buffalo worship). The beast has become the **head**; mankind is now its **tail**. The **beast** wags the pagan **mankind**. In the future, the "**beast** (666)" will wag the "worldly" people.

The Lord warned us not to worship anything or any creature. That disobedience is now the source of many of our problems and troubles. We must respect what God says, He knows that our decision can have certain unwanted, unintentional consequences.

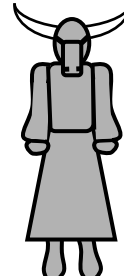
We shouldn't listen to any demoniac spirit behind an animal, nor a **serpent** (beast, 666) that speaks on behalf of the Devil.

DOMINATED by ANIMALS, BEASTS

*"Since the creation ... [Creator God's] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse ... although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God ... but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of ... God into an image made like corruptible [mortal] man and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things ... God gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the **lie**, and **worshiped** and **served** the **creature** rather than **the Creator**"* (Rom. 1:20-25).



Centaur



Minotaur



Pan

The Greek and Roman civilizations were esteemed as wise and advanced. *"The Greeks seek after wisdom"* (1 Cor. 1:22). Yet, for all their intellect, they foolishly worshiped weird creatures. If your "**god**" is the womanizing, lustful Zeus, who had sex with women disguised as a **beast** (bull, eagle, etc.); then it's not surprising that his subjects would be involved in **bestiality** (**perversion**), birthing grotesque children.

*"Do not practice **homosexuality**, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin. A man must not defile himself by having sex with an animal. A woman must not offer herself to a male animal [like beastly Zeus] to have intercourse with it. This is a **perverse act** [**bestiality**]"* (Lev. 18:22-23 NLT).

*"As Sodom and Gomorrah ... given themselves over to sexual immorality [**homosexuality**] and gone after strange flesh [**perversion**], are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire [**Hell**]"* (Jude 1:7).

Dominated by creations (Sun, stars, idols, money, things)

CREATOR and CREATURES

The **Creator** made man in His own image that thinks, reasons, chooses, and creates. Conversely, sinful **humans** created a “false god (like Zeus)” in their own image who is sinful **like a human**.

CREATION—NOT WORSHIPED

Elohim God created **all things** for His glory. So, glorify Him, not material things. Idols are merely inanimate objects, but it's Satan's deceit behind the objects that we must fear. God is infinite. He can't be “bottled” in a statue or Eucharist wafer. An **idol** is a **creation** made by a human creature. It (man's handiwork) must not be worship as God. It's illogical for a creature to create his Creator. A bottled genie can't magically get what you desire.

Get spiritual! “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must **worship in spirit and truth**” (John 4:24). Communion is for “remembrance” of Christ. Mary's physical statues and other motifs themselves shouldn't be the center of our worship. We must spiritually pray to our **spiritual** Father, not to **physical** craved images. “*Beware! You did not see the [physical] form of [spiritual] God that day as he spoke to you from the fire at Mount Horeb, so **do not** defile yourselves by trying to make a statue of God—an idol in any form [not even in the form of Virgin Mary]*” (Deut. 4:15-16 TLB).

“Thus says the Lord: ... A wooden **idol** [lifeless] is a **worthless doctrine** ... But **the Lord is the true God; He is the living God**” (Jer. 10:2-10).

EASTER ISLAND TRAGEDY

Easter Island is a Polynesian island in the south-eastern Pacific Ocean. It's famous for its **887** large stone statues (some 13 feet, 14 tons) called **moai**, craved and erected by the early Rapa Nui people.

The tragedy is that the inhabitants of the island used up their trees and wood to move and erect these huge moai stones, so archaeologists tell us. The extreme deforestation caused an unbalanced ecosystem. People could not build boats to fish or to escape the island. The loss of forest led to famine, hunger, conflicts, and even cannibalism.

Idols are only mindless objects. Worshipers must beware that behind the **idols** are deceptive evil spirits, who deceive and harm people.

“You shall not make **idols** for yourselves ... nor shall you **set up an engraved stone** in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord” (Lev. 26:1).

WORSHIPING STARS and PLANETS

God has no creator and no beginning. But all physical objects have beginnings, which disqualifies star, Sun, planet, and moon objects from being worshiped. The celestial objects fascinated ancient people, i.e., Egyptians, Hebrews, Greeks, Chinese, and Mayans. It led many into idolatry.

“They [Jews] left all the commandments of the Lord their God ... **worshipped all the host of heaven [angels]**, and served Baal” (2 Kings 17:16). The “host of heaven” not only refers to outer space objects: planets and stars, but to angelic spirits.

“In time past ye walked according to the course of this [evil] world, according to the prince of the power of the air [Satan], the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2).

Hebrews even worshiped the Sun god in their holy temple. “So He [Lord] brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house; and there, at the door of the **temple of the Lord**, between the porch and the altar ... they [Hebrews] were **worshipping the sun toward the east**” (Ezek. 8:16).

ASTROLOGY—PSEUDOSCIENCE

Astrology is based on the premise that celestial phenomena affect human events. Zodiac (circle of stars) decides human fate. It's popular with New Age philosophy, spiritualism, and newspaper horoscopes.

ASTRONOMY—VALID SCIENCE

Astronomy is a scientific study of celestial objects. Its validity is verified by astronauts traveling in outer space, landing, and walking on the moon. Rocks were brought back to be studied. Scientific facts in physics and astronomy disagree with astrology.



Giant moais

Dominated by trees, plants, extracted drugs

KNOWLEDGE of GOOD-EVIL TREE

Isn't it strange that a tree would initiate the downward spiral of misery for all mankind? Naive Adam and Eve opened the door for the sin-hardened Devil to release **SIN** upon us.

*"The **serpent** [Devil-possessed **animal**] ... said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? The woman said ... We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it ... **lest ye die**. The serpent said [**lied**] ... Ye shall **not surely die**: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods [**evil angels**], knowing [**and doing**] good and evil. When the woman saw that the tree was good for food ... pleasant to the eyes ... make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her; and he did eat. The eyes of them both were opened" (Gen. 3:1-7).*

The first couple regrettably sinned and started to **know** and **do** good and evil. What the original sinners (fallen angels) were doing for million of years has now infected humans. Freedom to do whatever you choose often can have a regrettable price and bad result.

TREE of REDEMPTION—THE CROSS

Another tree (cross) reversed our curse of sin. *"Yet **the law** is **not of faith**, but the man who does them shall live by them. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, '**Cursed** is everyone who hangs on a **tree** [Deut. 21:22-23]') that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:12-14).*

TREE of LIFE—in the FUTURE

*"He shewed me [John] a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the **tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:1-2).*

DOMINATED by PLANTS and DRUGS

Humans were masters over plants, not slaves. Due to sin, addictive chemicals extracted from plants have turned the master-slave relationship, between people and plants, upside down.

HEROIN and MORPHINE

The flowering plant opium poppy, *papaver somniferum*, produces heroin and morphine. Both are addictive. Heroin (illegal) is three times stronger than morphine (legal). During the Civil War, morphine was used as a pain killer for soldiers. Heroin comes at different strengths. Ignorance of it is the most frequent cause of a fatal overdose. An addict uses more drug to get the same euphoria as his first "high."

COCAINE

Cocaine (stimulant) is a drug extracted from the dried leaves of the coca plant, *erythroxylon coca*, that creates euphoria. Smuggler's cocaine arrives nearly 100% pure, but drug-pushers dilute it with powdered milk. Heavy users suffer deep depression when the drug's effect wanes. More cocaine is sniffed to relieve the pain, creating a vicious cycle of "ups" and "downs."

PLANTS made into ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

- Agave—pulque (Mexico), tequila.
- Apple—cider.
- Barley—ale, porter, stout, kvass (Russia).
- Corn—whiskey, gin.
- Grapes—wine, brandy.
- Hops—ale, stout, weiss (Germany).
- Potato—vodka, aquavit (Scandinavia).
- Rice—sake (Japan), oke (Hawaii).
- Rye—kvass, whiskey.
- Sugarcane—rum, oke.
- Wheat—weiss, vodka.
- Wormwood—absinthe.

ALCOHOLISM PROBLEM

Prohibition of alcoholic drinking (1920-1933) should not have been cancelled. People all over the world have difficulty with alcoholic drinks. Alcohol deadens one's conscience to refrain from doing wrong. A drink starts a wino off in the sinful direction of a **careless** lifestyle. The **devil-may-care** attitude, produced by liquor, leads many drunks into all sorts of wickedness, financial troubles, "DTs," and deaths. In Hell, where there's no water, there's also **NO** beer.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS—ARMS of WAR

We learned that spirits can be near, with, or in a person from chapter 2 of our study. The Holy Spirit dwells in a saved forgiven person.

A demon possesses an unrepentant sinner. If a demon (“driver”) is in a sinner (“avatar”), then the man will think, reason, and behave like a demon, who deceives and controls him.

The Holy Spirit is sinless, so He influences a Christian He dwells in to be likewise. A Child of God, filled with the Spirit of God, will grow up to become like the Son of God.

The Holy Spirit grants spiritual gifts to those that ask for and receive His salvation. These gifts are also used as “instruments of war,” for we “fight” evil on a spiritual level.

RECEIVE POWER for SERVICE

The Spirit anoints believers with power to serve believers and help save unbelievers:

“**SAYING**” gifts—Power to say:

- Speaking in diverse tongues.
- Interpreting heavenly languages.
- Prophesying: speak on behalf of God.

“**KNOWING**” gifts—Power to know:

- Word of knowledge. Know the truth.
- Word of wisdom. Wise use of knowledge.
- Discerning of spirits (good or evil).

“**DOING**” gifts—Power to do:

- Faith. Believe in spirits and spirituality.
- Healing. Let the Spirit heal through you.
- Working of miracles. God does for you.

USING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Physical moves physical. Spiritual moves spiritual. A physical human can’t materialize spiritual things into physical action. The Holy Spirit Himself makes spiritual gifts workable.

Use the “saying” gifts for communication between “Christian soldiers” and between the Lord and us. Speaking in and interpreting tongues functions like “code-talking” in war.

Use the “knowing” gifts to know your **enemy** and know **yourself**—a child of God. The “word of knowledge” is vital information. “Word of wisdom” help us make wise decisions and choices. “Discerning the spirits” is necessary to “see” unseen spirits and foes.

Use the “doing” gift to help those wounded in action in combat with the fallen angels. Use your faith to allow the power of God to heal and work miracles on those that are hurt.

FRUIT of the SPIRIT (CHARACTER)

If a Christian is filled with the **Holy Spirit**, he is filled with all of His **Spirit**, i.e., he’ll be filled with all spiritual gifts and “Fruit of the Spirit.”

All means all “fruit” and gifts. Each **gift** or **fruit** is **amplified** as your situation demands and by your faith in Christ. Let God enact your gifts.

The Holy Spirit produces Christ-like attitudes in believers. The nine slices of “the Fruit” are:

Attitude toward **God**:

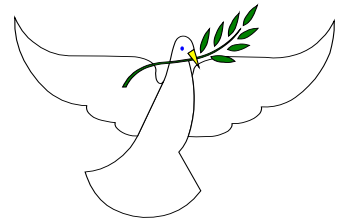
- Joy.
- Peace.
- Faithfulness.

Attitude toward **neighbors**:

- Love.
- Gentleness.
- Kindness.

Attitude within **self**:

- Self-control.
- Goodness.
- Patience.



MORE EXCELLENT WAY—LOVE

Living a **life of love** is the best way to live.

The **fruit of the Spirit** is more vital than **gifts**.

Fruit (love) is permanent; gifts are temporary.

*“God has appointed these in the church: ... apostles ... prophets ... teachers ... miracles ... healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles ... prophets ... teachers ... workers of miracles ... healings ... speak with tongues ... interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. Yet I [Paul] show you a more **excellent way** [Love]” (1 Cor. 12:28).*

First, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

The “**character first**” is God’s method of granting higher powers. If you can gain God’s trust with a talent, then He’ll entrust you with 5 talents, then 10, and so on. If the Lord can rely on you to rule a city, then you’re reliable to govern 5 cities. *Read Luke 19.* Developing a holy character first is very important. It ensures only the ones with the best virtues get the most power. Public servants with good character improve and strengthen our society. On the contrary, a tyrant rules to benefit only himself.

After the Spirit infilling, we’re transformed to a new way of thinking, reasoning, and behaving. We become more compassionate and considerate toward others. Our Savior epitomizes what our behavior should be like. Be Christ-like.

CHARACTER of the DEVIL

A good goal is to copy God as a role model. Lucifer said, *"I will be like the most High."* But Satan sought only God's power and glory, not His character (love). A man or angel can **never be** God. A finite **creature** can't be an infinite **Creator**. Since it's impossible for a creature to obtain the Omnipotent God's title, the Devil resorted to living a **lie** of godhood.

DECEPTION

In the spiritual war, beware of deception. *"Satan himself is transformed into an [false, deceiving] angel of light"* (2 Cor. 11:14).

All warfare is based upon deception. —Sun Tzu

Jesus said of deceivers: you know **them by their fruits** (deeds). Good angels don't do evil. The devils don't love you, and can kill you.

Lucifer was one of the most beautiful and intelligent creature ever created. He had it all, yet he **coveted** more. He got **greedy**, a trait that is an igniter of a chain of multiple sins.

In sinful humans and in evil spirits, desire enters their mind. When coveting is actualized, it is sin. Lustful desire for pleasure leads many debauchees into sin and death.

FRUIT of SIN—PREDATORIAL DEEDS

Predators take advantage of others. Predatory character started with the Devil, then infected other angels. Finally, when the fallen angels were casted to the Earth, predation spread to organisms, species, and mankind.

Today, there is a great increase of sin and evil in the world. Criminals are expressing the spiritual wickedness of evil spirits of eons ago. Human felons are pawns of their counterpart spiritual thugs. The devils will amplify sin:

"In the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, proud, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

The future apostasy: *"Brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord ... that Day will not come unless the **falling away** [apostasy, great increase of sin] **comes first**"* (2 Thes. 2:1-3).

PHYSICAL EVIL WEAPONS

People made war against each other. First with rocks, spears, and arrows. The progression of sophisticated weapons escalated to swords, trebuchets, cannons, guns, grenades, tanks, planes, missiles, and atomic / nuclear bombs.

Estimate by *Status of World Nuclear Forces 3-31-2023*: Countries have 12,512 nuclear warheads: Russia 5,889, U.S. 5,244, China 410, France 290, UK 225, Pakistan 170, India 164, Israel 90, and North Korea 30. These nations have so far shown restraint and responsibility. Unstable North Korea and Iran might terrorize militarily weak nations and people with nukes.

FUTURE SUPERWEAPONS

The *Star Wars* movies give us a glimpse of the future destruction of life we're capable of. Some **imagined** superweapons of *Star Wars*:

- Electro-proton bomb: A bomb designed to emit an electromagnetic field that disables droids (robots). Like a super EMP bomb.
- World Devastator: Steals planet's resource.
- Galaxy Gun: A portable superweapon that can **destroy a planet** across a galaxy.
- Death Star: moon-shaped deep space battle station designed to fire a super-laser that **destroys** an entire **planet** (like Alderaan).
- Starkiller Base: a 400 miles sphere (size of Montana) space battle station with a weapon that **destroys a star system**.
- Sun Crusher: makes any star go supernova and **destroys a solar system**.

Science-fiction lovers like to say, "Today's science **fiction** is tomorrow's science **fact**." Man is capable of nearly anything he imagines.

*"The Lord said ... they are one people ... have the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do [in rebellion against Me], and now no evil thing they **imagine** they can do will be impossible for them"* (Gen. 11:6 AMP).

A warning about what man is capable of doing:

- If good, like **Christ**, he'll do utmost good.
- If bad, like **Antichrist**, he'll do terrific evil.

WAR is CRUELTY—SHERMAN MARCH

*"War is **cruelty** ... the crueller it is, the sooner it will be over,"* said William Sherman. During the Civil War, his **"scorched-earth"** march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia, **destroyed** railroads, farms, crops, food, supplies, Southern economy in general, and Confederate's morale.

SUN TZU—STRATEGIST on PHYSICAL WARS

Sun Tzu, Chinese military general in the 5th century BC (544-496 BC), wrote the book ***The Art of War***. He was an expert in **physical** warfare, strategy, and tactics.

Though Sun Tzu was just concerned with outwitting his “enemies” in **physical wars**, his “battle-tested” analysis and observations hold true for many earthly wars, battles, and even modern day business and athletic competitions.

Sun Tzu’s strategy, planning, personal preparation, and plain common sense are even applicable to our study of **spiritual war** with the evil spirits—our enemies.

Sun Tzu says:

“All warfare is based upon deception.” —Chapter 1:18

“There has never been a protracted [prolonged] war from which a country has benefited.” —Ch. 2:6

“The supreme art of war is to [by diplomacy, negotiation skill] subdue the enemy without fighting.” —Ch. 3:6

“He will win who knows when to fight [offense: attack] and when not to fight [defense: protect].” —Ch. 3:17

Know yourself and know who (or what) you’re fighting:

- “If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.
- If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained, you will also suffer a defeat.
- If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.” — Ch. 3:18

Applied in spiritual warfare, that would mean:

- A Bible-obeying Christian, knowing himself and his spiritual enemies, would win numerous battles.
- An unspiritual person, who doesn’t take spirits (God or evil spirits) seriously, wins only half of his battles.
- An atheist or unspiritual, unsaved, secular-educated scientist would lose every **spiritual** battle.

