

Twelve “Strange Winds” of Doctrine

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Undermining the “Twelve Mysteries” of God which Under-gird
“The Faith Once Delivered to the Church”



(Eph 4:14 KJV) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

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Introduction

A Threefold Admonition from the Apostle Paul to Timothy, “My Own Son in the Faith”

1. Keep the truth committed to thy trust!
(1 Tim 6:20 KJV) O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:
2. Study to rightly divide the word of truth!
(2 Tim 2:15 KJV) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
Study: G4704. spoudazo, spoo-dad'-zo; from G4710; to use speed, i.e., to make effort, be prompt or earnest: --do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavour
3. Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season!
(2 Tim 4:2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
Word: 3056. logos, log'-os; from G3004; something said (including the thought); expression (i.e., Christ) The Person and Work of Christ

The Apostle Paul the Chief Apostle to the Church.

See *Special Study:* [Paul the Chief Apostle to the Church.](#)

(Gal 1:11-12 KJV) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The apostasy of the Church (falling away from the truth) today is the subtle undermining of “the faith once delivered to the Church” by twelve “Strange Winds of Doctrine” (see outline below) Vs the [Twelve Mysteries of God](#) blowing the Church off course. The Early Church was invisible and heavenly but through the falling away in the seven stages of apostasy, the Latter Church is now visible and earthly. See *Special Study:* [Church Seated in the World.](#)

(Jude 1:3 KJV) ... it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the “faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (1 Tim 1:19 KJV) Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Three Evil Doctrines Leavening the Gospel

Beware of Leaven! The Parable of the Leavened Loaf - Matthew 13:33

The warning to beware of “leaven,” as “false doctrine” being hidden within the “three measures of meal,” as the Gospel through the Trinity, will prove vital in understanding the “subtly” of the Adversary and the “roots” to the “apostasy.”

(Mat 16:12 KJV) Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

(2 Tim 4:3 KJV) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Three Bewares:

1. Beware of the Bible Versions “as Confusion of Tongues”

Many Bible versions are paraphrases having departed from a “word for word” translation. Even within some of the “word for word” translations Theologians have taken liberty in adding and deleting doctrinal words which has subtly changed doctrine. Therefore, Grace Assembly remains committed to the King James Authorized Version in pursuance of “sound doctrine” as the “faith once delivered.”

See *Special Study*: [“Which Translation is God’s Word?”](#)

Note: We do use Bible commentaries and helps leading to a more complete understanding of the original Hebrew and Greek texts within the confines of the “Textus Receptus.”

2. Beware of “Religious” Intoxicants! - Is the “Latter Church” In Revival or Apostasy?

“What saith the scripture? We urge believers to familiarize themselves with the “Exodus Generation” used as an “ensample” in I Corinthians Chapter 10 by the Apostle Paul. (I Corinthians 10:5) “But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.”

This “ensample” provides prophetic insight into both the “beginnings and endings” of Abraham’s two “seed lines.”

(1) Israel, Abraham’s natural seed line in Genesis Chapter 13

(2) The Church, Abraham’s heavenly seed line in Genesis Chapter 15

Take Heed to this Ensample! “The Exodus Generation” - These two seed lines of Abraham, as Israel and the Church must “take heed” to the ensample of the “Exodus Generation” lest they also depart from the faith and become overthrown in unbelief in the wilderness of this world. Like the Children of Israel in the wilderness, both seed lines began in faith