“Victorious warriors win first [plan, strategizes mentally] and then go to war [physically executes the battle plan], while defeated warriors go to war first [impulsively] and then seek to win [physically, chaotically].” —Ch. 4:15

“Every **battle** is won before it is **fought**.” - Short version
In other words (in Christians’ spiritual warfare):

Every battle is won [prayerfully, strategically, spiritually] **before** it is **fought** [physically, spiritually].

“If the battle cannot be won, do not fight it.” —Ch. 10:23.
Never fight against Omnipotent God, **you’ll never win**, rather fight alongside Him. The Lord always wins.

STRATEGY against EVIL SPIRITS in SPIRITUAL WAR

- **Pray, plan, have faith:** “Every battle is won **before** it is fought,” says Sun Tzu. Plan before action.
- **Let the Lord fight for you:** Ask God to help you in a spiritual battle. Aid from Him guarantees a win: just like little David defeated the giant Goliath. David said, “***The battle is the Lord’s***” (1 Sam. 17:47).
- **Don’t become God’s or Israel’s enemy:** Omnipotent God always wins. Defiance guarantees a lost. Israel is unconquerable, for the Lord guards her.
- **Obey your Commander** (Christ): Blessing follows obedience; and curse follows disobedience.
- **Use the Bible—your best defense and offense:** “Sword of the Holy Spirit” inflicts spiritual wounds on the demoniac spirits and their human accomplices.
- Use your **significant advantage** over an evil spirit: Humans can **sin, repent, be forgiven, and cleanse!** However, obstinate fallen angels and unrepentant human sinners are destined for defeat and Hell.

We must fight **SPIRITUALLY**, not just **PHYSICALLY**

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [physical] but [spiritually] mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

“For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his [God’s] love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us” (Rom. 8:38-39 TLB).

Chapter 4: Know Yourself—Know your Enemy

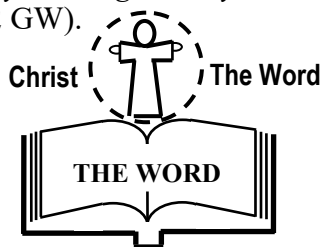
KNOW YOURSELF—as CHILD of GOD

This chapter of our study covers knowledge of yourself and your spiritual enemies.

Know your character, limitation, capability, weakness, strength, and faith. *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not **know yourselves**, that Jesus Christ is **in** you?”* (2 Cor. 13:5).

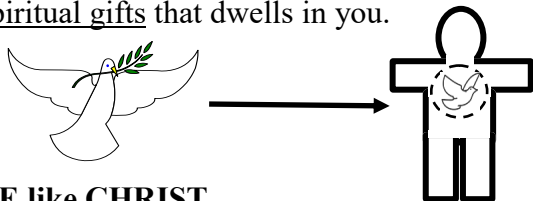
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13). Know your **Comforter Holy Spirit** and **Advocate Christ**. **READ, KNOW, DO, LIVE the BIBLE**

Let **“The Word”** guide you into all truth. Study, analyze, decipher, and judge all things by the **Bible**. It is your “eye glass” to see the “seen” and “unseen” universes you live in. *“Desire God’s pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation”* (1 Peter 2:2 GW).



BE FILLED with the HOLY SPIRIT

Permit the **Holy Spirit** to live within you. *“The **Spirit of truth** ... he dwelleth **with** you, and shall be **in** you ... He will **teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I [Christ] said to you ... He will **guide you into all truth**”* (John 14:17, 26; 16:13). Exercise the **Fruit of the Spirit** and all **spiritual gifts** that dwells in you.



BE like CHRIST

Ask Jesus for forgiveness of your sins. Be clean before him, so you may interact with your Savior without sin or hesitation.

The goal of your Creator is to save you and grow you into a **“child of God.”** You must be like the **Son of God** to live in sinless Heaven. Be considerate of others. Avoid sin. The Spirit helps you to think, love, and behave like Jesus.

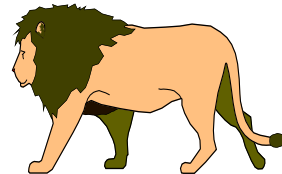
KNOW your ENEMY—Devil, Fallen angels

Your enemies are very powerful and intelligent. Your enemy the Devil surely knows all about your weaknesses and tendency. Evil spirits study you like coaches evaluate their opponent’s athletes. Thus, even the odds by knowing your enemies—read the Bible. Know their weaknesses.

Identifying a **problem** is a prerequisite to solving it. We must concede an evil spirit as a **real problem**, not just treat him as invisible nothing, as secular scientist might do. We can’t fight them like beating an empty air. We must know about evil spirits: their history, goals, strategies, traits, strengths, weaknesses, behaviors, and destiny.

Merciless LION MENTALITY

*“Be vigilant; because your adversary **the devil** walks about like a **roaring lion**, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith”* (1 Pet. 5:8-9).



Violence and **death** are the **ways of the Devil**. Sinners get ahead in life in this world by having a devilish attitude (selfishly exploiting others). The survival is of the fittest and violent. Carnivorous predators and criminals excel and rule here.

SATAN is a HABITUAL CRIMINAL

Satan is the “murderer from the beginning” and “father of lies.” He is an incorrigible, obstinate sinner that won’t change his ways for the better—for himself and others. At the end of this life, he’ll be imprisoned for 1000 years. Afterwards, the Apex criminal goes on “probation,” but commits more crimes; then the recidivist evildoer gets “life without parole” in Hell.

FIGHT the ENEMY like CHRIST DOES

Christ is an example of how a **“child of God”** should fight the Devil and evil spirits. Be like the **Son of God**. Fight like Him. Pray like Him. Talk daily with your Abba Father like Him. Use the Scripture (spiritual sword) against evil spirits. A saint who copies Jesus will be victorious, too.



SPIRITUAL ART of WAR

We are in the midst of a spiritual war: Good spirits against evil spirits—our archenemies. All mankind should unite and rally against fallen angels, but they don't. Satan fooled many to do his dirty work. He armed his collaborators with lethal arsenals of sin to spur our demise.

On the opposite side, God has equipped His saved children with spiritual gifts to fight in the spiritual war. From our old worldly ways, we depended on force and violence to fight. So, “*turning the other cheek*” when punched is abnormal to us. But for saints, it's the new way of combat, not by martial arts, swords, or guns. We nonviolently and patiently lead people to our Savior. Guiding a sinner to repentance and salvation defeats the demons! Strange war?

An emphasis is on the word “*others*.” Love involves others (from me to others—giving). Sin drains others (them to me—exploiting).

The objective of our spiritual warfare is to save human souls from going to Hell. The war is on a spiritual level. We must be **armored** and **equipped spiritually** to fight effectively.

SPIRITUAL ARMOR of CHRISTIANS

10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your **feet** shod [shoed, covered] with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17-18 Take the helmet of salvation [protect your mind], and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication [plea] for all saints. (Eph. 6)

WHOLE ARMOR of GOD

Saints must be equipped and suited in supernatural armors to fight in this spiritual war.

HELMET of SALVATION

Protect your mind with the blood of Christ. “*The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?*” (Psa. 27:1).

BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS

Protect your heart with righteousness. “*For with the heart one believes unto **righteousness**, and with the mouth confession is made unto **salvation***” (Rom. 10:10).

SHIELD of FAITH

Have faith in Jesus, who is “*the author and finisher of our **faith***” (Heb. 12:2). “*We walk by [**spiritual**] faith, not by [**physical**] sight*” (2 Cor. 5:7). “*The just shall live by **faith***” (Rom. 1:17). “*This is the victory that has overcome the world—our **faith***” (1 John 5:4).

BELT of TRUTH

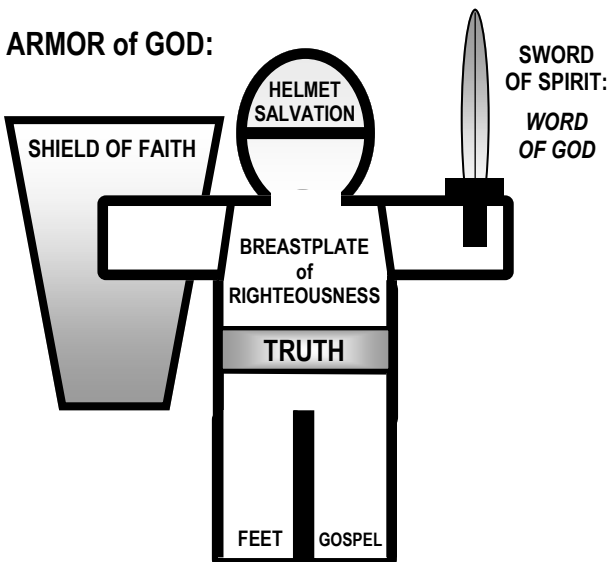
Surround yourself with the Truth (Christ). “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life*” (John 14:6). Belt holds the sheath for the sword and other accessories. All we say and do must hang (based) on **truth** and **fact**.

SHOES of GOSPEL

Travel, preach, teach, and spread the Gospel. “*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!*” (Rom. 10:15).

“***No weapon** formed against you shall prosper [succeed] ... This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord*” (Isaiah 54:17).

ARMOR of GOD:



DAVD and GOLIATH: Juxtapose opponents

*"A champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named **Goliath**, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span [over 9 foot] ... The Philistine said, 'This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.' On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified"* (1 Sam. 17:4-16).

GOD gives GOLIATH into DAVID'S hand

Who wins a battle depends on who calls for God's help. David did, but not Goliath, who depended physical weapons of sword and spear. *"David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword ... But I come to you **in the name of the Lord** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the **Lord** will **deliver you into my hand**, and I will strike you and take your head from you ... that all the earth may know that **there is a God in Israel** ... Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with **sword and spear**; for the **battle is the Lord's**, and He will give you into our hands.'*

*So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead ... David prevailed ... and killed him. There was **no sword** in the hand of David. Therefore David ... took his [Goliath's] **sword** and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron ... David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem"* (1 Sam. 17:45-54).

The battle didn't just have two combatants, but also involved God and spirits. A physical David got help from the Almighty God, who warned the evil spirits (Goliath helpers) to stay out of the fight. Not even powerful angels can compete with God. Goliath fell into David's (and God's) hand, and got defeated. *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God"* (Heb. 10:31).

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WAR

The spiritual war is strange and misunderstood. Things are not what they seem. Here a defeat can be a victory. A victory, a defeat. Death can lead to an eternal life. Fighting with love? Very odd!

On Christ's side, ultimately the aim of victory is saving souls and bringing them to Heaven. On the Devil's side, it is getting people to Hell.

God says to those ignorant of Torah (Law):

*"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge ... you have forgotten the **law [Torah]** of your God"* (Hos. 4:6). So, read and know the Bible.

TRUTHS about SPIRITUAL WAR

- The enemy wins by sin (lie, cheat, steal, kill).
- Human **sins**, but **forgiven** upon repentance.
- War with God won't be won by evil spirits.
- God always wins (in war, battle, trial, etc.).

WAR OUTCOMES: LL, LW, WL, WW

- War physically **lost**, spiritually **lost**.
- War physically **lost**, spiritually won.
- War physically **won**, spiritually **lost**.
- War physically **won**, spiritually won.

LL	WL
LW	WW

The best outcome is always **spiritual victory**.

War (LL)—physically **lost**, spiritually **lost**

A physical war was **lost** in a battle between the Hebrews and Philistines. King Saul tragically died of suicide by his sword. Saul **lost** the battle both physically and spiritually (**lost** his soul).

War (LW)—physically **lost**, spiritually **won**

Physical war was **lost** by Christ, yet He **won** spiritually. He was defeated by a mortal death on the cross. Yet thereafter He was **victoriously** resurrected. In Rome, Christians were thrown to the hungry lions, yet they soon went to Paradise. Arriving and living in Heaven is a **huge victory**.

War (WL)—physically **won**, spiritually **lost**

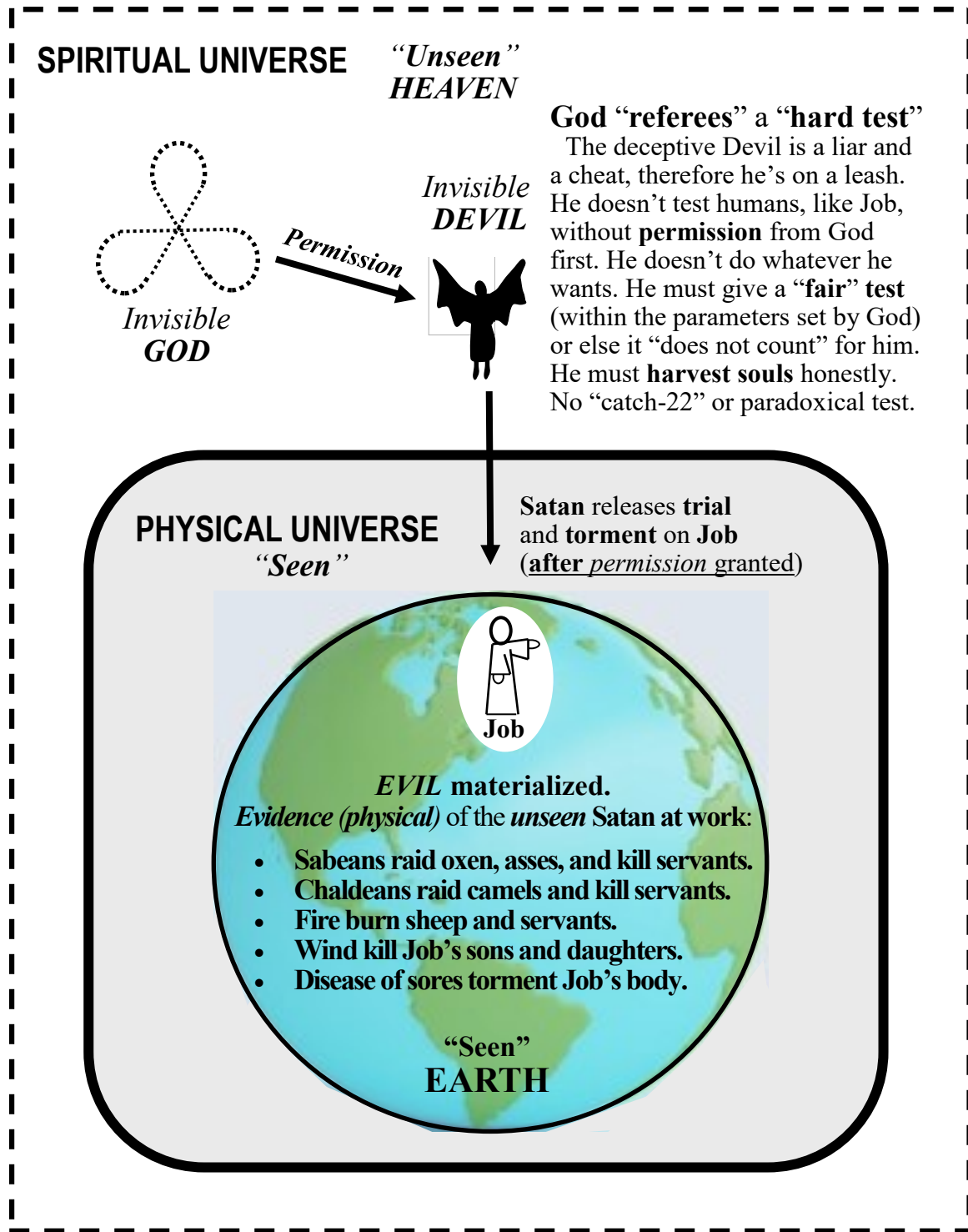
Physical wars are **won** using a predatory style of merciless, vicious, and lethal attack on foes. Yet souls are **lost** spiritually. Numerous unrepentant warriors weren't ready to meet the Lord during World War I and II. Many atrocities and carnage, done by soldiers and airmen bombers, will condemn them to Hell on Judgment Day.

War (WW)—physically **won**, spiritually **won**

Messiah defeats all his enemies. *"The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [world empires], and it shall stand forever"* (Dan. 2:44). The Prince of Peace will reign over Christ-like citizens forever.

GOD-ANGEL-HUMAN INTERACTION

The testing of Job



Human testing, by Satan or other fallen angels, must be a limited, impartial "fair test."

JOB—INNOCENT, UPRIGHT MAN

*"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared [respects, honors] God, and eschewed evil. There were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance was ... [7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 donkeys], and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the East" (Job 1:1-3).*

GOD GRANTS TEST of JOB by SATAN

The Job story illustrates an interaction of intelligent beings: God, angel, and human. Satan can't do whatever he wants to humans. He must "play" (test) within an unbiased preset rules. The Lord was the "**referee**," so to speak.

*"Now there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. The Lord said unto **Satan**, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it ... The Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job ... a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face ... The Lord said [**gave permission**] unto **Satan**, Behold, all that he hath [**possession**] is in thy power; only upon himself [**his body**] put not forth thine hand" (Job 1:6-12).*

JOB'S POSSESSIONS DESTROYED

"There came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: The Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. There came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: There came a great wind ... and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead, and I only am escaped" (Job 1:14-19).

JOB worshiped GOD, NOT cursed Him

*"Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the **Lord gave**, and the **Lord hath taken away**; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this **Job sinned not**, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:20-22). "Though He [God] slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).*

Evil spirits are very powerful and intelligent. If they are completely let loose, they can easily annihilate all mankind in a short time. But God has put some limits on testing (e.g., the Devil worked within God's parameters when testing Job). The first test was about Job's **possessions** but not Job's body. In the next test, Satan was permitted to strike Job's **body**, but not his **life**.

Job persevered through his trials and did not sin against God. The Lord restored his losses and even doubled his livestock: 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, etc. *"So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning ... He had also seven sons and three daughters ... In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. **After this** lived Job an hundred and forty years [140], and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations" (Job 42:12-16).*

DEVIL ASK CONSENT to TEST SIMON

Accuser Satan asks permission to test each one of us. God permits testing to strengthen the weak and to bring an indecisive person to a decision. *"The Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift [vet] you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have **returned** [repented, rejuvenated] to Me, strengthen your brethren'" (Luke 22:31-32).*

NO TEST BEYOND our CAPABILITY

The Lord permits testing only up to a certain point. Test must be fair, else there'd be much cheating and conniving by mischievous devils. *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).*

The Law—Commandments

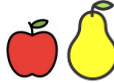
THE LAW—THE COMMANDMENTS

God gave **Aseret HaDibrot** (in Hebrew), “*ten statements*,” on two tablets to Moses at Mount Sinai. The 10 Commandments are only few of the 613 mitzvot of **the Law**. It told the Hebrews how to live with people and God.

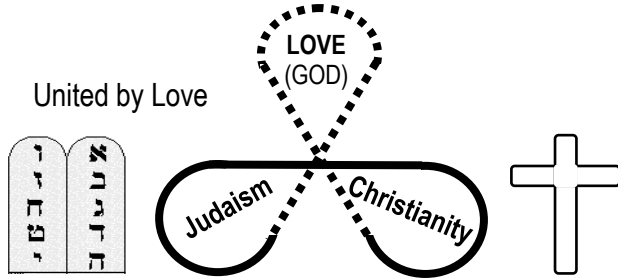
JUDAISM-CHRISTIANITY BOND

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 a deeper analysis shows there is, by the Word of God: “*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 humanity and God.

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



United by Love



As the Law and love have a lot in common, so do the Jews and Christians. **Christianity** and **Judaism** are based on **LOVE**.

“*Love [God] is the fulfilling of the Law.*” God Himself (as Christ) fulfilled the **Law** by **Love**.

GOD sets the LAW, BELIEVERS just agree

“The world” and unbelievers resent hearing the Gospel. They get very upset when preached to about sin. But a preacher, teacher, or rabbi is merely reciting the messages from God.

Laws bring order to people’s interactions. Traffic law warns: “School Zone 15 MPH.” Since God made His creatures with free-will, saints can only bring attention to the sign posts (“Don’t kill.” “Repent.” “Wrong way.”) on a sinner’s road. There’s no forced obedience. One chooses, then lives with the consequence.

God is the one who set up good rules for His creatures. **Christians** just agree with Him.

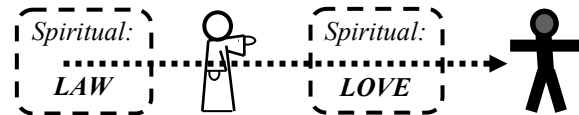
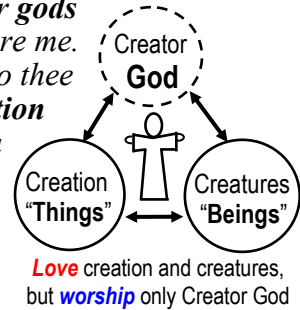
TEN COMMANDMENTS

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

Commandments: (From **Exodus 20:1-17**)

God [Adonai] spake all these words, saying:

1. Thou shalt have **no other gods** [*angelic creatures*] before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image [*creation —physical idol*] ... Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them ...
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy **God [Creator]** in vain...
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
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 against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt not **covet**.



“*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).

TWO greatest COMMANDMENTS

Jesus simplified the many commandments (613) to two. He said, “‘*Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind.*’ This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: ‘*Love your neighbor as yourself.*’ All the **Law** and the Prophets **hang on these two commandments**” (Matt. 22:37-40).

Love is the end product (fruit) of **the Law**. Our Creator desires love between all His creatures.

The commandments are rules for humans to love God, human neighbors, and self.

In this Bible numerology, number **1** refers to a **unit** (self), **3** relates to **God** (Trinity), **6** is a **human** number. To memorize, think of the numbers **1, 3, and 6**. They add up to **10**.

Love for God, Neighbors, and Self

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: Commandments 1 to 3.

1. A command not to worship creatures, that includes fallen angels, animals, humans, emperors, Pope, Mary, Antichrist, etc. The “God of gods” deserves all the glory. The Most High God isn’t second to evil spirits (“gods”).

2. A warning not to worship creations, which includes things made by the Creator God or by human handiwork (idols). Creations are stars, sun, planets, Venus, Jupiter, moon, statues, motifs, trophies, 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: Commandments 4 to 9.

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

4. The Sabbath serves as a fellowship between God and man. On worship day (Jewish Sabbath or Christianity Sunday), we focus on the Lord God and spiritual things (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. Then men chase them, creating a vicious cycle of lust. A rapist’s **lust** begets wanted 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 the husband-wife bond, marriage, family, and children. “*God joined the two people together. No person should separate them*” (Matt. 19:6 ICB).

8. **Stealing** causes a loss to a person who put time and effort into earning an object or wage. A lazy man resorts to thievery to get things free, not earn them.

9. The **Devil** 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: Commandment 10.

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** evil, which is why victims self-mutilate, self-abuse, or even self-harm—suicide (**death**). Thus, **self-love** is vital, though it sounds selfish. **Self-control** is very important.

YOUR ENEMIES are FALLEN ANGELS

SPIRITUAL CREATURES



Evil Angelic Beings

YOUR ENEMIES are not HUMANS

PHYSICAL CREATURES

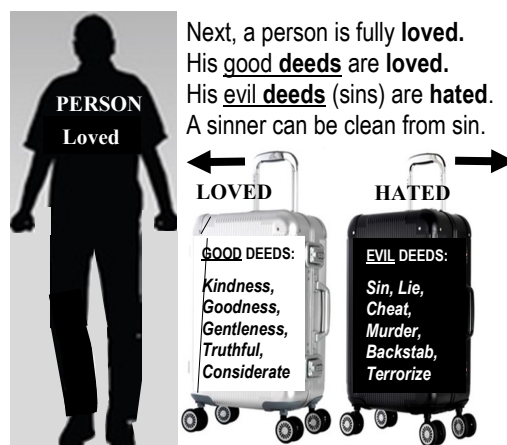


Human Beings

SO, LOVE YOUR FELLOW HUMANS:



First, separate a person from his deeds:



Next, a person is fully **loved**. His good deeds are **loved**. His evil deeds (sins) are **hated**. A sinner can be clean from sin.

Love the person **unconditionally**, even if he is a bad father, white, yellow, red, black, disabled, abortion surgeon, serial killer, Jihadist, or Stalin.

This shows how **God** loves a **human**:
He **forgives** the **sin** (deed),
but **saves** the **sinner** (person).

CHRIST our MEDIATOR

Sinless God
in **SPIRITUAL WORLD**

“Son of God”
As a spiritual being,
Christ understands all about God,
because ***He is God.***



*“For there is one God and
one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5).*

“Son of Man”
As a physical being,
Christ understands all about
human suffering,
because ***He is human.***

Sinful Humans
in **PHYSICAL WORLD**

CHRIST our MEDIATOR:

He is the **Creator God** and a human **creature**.
He is the Almighty God and a meek human.
He is the King of Kings and a meek servant.
He is a healer and a crucified sufferer.
He is a lawgiver and a law-abider.
He gave commandments and lived by them.

MYSTERY of GODLINESS:

- “God was manifested in the flesh,
- justified in the Spirit,
- seen by angels,
- preached among the Gentiles,
- believed on in the world,
- received up in glory” (1 Tim. 3:16).

GOD interacting with HUMANS:

God the Father gave **the Law** to the Jews.
God the Son **fulfilled** the Law with **love**.
Holy Spirit now **indwells** people to **love**.

“Love is the fullness of Torah” (CJB). ***“Love is the fulfillment of the Law”*** (Rom. 13:10).

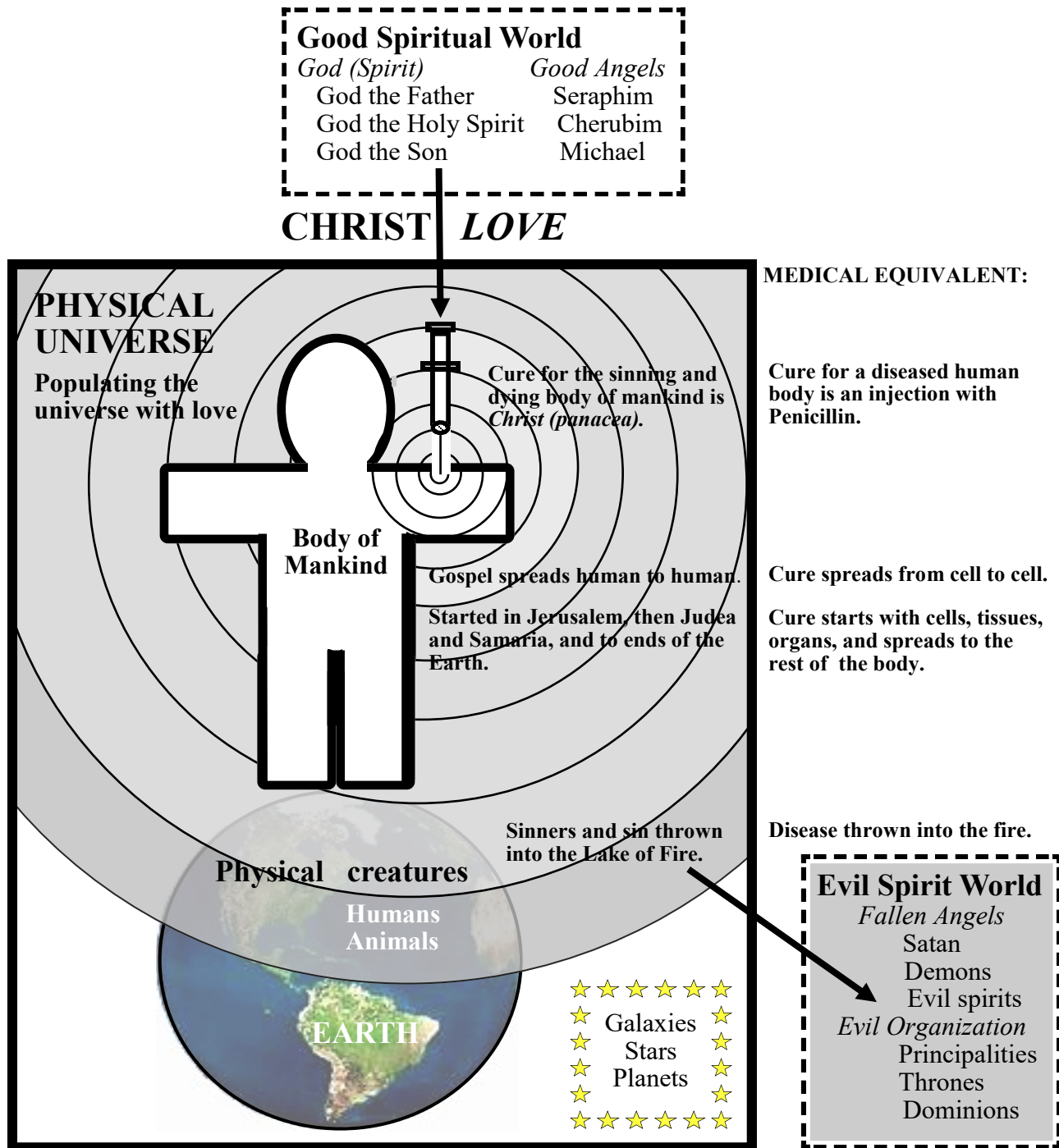
CHRIST experienced both WORLDS:

The sinless Christ can rightly judge sinful humans since he had spiritual and physical experience with sin and death (crucifixion).
While on Earth as a human being:

- He conquered **sin** by living a sinless life.
- He defeated **death** by being resurrected.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Chapter 5: Jesus Christ—Savior, Mediator, Messiah



God's LOVE send His Son (panacea) to cure mankind's disease of SIN and DEATH.

UNDERSTANDING JESUS CHRIST

In chapter 5 of our Bible study, we try to understand Christ. *"We know that the Son of God has come and has given us discernment, so that we may know who is genuine ... his Son **Yeshua the Messiah**. He is the **genuine God** and eternal life"* (1 John 5:20 CJB).

People consider Jesus as just another man, not God. He definitely is a very special man. Religions, universities, and historians credits him as a good Jewish prophet. Others treated him as a revolutionist or troublemaker.

WORD of GOD—THE PERSON

The Creator materialized to humanity as a man. God was with us on Earth in the flesh. He is Emmanuel, *"God with us"* (Matt. 1:23). Jesus is called *"the Word"* or *"Word of God."* *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word [Christ] was **God**"* (John 1:1-3). *"His [Jesus'] name is called the **Word of God**"* (Rev. 19:13).

Emmanuel demonstrated that a human can live holy in midst of this evil world and set an example for humans to copy and follow. He lived a godly life without sin, so it is possible for us to live godly and holy, too.

WORD of GOD—SPOKEN

Words are powerful. Creator God spoke the cosmos into existence. *"It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by **God's word**"* (Heb.11:3 GNT).

Fallen angels are far more intelligent and powerful than humans, but our Savior showed us how to combat them by speaking words (Scripture or Bible) against these evil spirits. If the *"son and daughters of God"* imitate the *"Son of God,"* they'll be victorious, too.

Jesus, and Christians can, use the Bible to quote rebuke and cast out demons. The Scripture is used as a sword to fight the vile spirits.

Words are life itself. *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue [cursing or blessing words]"* (Prov. 18:21).

Our Creator says, *"So shall **My word** be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall **accomplish what I please**, and it shall **prosper** in the thing for which I sent it"* (Isa. 55:8-11).

WORD of GOD—WRITTEN

The Word of God as a **writing**: The Bible is the sacred books of the Old and New Testament, written by holy men, as they were inspired, instructed, and enabled by the Holy Spirit. The Bible centers on Jesus. The Old Testament (39 books) points forward to the coming of **Yeshua the Anointed One**. The New Testament (27 books) points backward to **Emmanuel**, reminding us of his words and deeds.

The first five books, Torah or Pentateuch, were written by Moses. History Books: Joshua to Esther. Books of Poetry are Job to Song of Solomon. Major Prophets (bigger books): Isaiah to Daniel. Minor Prophets (smaller books) are Hosea to Malachi.

In the New Testament, the Gospels are Matthew to John. Acts is a history book. Pauline Epistles are Romans to Hebrews. General Epistles are James to Jude. In the book of Revelation, Jesus revealed the coming future events to John and the Church.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim.3:16).

*"The **word of God** is quick ... powerful ... sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of **soul and spirit** ... is a discerner of the **thoughts and intents** of the heart"* (Heb. 4:12).

*"The **sword of the Spirit** ... is the **word of God**"* (Eph. 6:17). Jesus used the Scripture against Satan. *"Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for **it is written** [Deut. 8:3], Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and **him only** shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him"* (Matt. 4:8-11).

READ and UNDERSTAND the BIBLE

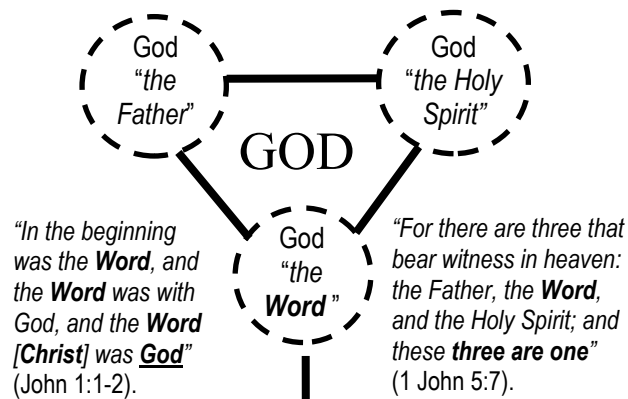
Everyone should read and study the Word of God, by joining a Bible Study group or a Bible School.

The Bible is written in different understandable translations: Some are word-for-word (e.g., KJV), meaning-for-meaning (GW), thought-for-thought (NLT), and paraphrase (TLB). "Word-for-word" Bibles are for authoritative accuracy. Paraphrased versions for understanding. Bible versions address diversity: children (ICV), modern folks (GNT), Jews (CJB), racial (Spanish, French, Chinese), etc. **Note:** The author uses mainly KJV and NKJV in this book for copyright and permission reasons.

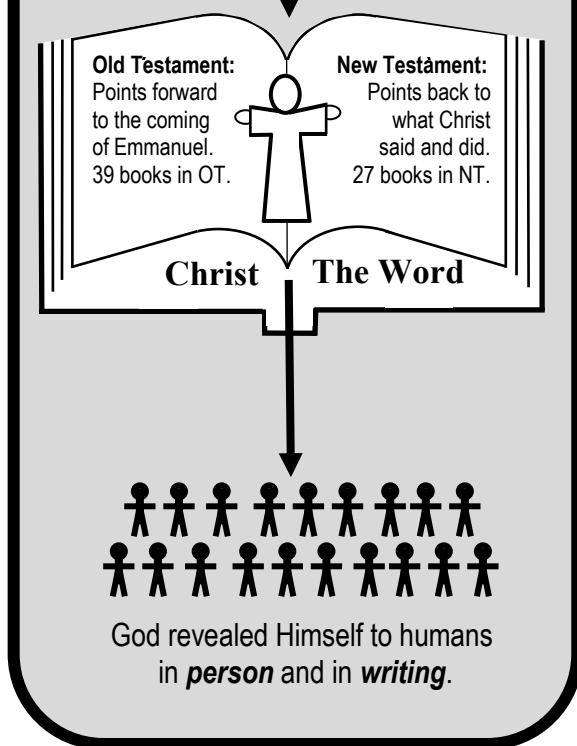
A good idea for a novice Christian is to begin reading and studying a parallel Bible, i.e., have several Bible versions for a side-by-side comparison.

Another advice is to read the **entire Bible**. Pray to the Holy Spirit, who helps and guides into all truth.

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE



PHYSICAL UNIVERSE



An illustration of **Christ** ("**The Word**") revealing Himself in **person** and in **writing** to mankind.

SWORD of SPIRIT—WORD of GOD

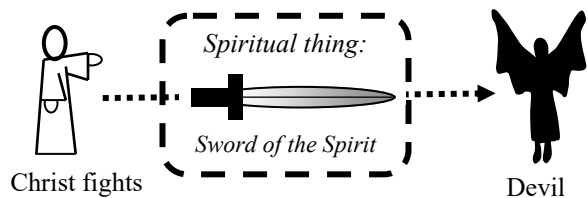
Christ is our prototype of fighting in this war. The **Son of God** is an exemplar to the **children of God** of how to combat and overcome the Devil, evil spirits, and demons. Jesus fought Satan using the Scripture:

1-4 Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him [tempted to misuse His power], he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered ... "It is written [Deut. 8:3], 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5-7 The devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written [Psa. 91:11]: 'He shall give His angels charge over you ... In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again [Deut. 6:16], 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

8-11 The devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, "**Away with you, Satan!** For it is written [Deut. 6:13], 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' **Then the devil left Him.**" (Matt. 4).

Jesus gave a direct order to the Devil to leave!



SPIRIT moves SPIRIT

Spirits can't be moved or conquered by any physical means, so knives, guns, and bombs can't affect demon. But good spirits can move (chase away) evil spirits. The spiritual sword (weapon) affects a spirit. As Jesus did, we can use the Scripture to poke the devils away. The Bible is our spiritual offensive weapon.

PRAYER—Communicating with GOD

A prayer is a communication and interaction between God and humans. You ask. He gives. Thank, glorify, and praise Him. Interaction is bi-directional. Jesus taught that as a loving parent, God gives good things to those who ask.

“Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you ... Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone when he asks for bread? ... As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Mat. 7:7-11).

“Whatever you ask the Father in My name [Christ] He will give you” (John 16:23).

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer ... with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6).

PRAYER IN FAITH

Faith is acting upon our belief before seeing it really happens. *“For we walk by [spiritual] faith, not by [physical] sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).*

“Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is [God really exist], and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

You must first be convinced that God exists. How can you receive anything from God if you don't believe He exists. You can't pray to nobody. Faith is believing that God is capable of completing whatever He says. *“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:11).*

“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I [Christ] say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says ... whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (Mark 11:22-24).

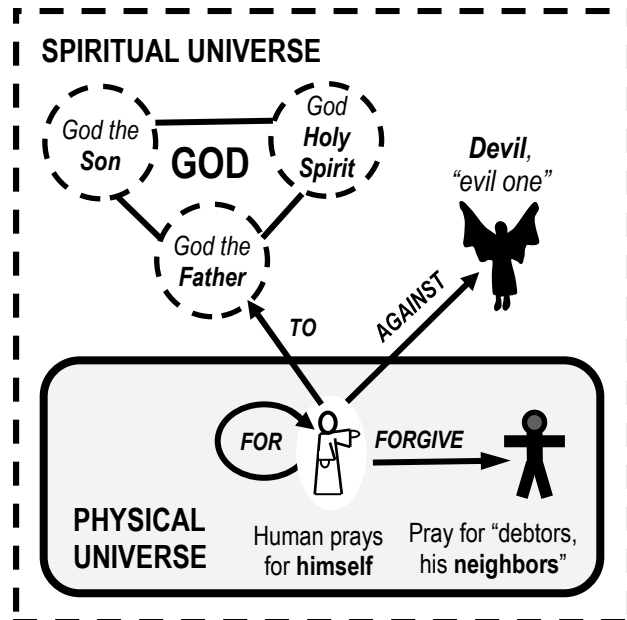
PRAY IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH

The Lord loves the truth. Communicate on a honest and spiritual level. God is Spirit. *“True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit” (John 4:23).*

PRAYER in physical-spiritual interaction

When a human prays, he must address three distinct beings: **God, humans, and angels.**

- **To:** Spirit God—*“Father in Heaven.”*
- **For:** Human prays for himself.
- **Forgive:** Human neighbors, *“our debtors.”*
- **Against:** Devil (evil spirit), *“evil one.”*



MODEL OF PRAYER - Matt. 6

“In this manner pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread [food, necessities]. Forgive us our debts [sins], as we forgive our debtors [neighbors, who sin against us]. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one [Devil, “accuser” of people]. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen” (Matt. 6:1-13).

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly” (Matt. 6:14-18).

ACKNOWLEDGE GOD the FATHER

First recognize and honor your Creator God, who really exist. “*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name*” (Matt. 6:9).

Millions of good and evil spirits exist. You must know exactly the spirit you pray to—be sure it’s your Abba Father, not an impostor.

PRAY for YOUR DAILY NEEDS

“*Give us this day our daily bread*” (Matt. 6:11). People need to eat physical food daily to stay alive. Also, people need spiritual food (words from God) to live victoriously. Jesus said, “*Man shall not live by [physical] bread alone, but by every [spiritual] word that proceeds from the mouth of God*” (Matt. 4:4).

A person receives spiritual food daily by hearing, reading, analyzing, digesting, using, understanding, and doing the Word of God. “Eat” both physical and spiritual foods.

PRAY for DAILY FORGIVENESS

“*Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us*” (Matt. 6:12 TLB).

Babies and small children get physically dirty daily. Likewise, adults get spiritually filthy daily. Sin is spiritual uncleanness.

The devils tempt and test humans often. Sometimes you win your test; other times you fail. Neighbors also pass or fail their tests. Be ready to forgive them when they fail and sin. It’s spiritual “*growing pain*” for all of us.

PRAY DAILY against EVIL

“*Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one*” (Matt. 6:13).

A spiritual battle with an evil spirit occurs and recurs continuously. Prepare for daily skirmishes. Pray and rebuke the “evil one” and his forces daily. **Be smart** and **avoid any unnecessary battle** with evil demons by asking *not to be led into any temptation*. The Holy Spirit knows where the evil thugs lurk, and He can lead you around to a safer route.

Prayer is one of most powerful thing you can use against fallen angels. Pray first before going into any battle—spiritual or physical.

PRAY—win BATTLE before FIGHT

Sun Tzu says, “Every **battle** is **won** before it is **fought**.” In other words, every battle is won (*prayerfully, strategically, spiritually*) **before** it is **fought** (*physically, spiritually*).

PRAYER of SALVATION

Pray to be saved and be cleanse of your sins. A request to receive *eternal life* is more than just a long existent, but living in a sinless utopian life. The Lord will gladly grant your request. Then there is a great rejoicing among the good angels, says the Bible. Saints that understands what just occurred also rejoices with you.

All humans experiences physical birth and growth. Likewise, a new Child of God grows in the spirit. **Salvation** is **birth**. **Sanctification** is a **growing process**. They’re both spiritual.

PRAY, REPENT, and RETURN

Spiritual “growing pains” include failure, hurt, remorse, repent, and return to parent God, just like your physical childhood. Humans are weak and prone to making mistakes. Though God never gives up on humans, it is people that usually give up on Him. Always return to your **Savior**, despite your unworthy feelings.

TWO KINGS in OLD TESTAMENT

David and Saul. Both sinned against God. Afterwards, each went in different directions. David sinned, but returned to God. In fact, the man “after God’s own heart” had many failures but kept returning to God. When Saul sinned, he didn’t return to God. Instead, he gave up and committed suicide by falling on his own sword.

TWO DISCIPLES in NEW TESTAMENT

Peter and Judas. Both betrayed their Savior. Their salvations was determined by the ways they went after their mistakes. Peter sinned, but returned to his Savior. Judas sinned, but didn’t return to Emmanuel. Instead, he gave up and committed suicide by hanging himself.

SPIRITUAL WAR produces FAILURE

An enormous amount of testing by millions of devils is bound to lead you into many mishaps and sin. But repent and rejoin the Lord.

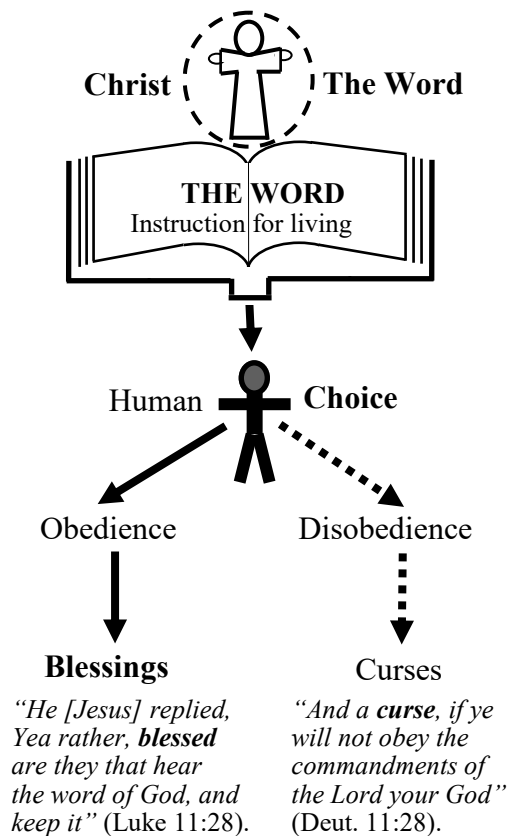
Humans have **one big advantage** over fallen angels: Because of Christ’s grace, a human can **sin, repent, and be forgiven**. But not for the obstinate devils. Their punishments are forever. For spirit and spiritual things are “eternal.”

ALWAYS RETURN after FAILURE

Being a Child of God is not only coming to **Christ**, but **always returning** to the Lord.

These words of encouragement is to help you in case you fail or backslide. We don’t want you to stay discouraged or give up on Christ.

BLESSING follows OBEDIENCE



FREEDOM of CHOICE

Free-will can be a blessing or a curse depending on what you choose to do. Some choices are initially gratifying, but its consequence are disastrous. Sin, at first, is desirable. Satan uses **desire** to lure you into **sin** and eventually to **death**.

OBEY or DISOBEY

Creatures operate on a free-will basis. Our Maker made His creatures to make free choices for themselves. God's way is the best, but you can believe, say, and do whatever you want. Your choice means what you **sow** (plant seed of good or evil) is what you will **reap** (harvest fruit of).

OBEYING is VITAL

A good advice to Christians is not only to hear, read, study, analyze, and understand the Bible, but to **do it** and **live it**.

The Word is your spiritual manna:

Input: Eat. Hear and read the Word.

Process: Digest. Analyze, understand.

Output: Use. **Do** and **live** the Word.

OBEDIENCE begets BLESSING

Blessings come to those who obey God.

1 *If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to **observe** and to **do** all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

2-4 *All these **blessings** shall come on thee, and overtake thee, **if** thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. **Blessed** shalt thou be in the city ... in the field.*

5 ***Blessed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*

6 ***Blessed** shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*

7 *The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee **one way**, and flee before thee **seven ways**.*

8 *The Lord shall command the **blessing** upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

12 *The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt **lend unto many** nations, and thou shalt **not borrow**.*

13 *The Lord shall make thee the **head**, and **not the tail**; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to **observe** and to **do** them. (Deut. 28)*

DISOBEDIENCE begets CURSE

Curses come to those who disobey the Lord.

14-15 *If thou wilt **not hearken** unto the voice of the Lord thy God ... all these **curses** shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:*

16-18 ***Cursed** shalt thou be in the city ... in the field. **Cursed** shall be thy basket and thy store.*

18 ***Cursed** shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*

43-44 *The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: **he** shall be the **head**, and **thou** shalt be the **tail**. (Deut. 28)*

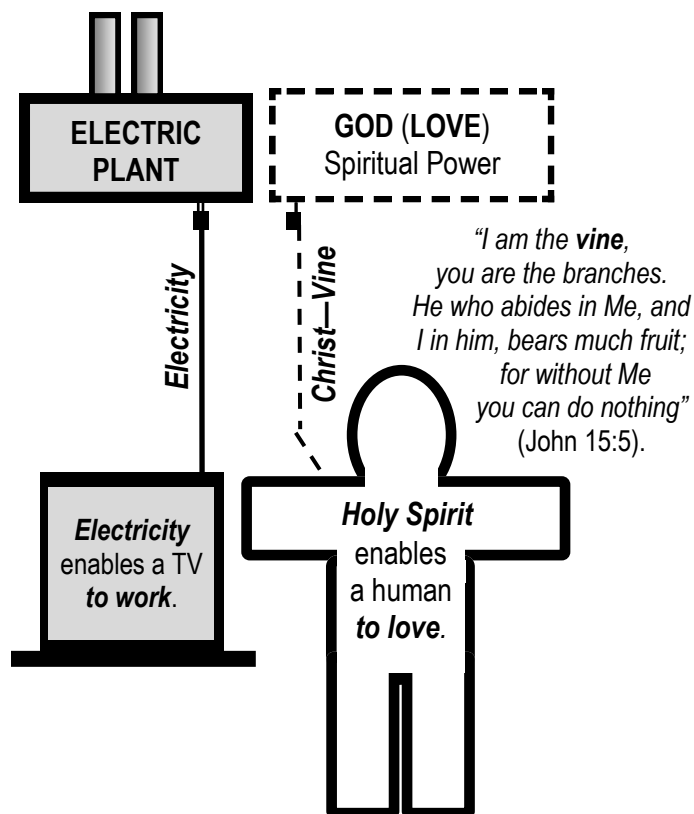
GOD (CHRIST) empowers BELIEVERS

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).*

CHRIST—NATURALLY SINLESS

Why is it utterly 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 so prone to temptations that they easily fall into all sorts of 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 was Jesus able to overcome every temptation and not sin?

An example is illustrated by two men: **Fred** and **Bob**. If you're to ask **Fred** to act exactly like **Bob**, he'd have a great difficulty acting and behaving exactly like **Bob**. Some of **Fred** would show through, no matter how sincerely **Fred** tried to be 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 is 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 natural sinless life. It's his nature.

This is just another confirmation of the deity of Christ. An ordinary human being can't live a sinless life, nor can he rise up the third day after he is pronounced "dead." Only God can overcome spiritual sin and death, which Jesus did. 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 nearly 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."

The Lord's way is better, since he was sacrificed for our sins. He's an exemplar of how Christians should live and behave before God. The "*sons and daughters of God*" must imitate the "**Son of God**" when they interact with their Abba Father.

TABERNACLE—dwelling of God on EARTH

Each Trinity member dwelt with humans. **God the Father** dwelt with the Hebrews in the Tabernacle. **God the Son** lived with man. “*The Word [Emmanuel] was made flesh, and dwelt among us*” (John 1:14). **God the Holy Spirit** came at Pentecost and now dwells **with** and **in** people. The tabernacle was a holy place where God met the Hebrews during their 40 years in the desert.

“*Let them make me a sanctuary [tabernacle] ... I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God*” (Exo. 25:8, 29:45). “*Only the high priest entered the inner room [Most Holy], and that only once a year [Atonement Day], and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance*” (Heb. 9:7).

THE VEIL separates SINLESS from SINFUL

The “**veil**” in front of the Most Holy place split the sinless God from sinful man. That barrier was split by Christ’s death: “*Jesus ... yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the **veil of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom*” (Matt. 27:51).

The torn veil shows his body broken for us, opening the way for us to approach God freely. As Jesus said “**it is finished**,” God’s redemptive plan was completed. The age of animal offerings was over. The ultimate offering was sacrificed. The real temple in heaven, represented by **Holy of Holies** place, is now accessible through Jesus.

“*Christ has entered into heaven itself to appear now before God as our Friend. It was not in the earthly place [tabernacle] of worship that he did this, for that was merely a copy of the real temple in heaven. Nor has he offered himself again and again, as the high priest down here on earth offers animal blood in the **Holy of Holies** each year. If that had been necessary, then he would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But no! He came once for all, at the end of the age, to put away the power of sin forever by dying for us*” (Heb. 9:24-26 TLB).

“*Since we have confidence to enter the **Most Holy [Holy of Holies]** Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain [**veil**], that is, his body ... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith*” (Heb. 10:19-22).

The “**veil**” was torn. You can approach God now without any barrier. Pray directly to Him in the name of Christ. Be saved. Be forgiven of sins.

CRUCIFIXION of JESUS CHRIST

Though Christ is the Creator, who could have stopped his execution and obliterated his torturers, he endured the agony on the cross, and died. Why? To fulfill the redemption of mankind, in which a mortal man must die to legally make it valid. The unblemished **Lamb of God** was **sacrificed** as a price **for our sins**.

“*They had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. They bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ When they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull ... They crucified Him ... They put up over His head the accusation written against Him: **This is Jesus the King of the Jews** ... The ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’*” (Mark 27:29-46).

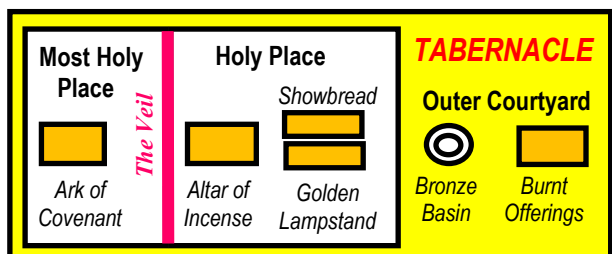
JESUS dies a HUMAN DEATH

“*Jesus shouted out again, dismissed his spirit, and died. The curtain secluding the Holiest Place in the Temple was split apart ... tombs opened, and many godly men and women who had died came back to life again. After Jesus’ resurrection, they left the cemetery and went into Jerusalem, and appeared to many people there. The soldiers ... said, ‘Surely this was God’s Son’*” (Matt. 27:50-54 TLB).

Did CHRIST (GOD) really DIED?

As God in human flesh, Emmanuel did die, i.e., his spirit and soul left his human **corpse**. Human flesh limited Christ, but His great power is in His **Spirit**. Evil spirits “killed” the body (limiting factor) of Jesus, but the evil spirits and demons inadvertently released the omnipotent power of God unto themselves. Surprise! Then the Lord Christ took away their **Keys of Hell and of Death**.

“*I [Jesus] am he that liveth, and was dead ... I am **alive for evermore**, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death*” (Rev. 1:18).



RESURRECTION of JESUS

Due to sin, all physical creatures inevitably die. Why? Because it's a spiritual problem. It took the Spirit himself, in a physical form, to resolve the spiritual death. Christ conquered death and was resurrected. He spent 40 days with his disciples, then went on to Heaven.

"On the first day of the week [Sunday] ... they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus ... Two men stood by them in shining garments ... 'Why do you seek the living [Jesus] among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!' ... 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again'" (Luke 24:1-7).

JESUS speaks to DISCIPLES

"Two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus ... While they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus drew near and went with them ... He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?' Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself ...

*Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them [disciples], and said to them, 'Peace to you ... Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have ... Have you any food here?' So they gave Him a piece of a **broiled fish** and some **honeycomb**. He took it and **ate** [as a physical human do] in their presence" (Luke 24:25-27, 36-43).*

After 40 days, JESUS went to HEAVEN

"He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. They worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:50-53).

*"He shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them **forty days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).*

THREE HUMAN PARTS

Angels are **spirits**. Animals are **bodies**. But a human 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 have 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 can go 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**.

WHERE to be RESURRECTED

Now, the question is: where do you want to be resurrected by Christ? There're only two options: You'll be revived either in Heaven or in Hell. The Bible doesn't mention a third option like purgatory (spiritual halfway house).

Humans have a tremendous input into where they'll spend eternity (**with** or **without** God) in the next life. Everyone must make a decision of where to live after this life. Depending on where one wants to or deserves to reside permanently; that is where one's parts will be reassembled by Christ. Salvation is choosing who, the Lord in Heaven or the Devil in Hell, a person wants to live with forever.

*"All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the **resurrection of life**; they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection of damnation**"* (John 5:28). Use your free will to pray to be resurrected to eternal life. The price was already paid.

UNCONQUERABLE ISRAEL

The anti-Semitic countries of the world will gather their armies at the Valley of Megiddo to try to annihilate the Jews, once and for all. Such an effort is foolhardy and suicidal. There are huge odds against winning. In fact, there is a **100 % guarantee** of a complete defeat. Why? Because to attack Israel is to fight God Himself. None can overpower Omnipotent God, not even fallen angels and demons, as powerful as they are. Anyone foolish enough to attack Israel will get obliterated. Let us hope the United States, who today is the closest ally to Israel, isn't one. So let us keep an alliance with Israel and stay friendly with the Jews.

Nations will gather their armies against Israel. The prophet Joel visualized such a scenario. Just as every prophecy of the **true prophets** of God came **100 % true**, so this one of Armageddon and the defeat of the assaulting armies against Israel will come true:

*"I [God] will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat [Adonai judges], and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land ... The Lord shall **roar out of Zion**, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel ... Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation" (Joel 3:2-20).*

"I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him [Yeshua the Messiah] that sat on the horse, and against his army. The beast ... and ... false prophet ... These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone [sulfur]" (Rev. 19:19-20).

The anti-Semitic people will try to use nuclear bombs to wipe out the Jews; instead the bombs will land on them and they themselves will be dissolved by it. *"This shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall **dissolve** while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall **dissolve** in their sockets, and their tongues shall **dissolve** in their mouths" (Zech. 14:12).*

You know which side of God, pro or con, that people are, by the way they **love** or **hate** Israel.

"If the battle cannot be won, do not fight it." —Sun Tzu

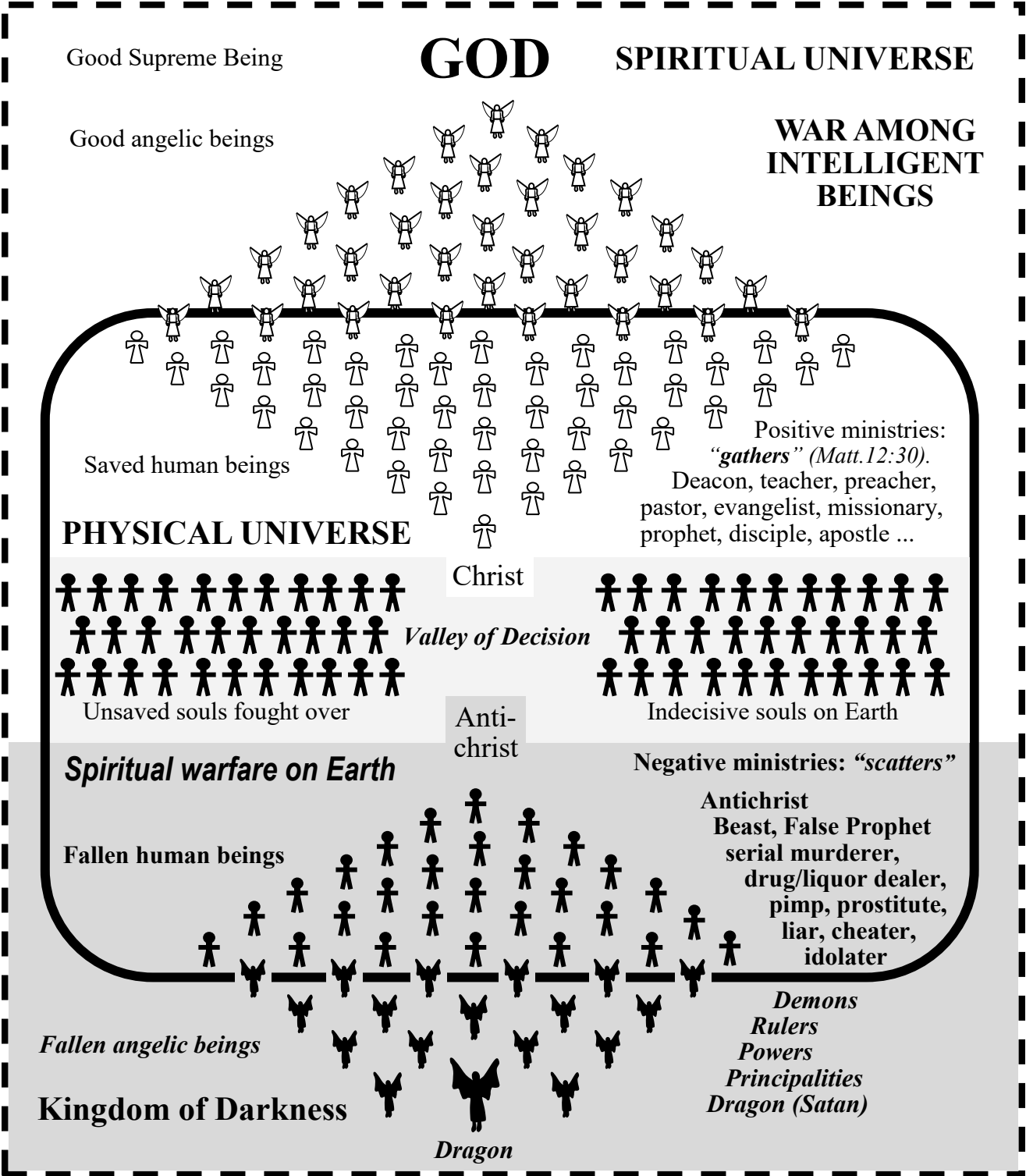
A word to the wise and to anti-Semitic nations:
Do not attack Israel. **You'll never win.**

Never fight against Omnipotent God,
who is the "*husband, Ish*" of Israel.
The Lord will protect His own.
You'll never win against His "*wife*."

Yeshua the Messiah will fight for His "*mother*."

/Israel Forever

Chapter 6: Great Tribulation: God-Angel-Human War



Panoramic view of the spiritual war among intelligent beings (God, angels, and humans).

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 turned-loveless 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 Christians (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).

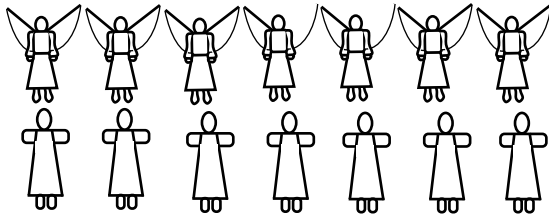
CHURCH of PHILADELPHIA

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”

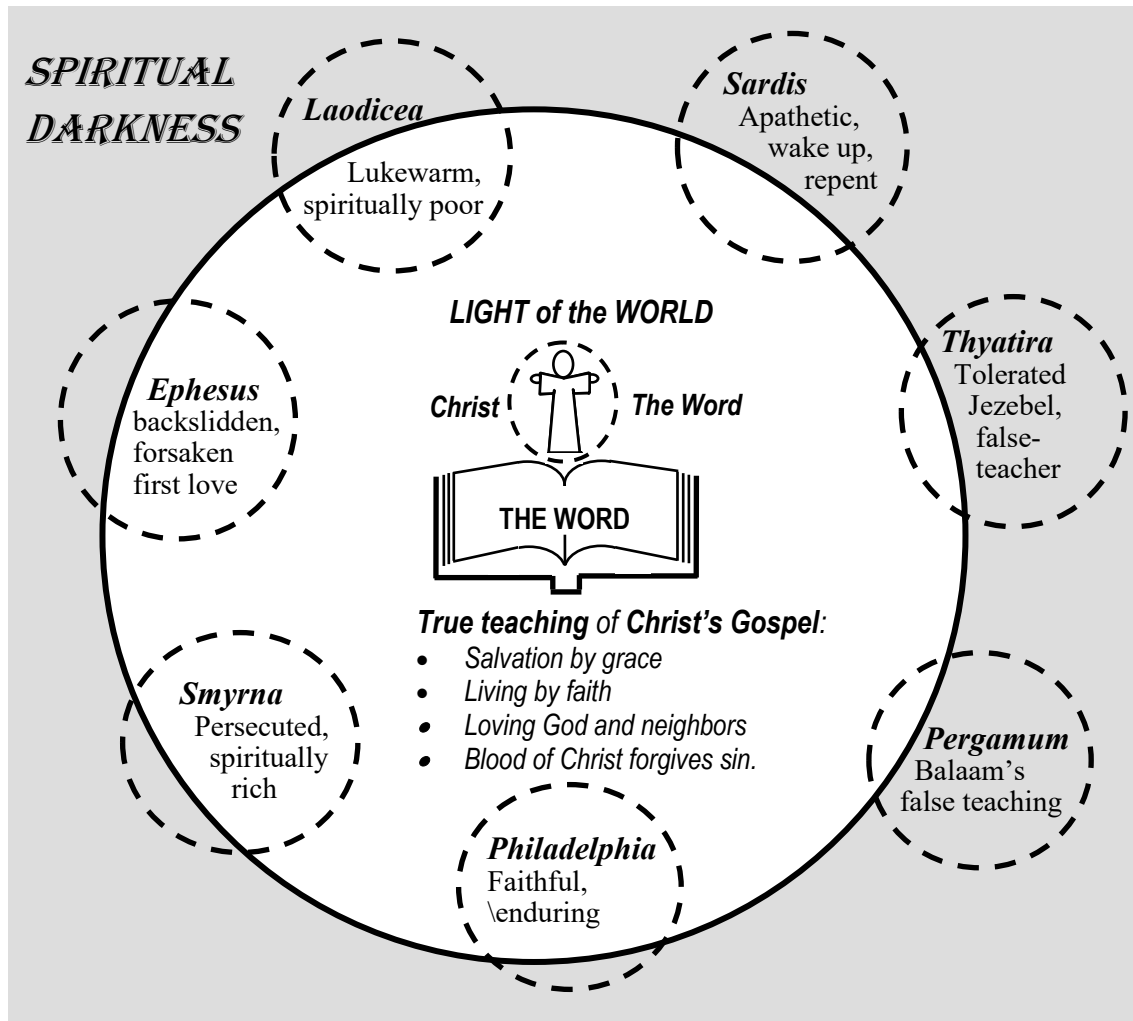


“SEVEN CHURCHES in ASIA MINOR”

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 Ψ *Smyrna*
 Ψ *Pergamum*
 Ψ *Thyatira*
 Ψ *Sardis*
 Ψ *Philadelphia*
 Ψ *Laodicea*

Turned-loveless church
 Persecuted church.
 Balaam tolerant church.
 Jezebel tolerant church
 Apathetic, “dead” church.
 Faithful church.
 Luke warm church.

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE

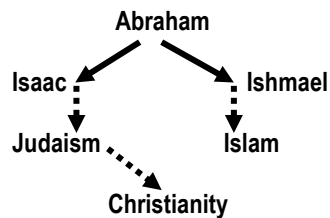


This illustration help us visualize that there're degrees to how well these early churches (groups of Christians) conformed to the true teaching of the Gospel of Christ. Today's churches and denominations are similar. None are perfect. Amish, Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans, Mormons, or Pentecostals don't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

Modern CHURCHES and RELIGIONS

The religious relationship of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

Abraham had sons: Isaac by Sarah and Ishmael by Hagar.



Jesus was born during Augustus Caesar's reign. He conducted His ministry during the reign of Tiberius. He taught the true Gospel. Believers spread the Gospel to "the world."

JUDAISM

The Jews tried to live by the **Law**, whereas Christians tried to live by **love**. They have much in common according to the Bible:

"Love אהבה is the fullness of Torah תורה" (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 (Torah)**. Christianity and Judaism are based on love.

PROTESTANTS

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

CATHOLICISM

Peter, "the Rock," was considered as the main spiritual leader of the early church, so 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.

CULTS

Major Cults: Christian Science, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Seventh-day Adventism. Cults' **work** done according to the **Bible** will survive, the other part (extra books, subtracted or added doctrines) won't. We know God and Truth partially. *"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). Using only the Bible and teaching the truth is the best way to minister.

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** was the only thing that matters, Allah would have made humans as androids.

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

BUDDHISM and HINDUISM

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

- existence of **suffering**
- origin of suffering is **desire** (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 stress Hindus to go through many reincarnations (recycling), improve their karma (works), and finally reach perfection—**moksha** to become one with Brahman—"God." A person (like raindrop) becomes one with Brahman (like ocean). Basically, this is also **"works"** to earn salvation by human performance, but the Bible says, *"A man is **not** justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus"* (Gal. 2:16).

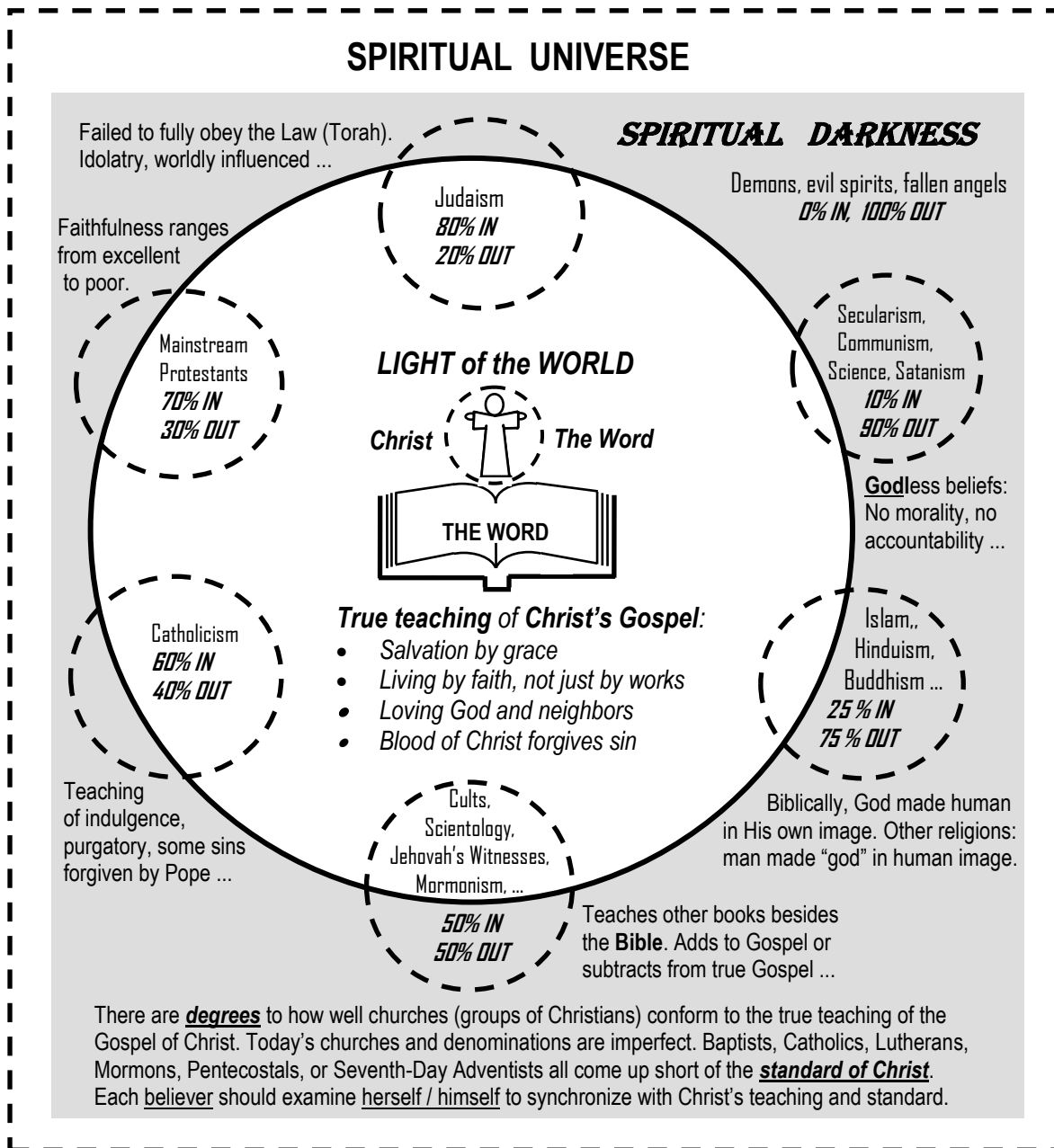
SCIENCE, SECULARISM, COMMUNISM

Godless beliefs: Some individuals and people have an atheistic ideology of **no Creator God**. They believe in science, secularism, atheism, communism, humanism, or paganism. Some humans think and live by **"creation only, all is physical"** ideology, 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 and demons can't return to Heaven from where they're cast out. They're already eternally dead. They're 100% against God. People shouldn't listen to or obey them.



The percentages (%) are only arbitrary numbers. It helps us visualize that there are degrees to how well religions, denominations, and cults synchronize with the true teaching of the Savior. A saved, justified saint in "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. Evil spirits have none.

HUMANS ONLY "KNOW IN PART"

"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 I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely" (1 Cor. 13:11-12 NLT).

"The quality of each person's work will be seen when the Day of Christ exposes it. For on that Day fire will reveal everyone's work; the fire will test it and show its real quality. If what was built on the foundation survives the fire, the builder will receive a reward. But if your work is burnt up, then you will lose it; but you yourself will be saved, as if you had escaped through the fire" (1 Cor. 3:13-15 GNT).

ANALYZING the GREAT TRIBULATION

This section of our study examines the future events that will adversely affect mankind. **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.

So, 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 happen will surely happen,. Unbelievers ridiculed Noah about building the Ark. 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 food.
- Buy lasting foods by the volume for long storage.
- Have access to water or store plenty of water.
- Have 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).

“Anti-**christism**” is the antichrists of the world’s hatred of Christ. *“Men loved **darkness** [sin, wickedness] 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 and leads them to victory.

*“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).

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. Generally 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] 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 comes.

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**, the **"wick"** much **worse**. Choose Christ or Satan.

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

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 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). Remember that the Lord makes judgment and war against the ungodly, not the godly.

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- ⊖ Great earthquake. Earthly chaos.
- ⊖ Momentary silence in Heaven.

SEALS

An understanding of the “last days” will help prepare you for the future. The scroll John saw is God’s revelations relating to the Church during the “end times.” It contains disclosures about future events. God is omniscient and is aware of everything. So He is aware of all the secret conspiracy and plans of the evil spirits. Revelation is passed from God to Christ, to an angel, to apostle John, and to the Church.

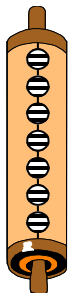
A **seal** is an instrument that seals and ratifies the writings. The sealing is for secrecy and locks up the matter contained therein. Since humans have short foresight, we can’t trust the soothsayers. Angels have deeper foresight, but are still limited. Only God (Christ) can reveal the future without errors. So only the Lamb of God was able to break open the seven seals on the scroll and share its revelation.

The Lord rewards those that diligently seek Him. Though the Book of Revelation is hard to understand and mysterious, the Holy Spirit still encourages us to read 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).

Ironically, those **unbelievers** who **don’t read** the Bible will **lock** themselves out from understanding even the simplest things of God. To evil people, the Book of Revelation will be strange, gibberish, and don’t make sense.

“‘What shall be the end of these things?’ He said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.’” (Dan. 12:8-10).

The **wise** are those who seek after Christ, after “the Truth,” not after their own intellect. *“Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil”* (Prov. 3:7).



COMING of the ANTICHRIST

Some biblical interpreters believe that the opening of the first seal on the scroll begins the seven-year Tribulation. If that’s true, then the Lawless One triggers the Tribulation by going on a conquest of three nations.

CONQUEROR, CONQUEST—1st SEAL

A conqueror (Antichrist) rides forth on a “white horse” bent on conquest. His initial ascendancy is probably without open warfare, gaining political allies diplomatically before resorting to force and violence. Not all people will blindly follow him. *“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, and to conquer”* (Rev. 6:1-2).

The Son of Perdition is given the power to conquer by the Devil. He is given an office and authority to rule over nations.

“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).

The aggressor will rise to power among the 10 horns (10 kings) of the “beast.” He is the “little horn” that uproots and replaces 3 of 10 horns (kings) of the beast to become its 8th horn (“spearhead”). The “three horns” won’t give in to him without a fight. His conquest turns violent. War finally subdues the three kings. The power struggle cause people suffering from the collateral damage.

The **conqueror** has a **bow**. He commands and fights from a distant. The next **warrior** has a **sword** and fights in close combats.

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 is given power to make war. He has a “great sword” (huge military arsenals) to defeat any opposing forces. The Devil empowers the warrior to cause world wars, havoc, and anguish among people. Malicious spirits support his great armies.

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 quart¹ of **wheat** for a denarius [a day’s wages], and three quarts of **barley** for a denarius; and do not harm the [olive] oil and the wine’” (Rev. 6:5-6).*

DEATH and HELL—4th SEAL

Millions of deaths occur due to wars, famines, and diseases. Viral diseases, caused by parasitic virus, includes smallpox, measles, SARS, Zika, Ebola, COVID-19, etc., produces many deaths. The “grim reaper” harvests many souls for Hell.

*“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 [disease-infected] 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 and Jews are martyred for believing in and 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” (Rev. 6:9).*

*“If the world [evil people] hate you, ye know that it hated me [Jesus] before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because **ye are not of the world** ... the **world hateth you**. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you” (John 15:18-20).*

A scene in Heaven: *“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, and palms in their hands ... 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. 7:9-14).*

EARTHLY CHAOS—6th SEAL

Celestial objects (meteorites) bombards the Earth, causing people to panic and run for cover in bunkers or caves of the mountains.

*“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, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 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] that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb [Jesus]” (Rev. 6:12-17).*

SEALING of the 144,000 JEWS

God’s seal on His “Chosen People” shows they belong to Him. War isn’t against them, but against the anti-Semitic 666-people.

“I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed 144,000 [12 x 12,000] of all the tribes of the children of Israel” (Rev. 7:2-4).

MOMENT of CALM—7th SEAL

The calm before the storm, as if the evil deeds of humans and spirits 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).

“‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord” (Heb. 10:30). Vengeance against evil.

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

God uses short abstract **symbolism** for our comprehension, retention, and remembrance.

Some of the events are symbolic, and others are real. Falling stars, literally, are meteorites, comets, or asteroids. Falling “star,” figuratively, refers to an angel. Comets falling to planets do happen. Pieces of the comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 collided with Jupiter (July 16, 1994). It became the most observed cosmic event in history. A comet striking the Earth is inevitable.

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 [shophars]: 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 certain events and judgments. The sound of trumpets announced the bombardment of celestial objects to Earth, wreaking havoc on the planet.

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).

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.

When volcanos erupt, they throw up all sorts of fiery materials into the air, including molten rocks of all sizes, gas, smoke, dusts, volcanic glass, and volcanic bombs/blocks.

ASTEROID FALLS into the SEA—2nd

Scientists and astronomers wonder if celestial objects will hit the sea. If they’ve read, believe, and trust the Bible they’d have surely known it’d.

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 in the Mediterranean Sea, or one of the oceans, since the area around the sea was the then-known world to John. In the future, the headquarter of the Antichrist would likely be in this area. The catastrophe causes sea creatures to die through the poisoning of the sea. The asteroid impact spreads huge tsunamis, hundreds of feet high, of the sea 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, and ... fountains of waters; 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).

The loosely-bound rubble-pile type Wormwood comet, toxic with **cyanogen** (CN₂) like the comet Halley, explodes in the atmosphere, spreading its poisonous pieces on rivers, springs, and waters. Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 broke into many pieces during its entry into Jupiter’s atmosphere in 1994.

Comets, called “dirty snowballs,” are objects that travel around the sun. The nucleus of a comet consists of water, carbon dioxide, ammonia, methane, and even cyanogen (CN₂) poison, all frozen and mixed with grit and dust. When it approaches the Sun, this frozen matter forms a “coma.” This cloud of gas, repelled by the solar wind, makes a visible tail on the comet.

ATMOSPHERE POLLUTED—4th

A huge asteroid or comet 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. Locust-like creatures with scorpion stings came out of the smoke of Abyss to harass the 666-people with sores.

*“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 arose a smoke out of the pit ... There came out of the smoke locusts ... unto them was given power ... It was commanded them that they should **not hurt** the grass ... any green thing ... any tree; but **only** those men which **have not** the seal of God in their foreheads. To them it was given that they should not kill them, but ... tormented **five months**”* (Rev. 9:1-5).

EUPHRATES RIVER—6th TRUMPET

Enormous 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] ... were released to kill a **third of mankind**. The number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million [200,000,000] ... By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the **fire ... smoke ... brimstone** which came out of their mouths ... 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 ... sexual immoralities”* (Rev. 9:13-21).

FIRE—INCENDIARY WEAPONS

Flamethrowers, used since WWI, flushed out soldiers from the trenches. Fire bombs incinerated cities like Berlin and Tokyo during WW II. Napalm bombs ignited forests and killed people in the Vietnam War. New incendiary bombs, like Mark 77—a 750 pounder, will surely be used in the future wars.

SMOKE—CHEMICAL, BIO-WEAPONS

Armies use bombs containing chemical agents and biological pathogens (bacteria, virus, toxin) to kill possibly thousands, millions, billions, or everyone. Russia alone has enough biological Anthrax and VX nerve agent to kill all mankind. Unstable nations like Iran and North Korea make nuclear weapons. Small enriched uranium can be obtained via black-market to make the terrorist “dirty nuke bomb.”

BRIMSTONE—SULFURIC WEAPONS

Sulfur is **yellow**, but burns **blue**. It was used in WW I as mustard gas—most distributed chemical war agent in the world. The gas suffocated soldiers in Iran-Iraq and Persian Gulf wars. Bombs are deployed via artillery shell, rocket, or ballistic missile.

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** ... The **temple of God** was opened in heaven, and the **ark of His covenant** was seen in His temple”* (Rev. 11:15, 19).

God uses abstract **symbolism** for our comprehension and remembrance. It is hard to understand, but becomes clearer as events draw nearer and more focus.

WOMAN and DRAGON symbolisms

Joseph said, *“I have dreamed ... the **sun, moon, and eleven stars** bowed down to me’ ... his father rebuked him ... ‘Shall your mother [**Rachel, moon**] and I [**Jacob, sun**] and your brothers [**11 stars**] indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?’”* (Gen. 37:9-10).

Later the dream was fulfilled as Joseph becomes vizier (high official) of Egypt.

Similar to Joseph’s **dream**, John had a **vision**: Sun is equated to God, woman to Israel nation, moon to Promised Land, 12 stars to 12 tribes, child to Christ, and Dragon to Satan. This grand scale vision is an overall past history and future — physical and spiritual—of the Hebrews.

*“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a **woman** [Israel] clothed with the **sun** [God’s protection], with the **moon** under her feet, and on her head a garland of **twelve stars** [12 tribes]. Then being with child she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth ... dragon [Satan] having 7 heads ... 10 horns ... 7 diadems on his heads. His tail drew a **third of the stars** [fallen angels] of heaven and threw them to the **earth**. The dragon stood before the woman ... to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child [Christ] who was to rule all nations [in Millennial Kingdom] with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to God and His throne”* (Rev. 12:1-17).

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

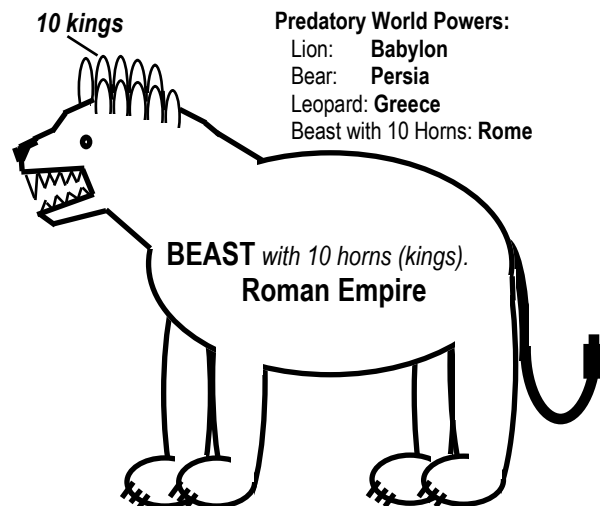
The **Sea Beast** and **Antichrist** will arise near where the revival of Roman Empire occurs. The Antichrist (“little horn”) will uproot, replace, and unite 3 of the 10 horns (kings) of the Sea Beast.

“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 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 these devices to control the world population.

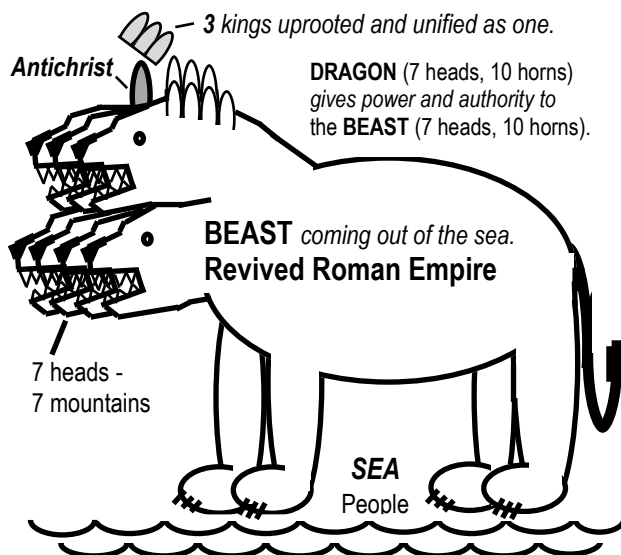
“I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; he had two horns ... like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. He exerciseth all the power of the first [sea] beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast. He [Earth beast] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or ... foreheads: 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).



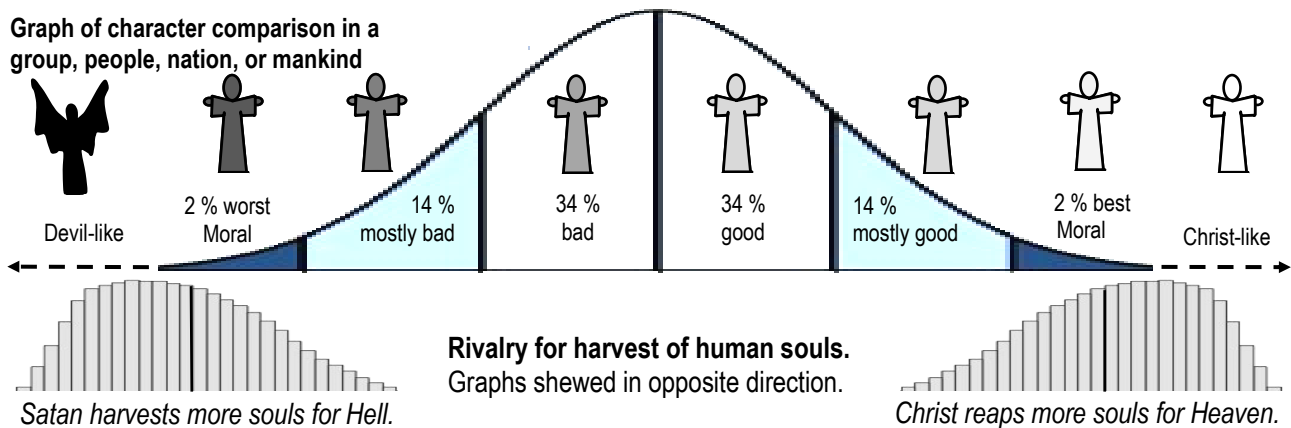
“BEAST” with 7 HEADS, 10 HORNS

“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).*



Graph of character comparison in a group, people, nation, or mankind



The top graph fits people-data into a bell-shaped distribution curve. A **nation** isn't all bad or all good. One **people** isn't better than another. Each **person** within an ethnic **group** ranges from worst to best moral. That's true of African, Asian, European, Native American, and Oceanian. The majority (68 %) are average people, who oscillate between good and bad behaviors. Hitler was of a 2 % extremist during World War II. The lower shewed graphs shows Christ or Satan vying to harvest more souls for Heaven or Hell in the Great Tribulation. Each try to gather as much as possible.

THE BEAST—ANTICHRIST

As the Church ("body of Christ") is made up of saints (billions of **good** spiritual cells), so the Beast ("body of Antichrist") consist of antichrists (billions of **evil** spiritual cells). The beasts do the will of Satan ("old serpent").

Many antichrists existed before, e.g., King Herod tried to kill baby Christ. The future **Antichrist** will re-enact the Greek king Antiochus Epiphanes (anti—"against," oculus—"support of," Epiphanes—"God Manifest") of Seleucid Dynasty and sets up the Abomination that Desolates (sacrilege of sacrificing a pig on the holy altar) in 167 BC.

FALSE PROPHETS promotes of FALSE RELIGIONS

The Earth is the new dwelling for Satan after his eviction from Heaven. "*The great dragon was cast out ... into the earth*" (Rev. 12:9). "*Satan answered the Lord, and said, from going to and fro in the earth*" (Job 1:7). "*Beast coming up out of the earth*" (Rev. 13:11). "*In the Earth*" is likely the headquarter of Satan to strategize and promote pagan and false religions to deceive the whole world.

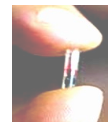
We don't know **who** the **Antichrist** and **False Prophet** are, so we examine their behaviors and common goal, i.e., both have a severe animosity for the Jews, as Satan hates God's people. Grand Mufti Amin Al-Husseini was a Palestinian Arab nationalist and Muslim leader in Palestine. During World War II, he and Hitler were very antisemitic. The **evil duo** of **Antichrist** and **False Prophet** are similar.

The legacy of Hitler is modern antisemitism. He hated the Jews and killed six million of them. That prejudice has been passed on to some Arab countries. Nazi SS officer Otto Skorzeny organized the terrorist group Werewolf, whose playbook was inherited by Arab guerrillas. Nazi terrorism spread to Yasser Arafat (PLO), Saddam Hussein, Gaddafi, jihadists, ISIS (Islamic State), Al Qaeda, Taliban, and others who are antagonistic against the Jews.

MARK of the BEAST

Efforts to coerce people to worship the Beast and Dragon will make governments control people to wear the 666-microchips with artificial intelligence (**AI**). It will create an ideal condition to permeate evil.

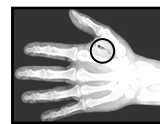
Implants used to track dog and farm **animals**. Next it'll be **people**, finally **you**!



Microchip have many positive uses, such as identity recognition, medical metadata, law enforcement, criminal tracking, cashiering, accurate money processing, built-in passports, etc.

Negatively, there'll be data leaks, chip duplication, hacking, less liberty with Big Brother surveillance, more governmental control, stolen IDs, etc.

Science must be done religiously with **love** (God). Misuse of high-tech gadgets leads to much evil. as shown in "*Star War*." Advanced science and high-intelligent minds don't solve **sin**. Technological devices are initially good and convenient for society. But we live in a world of evil people that exploit innocent people.



Soon or later, an opportunity comes for a tyrannical leader to misuse **AI** and microchips for an evil purpose. **AI** and 666-implants will fall into the "wrong hands" of Antichrist.



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: and 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" 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 retributive justice]" (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 sympathizers and 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 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 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 hitting a hornet's nest 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).*

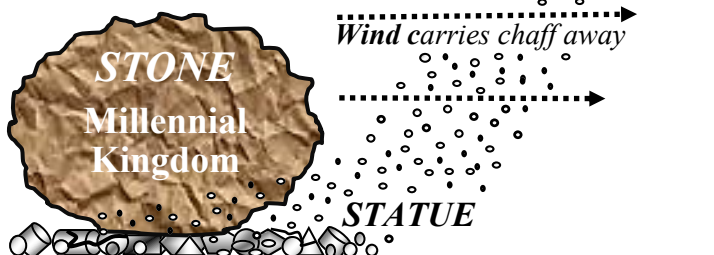
MILLENNIAL KINGDOM BEGINS

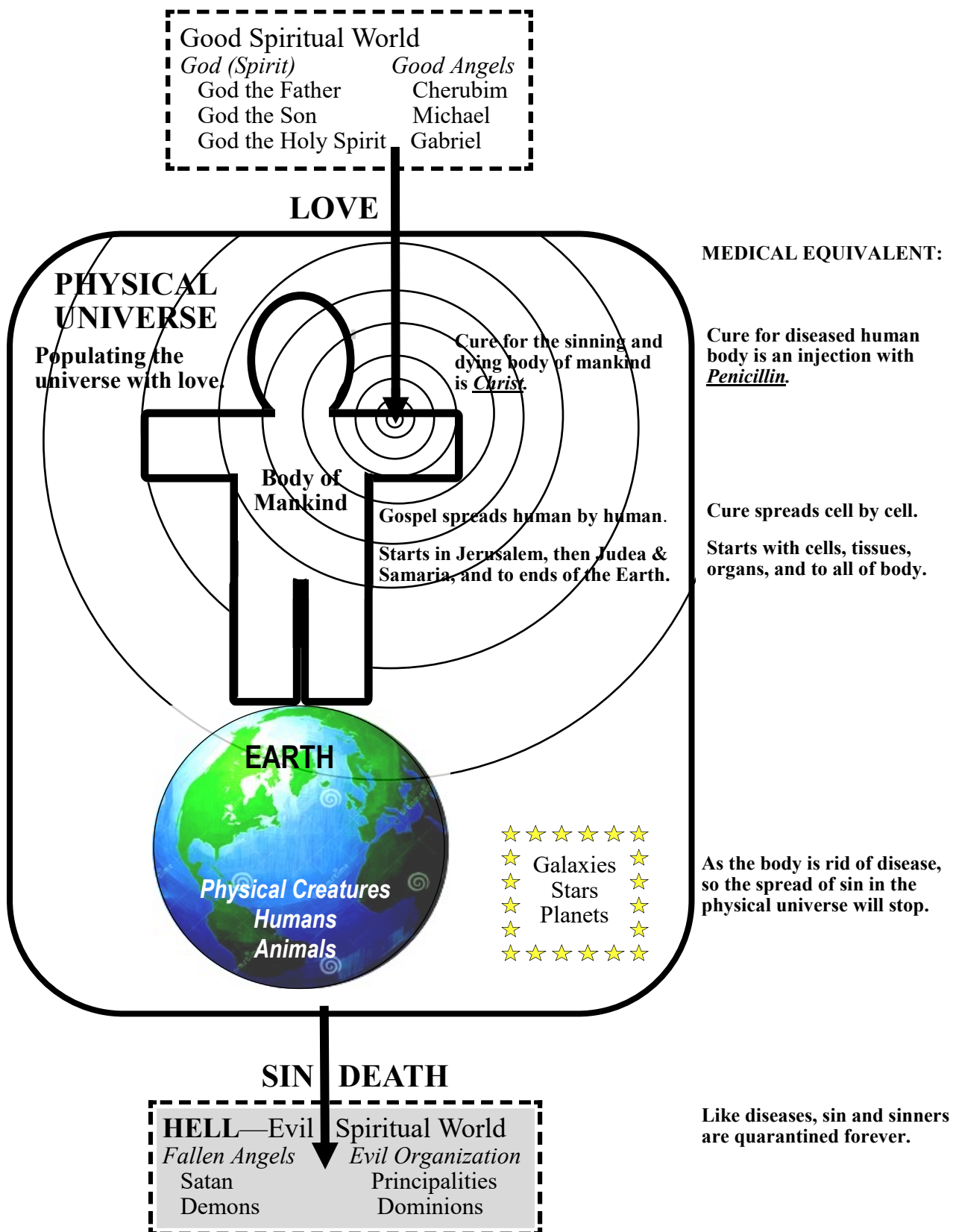
Christ's second coming ends Tribulation. The Millennial Kingdom Stone crushes all human world powers. God will set up a kingdom, with Messiah in charge, that will endure forever.

34-35 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.

44 And 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)

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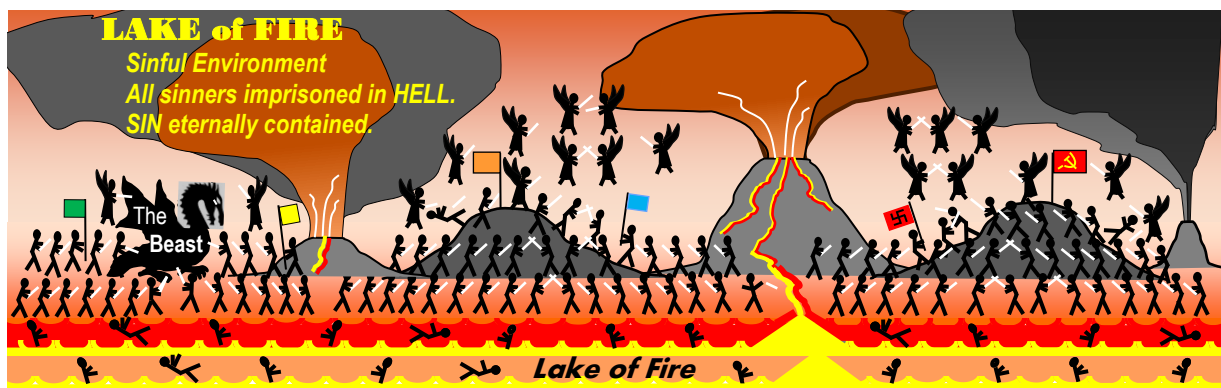
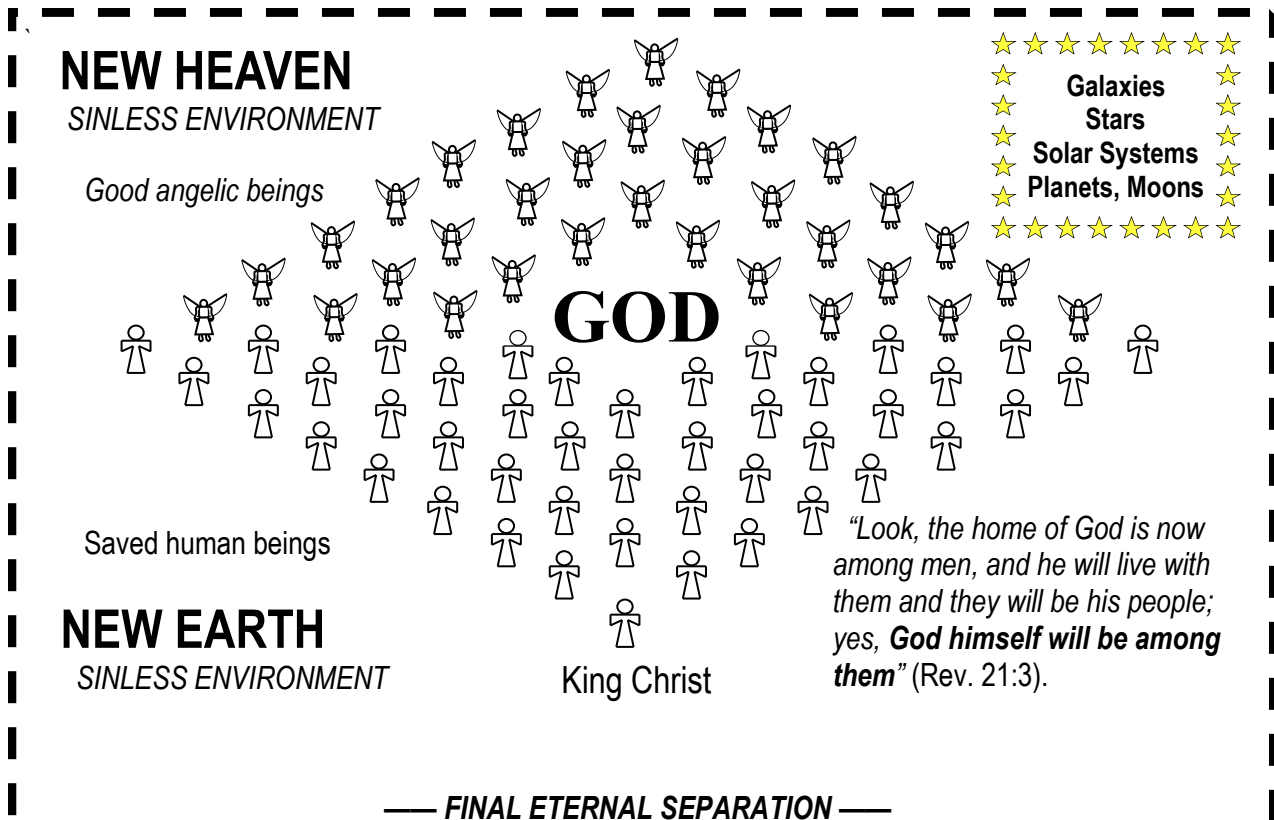


Panoramic view of God's LOVE spreading throughout the universe. The quarantine of SIN.

Chapter 7: Eternal Future—War, Sin, Death quarantined

In the everlasting future:

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



War, violence, hatred, lying, stealing, raping, and suffering will go on in the Lake of Fire, but there's no more death. "Sheep" (saints) are gone, so "wolves (sinners)" preys on and "eats" other "wolves." Men seek death but can't die. Because 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).

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

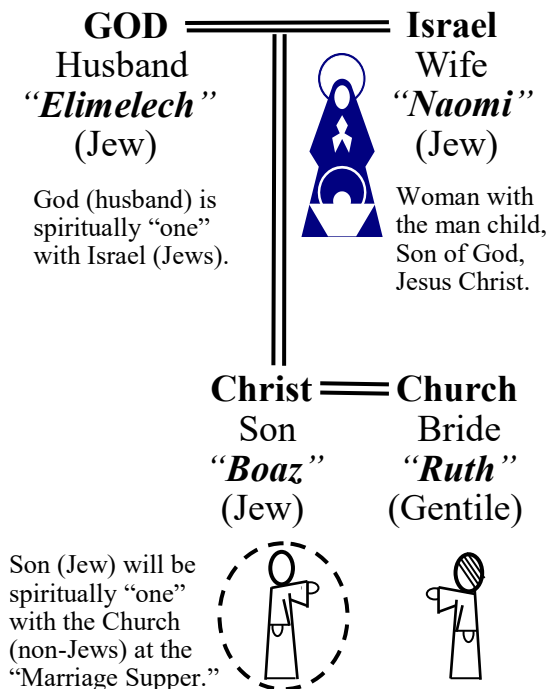
RELATIONSHIP in HEAVENLY FAMILY ANALOGY of the BOOK of RUTH

The final chapter of our bible study covers an analogy of the **relationship** between God, Israel, Christ, and Church; and an illustration of the final **separation** between good and evil. We close with some optimistic and comforting words about life beyond the Tribulation. The future will be utopia and euphoria for those who commits to and follows their Savior.

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 concepts. At times we “can’t see the forest for the trees,” as they say. Analogy helps us see the “whole forest” (“the big picture”). Inasmuch as humans have a hard time comprehending supernatural things, an analogy helps them grasp spiritual concepts.

When Jesus was on Earth, he taught people using **parable**, which is said to be “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” To understand the family of God, an allegorical actual story of the Hebrew Elimelech family helps us visualize the **spiritual relationship** (= bond) between God, Israel, Christ, and the Church.



Relationship between God, Israel, Christ, Church.

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

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

Panoramically, the Book of Ruth is about the past history and future **relationships** between God the Father and Israel (Jews), and between Christ (Jew) and the Church (gentiles).

The Old Testament story of Ruth is about a physical family. The New testament concept of spiritual 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 Abba Father is a role model to earthly fathers.

ISRAEL—**"NAOMI"**—**"Pleasantness"**

Israel is the spiritual "wife" of God. *"I was an husband unto them [Israelites], saith the Lord" (Jer. 31:32). "It shall be, in that day," says the Lord, "That you will call Me "My Husband [Ishi]," and no longer call Me "My Master [Baali]" (Hos. 2:16 NKJV).*

There is a huge difference between a wife and a slave. The wife is in a union with her husband, not just a dutiful slave to her master. A wife is equal to her husband, and owns all that he has. A slave is below the master.

CHRIST—**"BOAZ"**—**"in him is strength"**

As Boaz (**bo** "in him," **az** "strength") 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.

CHURCH—**"RUTH"**—**"friend"**

As Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Naomi and Elimelech, so will be the **relationship** of the **Church** to Israel and God. The Church will be the spiritual bride and wife of Christ. Now, the Church is only "engaged." As Ruth had love and loyalty for Naomi; the Church and every Christian should have the utmost loyalty, respect, and love for Israel and Jews.

Story of Ruth (with analogy)

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.
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.
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**).
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.
Boaz (**Christ**) redeemed Naomi's (**Israel**) property.
Boaz (**Christ**) redeemed Ruth (**Church**).
Boaz (**Christ**) married Ruth (**Church**).
Honeymoon (**Millennium**).
Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi lived happily ever after.

Corresponding history of the Hebrews (Jews)

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).
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.
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.
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.

This page summarizes of the Book of Ruth. An analogy of the events in the *Book of Ruth* are equated with the real history of Israel (Jews). These teachings are from the book *The Romance of Redemption*, by M. R. Dehaan, M.D. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House. 1958.

HEAVENLY FATHER—“ELIMELECH”

Our Heavenly Father is the father, lover, head, and provider to believers. A role model for earthly fathers and families. Abba Father to those who are spiritually “born again.” Saved humans are His “sons and daughters.” *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God ... ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God ... if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ”* (Rom. 8:14-17).

HEAD of the FAMILY

Elimelech was the husband of Naomi. God is the spiritual “husband” of Israel. *“It shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me **Ishi** [**husband**]”* (Hos. 2:16).

The head of the wife is the husband. *“The head of every man is Christ; and the **head of the woman is the man**; and the head of Christ is God”* (1 Cor. 11:3).

The order of spiritual authority:

- **God** is the head of **Christ**.
- **Christ** is the head of every **man**.
- **Man** is the head of a **woman** (wife).
- **Woman** is the head of her **children**.

Christ is the head of the **woman** (Church).

LOVER of the FAMILY

*“What manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called **children of God**! ... let us love one another, for **love is of God** ... everyone who loves is born of God and knows God”* (1 John 3:1; 4:7).

*“**Husbands** ought to **love their own wives** as their **own bodies**; he who loves his wife **loves himself**. For no one ever hated his own flesh [body], but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church”* (Eph. 5:28).

PROVIDER of the FAMILY

The Lord provides for all our needs and indeed one of His name is **Jehovah-Jireh**, (“the Lord will provide”). Creation and creatures came from the Creator Elohim. In fact, all the cosmos and life therein depends on Him for their continual existence.

You need daily physical bread and spiritual manna, i.e., to hear, read, analyze, digest, and understand the Word of God (Bible). So, “eat” both the physical and spiritual foods.

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 (Israelites). The Hebrews broke their end of an agreement by practicing idolatry, so God said He will make a *new contract* with them.

*“I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and ... Judah: 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 the **moon** [Promised Land] 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 (our Savior Jesus) has done his work on the cross (redemption of mankind) and now sits at the right-hand side of God in Heaven. Read about Joseph’s dream: Gen. 37:9.

PROMISED LAND

God created the Earth, so He has the authority to give His land to whoever He wants. He gave to Israel the **Promised Land**. *“The earth is the Lord’s [owner], 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 became a world power under King David. King Solomon build a temple to God in peace in the Promised Land. But their sin of idolatry brought God’s judgment; they were exiled into slavery. *“They provoked the Lord to anger because they forsook Him and served **Baal** [pagan idol, false god]”* (Judg. 2:13).

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, kinsman to humans (related), 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 will return 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 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 evil 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).

The Lord of Harvest is the Commander to his faithful servants. The evil spirits' aim in the spiritual war is collecting souls for Hell; but our goal is harvesting souls for Heaven.

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"

CHRIST
Groom
(JEW)



CHURCH
Bride
(GENTILE)

Eternal union

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—BODY of CHRIST

In our Bible study, we equated the Church with Ruth (gentile). Christ's relationship to the Church is similar to 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).

Ruth is symbolic of the Church. 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 Christians (spiritual cells) make up the body of the Church, which is composed of numerous redeemed souls. The gentiles consist of many races, ethnic groups, nations, tribes, and clans.

A gentile could be an Apache, Arab, Belgian, Burmese, Chinese, Croatian, Dane, Dominican, Ecuadorean, Ethiopian, Fijian, Finn, Gambian, Guatemalan, Haitian, Hungarian, Indonesian, Icelander, Jamaican, Japanese, Kenyan, Kuwaiti, Laotian, Luxembourger, Macedonian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Nigerian, Omani, Oneida, Pakistani, Peruvian, Qatari, Quechan, Romanian, Rwandan, Somali, Swazi, Taiwanese, Tanzanian, Ukrainian, Uruguayan, Venezuelan, Vietnamese, Welshman, Winnebago, Yemeni, Yugoslav, Zimbabwean, or Zambian. Any gentile is eligible to become part of the Church. Becoming a child of God is by prayer request, repentance, and commitment to Christ.

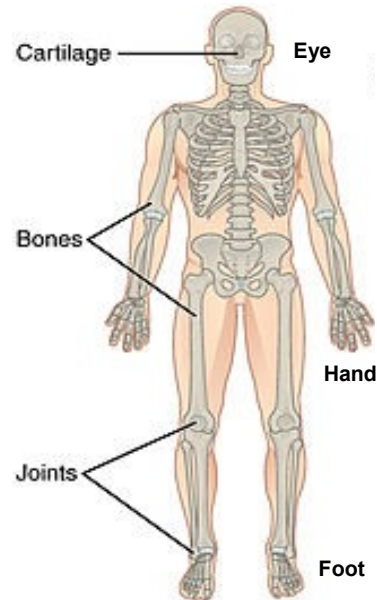
The Church is a living organism, not just an inanimate building. It can experience joy, pleasure, inspiration, discouragement, torment, and pain. It can be emotionally hurt by rejection or prejudice. It can also be comforted by care and love. Christians must all cooperate and care for each other. They must love, not just a few, but all people.

After Tribulation, saved gentiles and the Jews, the "Chosen People," will live peacefully together. There'll be no more effort to "drive the Jews into the sea" and no more anti-Semitism.

What differentiates Christianity from other religions is its emphasis on **the future**. While some religions could teach you, enrich you, or help you live longer, but **only Christianity** is willing to sacrifice this present life for the next. It can say, *"If your eye causes you to stumble [sin], pluck it out. It is better for you to **enter the kingdom of God** [future life] with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell"* (Mark 9:47). *"For what will it profit a man if he **gains the whole world**, and loses his own soul?"* (Mark 8:36).

ANATOMY of the HUMAN BODY

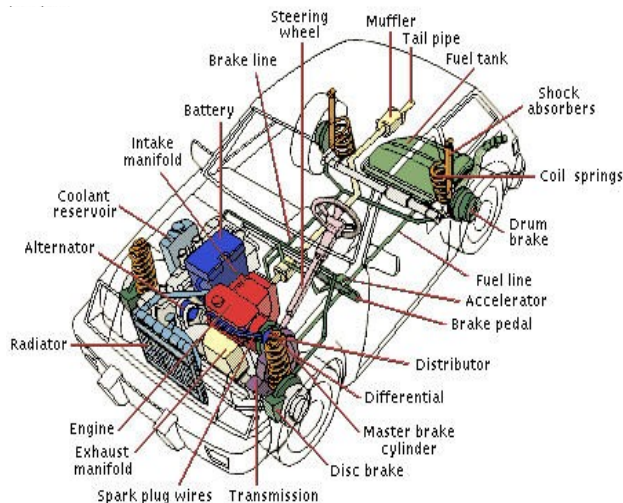
A human has one body, but has many cell members. Likewise, a Christian is a unique member in the "**body of Christ**." Each one is vital. The **saints'** interactions are like the **cells'** interactions in the human body.



*"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** the members rejoice with it. Now 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).

ANATOMY of an AUTOMOBILE

A vehicle analogy depicts a vast number of moving parts, intricate mechanisms, that all work together to perform our transportation. An automobile has many parts, but each piece is vital to the operation of the whole car. One part is no less or more important than another. A **windshield wiper** is just as vital as an axle, alternator, battery, brake, carburetor, engine, fuel tank, radiator, tire, or rear-view mirror.



In a society, a bias person (e.g., Hitler) might think his people (Aryan Nation) are the only ones that deserves to live, and other people (Jews, Slavic, communists, gypsies, handicaps, blacks, and non-Aryan) must be eliminated. That's like saying, "we don't need a coolant, a transmission, or a distributor in this vehicle." **Hitler** didn't realize that he himself was the "malfunctioning part" in the German people. Every part is necessary and useful in a car. Likewise, one human is just as important and essential as any other human.

As a car is the sum of many parts, mankind is composed of many races, nations, and tribes. Each people have their own origin, language, history, culture, education, religion, and belief.

Each human is also unique. Some are born black, brown, yellow, white, African, Asian, European, Jew, rich, poor, known, unknown, male, female, loved, unloved, small, tall, big, powerful, powerless, smart, retarded, or even disabled, armless, legless, blind, deaf, or mute. But to God **no** human is worthless, useless, or meaningless. As they say, "**God makes no trash.**" Each person is precious to his Creator.

HUMANS—SYMBIOTIC BEINGS

A human has an interrelated, interdependent relationship with people, nature, and universe. Speaking of related, scientists say you're made up of "star dusts" from distant exploded stars.

A person has symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationship with all life. We all came from the same first human family. We need and depend on other life forms (seeds, plants, crops, fruits, insects, fish, birds, and animals) to live.

Therefore, we all have need of each other and should care for and love one another. Just as God had originally created and designed us to be. Despite some interruptions from sin, war, death, and Satan, in time all life in the universe will be like life in the blissful Garden of Eden.

"Man is part of a delicately balanced universe in which all components—all life forms and natural elements—interrelate and interact, with no part being more or less important than any other. Further, it is believed that only man can upset this balance ..."

The universe in an ideal state is one in which all parts ... are maintained in an interrelated harmony ... Illness, physical or mental, is the result of upsetting the harmony. Conversely the cure for illness is to restore the patient to harmony," says author Tom Bahti¹.

To a Christian, the aim is harmony with God. Sin, war, and death have upset that harmony.

NEXT LIFE is ETERNAL LIFE

Life is more than just existing. Our future will be unimaginably wonderful. *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him"* (1 Cor. 2:9, Isa. 64:4).

In our next life, God and Jesus will be with us in person. Our faith will greatly multiply. What amazing things we'll be seeing, doing, discovering, inventing, creating, and visiting. We are talking about doing these deeds, most likely, without machines and spaceships.

What a blessing it'll be to live in an utopian universe. Anywhere you go in the vast cosmos, you'll be greeted by friendly creatures, plants, animals, insects, and even bacteria. There'll be nothing to fear, even for women and children.

¹ Tom Bahti, *Southwestern Indian Ceremonials*. Copyrighted 1970 by KC Publications, Inc.

Choosing HEAVEN or HELL

As an example, let's say you're born as a Tiger Shark, aka "the garbage can of the sea." As a predator, you ate fish, seals, tunas, turtles, other sharks, and even pigs, bottles, and tires.

One day, all creatures decided on separation between **predators** from **non-predators**. Two worlds were set aside for permanent life there. A creature selects one and stays there. One goes only left or right. There's no return.

In your left lane, you saw an endless line of harmful creatures, such as killer whales, sea snakes, poisonous jelly fishes, electric eels, alligators, cobras, wolves, and other thugs.

You thought, "I can't live in 'dog eat dog' world forever!" You panic and tried to go right. They stopped you and said, "You can't enter a non-predator realm. You're a predator! The only way into that harmless world is to get your predatory tooth removed." Your sharp tooth was pulled and you became an amiable dolphin. Then you're released into a crowd of harmless creatures in that benign realm.

In the real world, if you don't like living among billions of thugs in Hell, then you must be "defanged," "declawed," and "made non-poisonous," so to speak. In other words, you must repent of your sinful deeds, be cleanse by the blood of Christ, and be saved by Jesus. Then you'll be safe to be released into Heaven to live among the harmless saints.

SALVATION and NEW LIFE in HEAVEN

An example of the destiny of a saved person:

In 1850, you're born of a Kiowa tribe. You (Lone Wolf) made a living by hunting buffalos, which there're once millions of them, says your father. In your 20s, you fought in wars with other tribes, gold prospectors, settlers, and Buffalo Soldiers. You collected scalps (prospector, Indian, two whites, two blacks). After the Indian Wars, they renamed you Sixkiller. You resumed hunting for buffalos and wild games, but mostly drunk.

One day, a missionary came and you first heard the Gospel. You thought, "what a storyteller!" But before the end of your of life, you got small-pox disease. As you're dying, you remembered the story of Jesus, got saved, and was forgiven. You spend your last few weeks in the hospital and talked to sick patients about your Savior. And unbeknownst to you, six sinners eventually received Christ. Two even attended your funeral.

A loud voice woke you up in the grave, "*Lone Wolf Sixkiller come forth.*" It's Judgment Day. Christ said to an angel who read from the Book of Life, "*What are his sins?*" "*None here,*" he replied. No punishment for the saved, only gifts. Jesus gave you a **stone** with your new name "Lon Sixsaver" and a **star**. (Read Rev. 2:17-28).

A star in a distant galaxy was yours! On one of habitable planets, you lived with your family in a wonderful place, like the "Garden of Eden." No more reservation, hunger, or wars. Praise God.

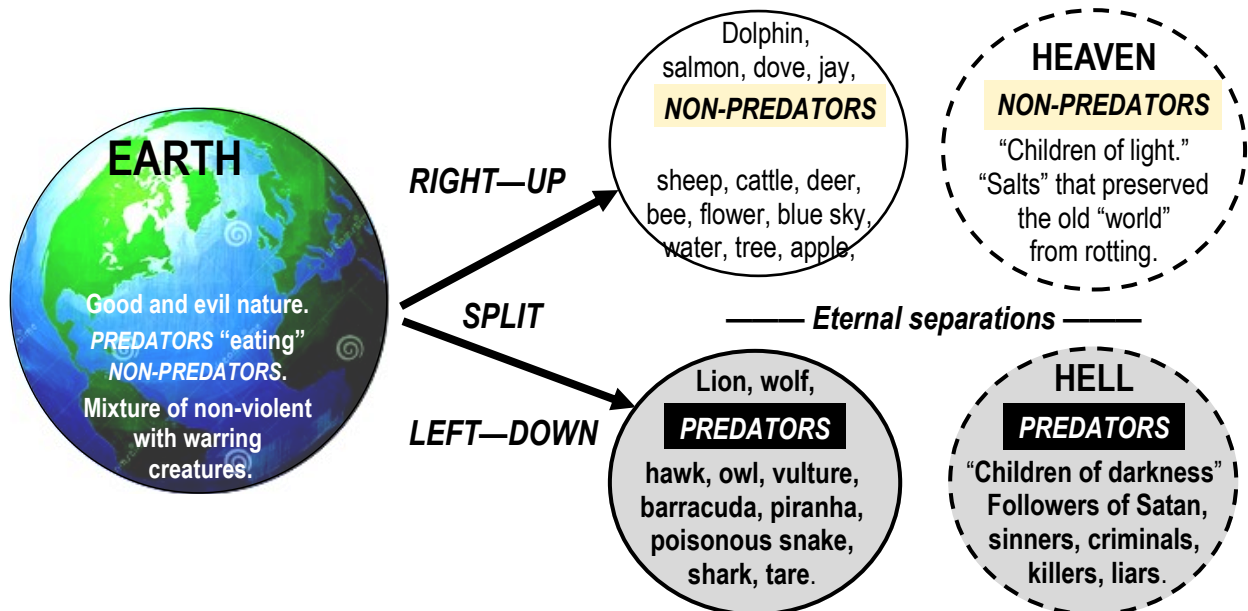


Illustration and analogy of the separation between good non-predators and evil predatory creatures.

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.

1-3 *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.*

7-10 *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).

Incorrigible, unrepentant, obstinate sinners are assembled, and then isolated in Hell.

JUDGMENT of ANGELS and HUMANS

The Creator **vets everyone** who will enter His heavenly home. Judgment will proceed for angels, demons, and humans. Good angels stay in Heaven; but fallen angels are moved to Hell.

Unrepentant human sinners receive **punishment** for their outstanding sins. They didn’t take advantage of forgiveness of their sins by Christ.

Repentant humans, though, will be forgiven of their sins by the purifying blood of their Savior, who endured and paid the price of sin. Since new citizens of Heaven are acquitted of their guilt, then 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]. Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”* (Rev. 20:11-15).

The Great White Judgment will reveal many hidden secrets. We’ll know completely about the Devil, Adam, Eve, Jack the Ripper, Mao, who shot JFK, who started and funded wars, cheating spouses, graffiti writers, computer hackers, etc.

People will be famous beyond their imagination. Everyone will know who you exactly are. All your secrets will be known: your cheating, lies, murders, abortions, stealing, etc. Whatever you said (*&@#) or done in secret will be heard and seen by all (**all** means ~10 billions people)!

“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 will forgive and clean you from all your sin. That is the reason He died on the cross for you.

All will see and know the consequences of sin. Then, people will **gladly follow God** forever.

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 HEAVEN 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 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, I'll say few words of summary and encouragement. People try to comprehend and understand God, but we all fall short (religions and denominations, too).

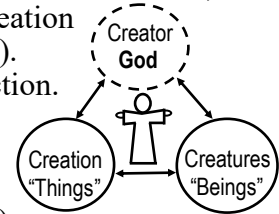
The Creator (**being**) made creation (**things**) and creatures (**beings**).

He made laws for their interaction.

The Law of Physics governs creation that scientists study.

The Law of Love encourage Creatures (angels and humans)

to good behavior and character, which religionists study.



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

Our Creator wants love and harmony among all His creatures and creations for the optimum function and interaction in the Total Universe.

Love (like **oil**) lubricates the interacting mechanisms of creation and creatures in the universe.

Sin (like **friction**) impedes its smooth operation.

All was made for God's **pleasure and glory**.

Soli Deo Gloria—Solely to God be the **glory**.

*“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive **glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, for thy pleasure they are and were created”*** (Rev. 4:11). He made angels and humans

with **free-will**. He could have made them robots (obedient programmed **things**), instead He made children (self-determining **beings**) to—by their own free-will—love, glorify, and worship Him.

Misuse of our free-will has led to evil deeds.

Sin is exploitation of others to benefit oneself.

Lust (covet) begets **sin** that begets **death**. Evil spirits have upset the harmony in nature, Earth, Heaven, and universe. They caused sin, war, and death. Christ has reversed those evils with love, truth, grace, peace, and eternal life.

Spiritual war began in **Heaven**, then sunk to **Earth**, but will finally settle in **Hell** forever.

In the eternal future, the universe will be at peace. Wherever you go, on Earth or to a distant planet, loving humans will welcome you. The Earth will be the “Garden of Eden” again.

Humans and angels learned, by bitter experience, that free-will can be a blessing or a curse.

Prepare for the Great Tribulation. It is at our doorstep and its prophecies will all be fulfilled. God, Bible, and science have been my teachers. Pray to Jesus for salvation, guidance, and wisdom. God bless you. —Author Jimmy Yellowhair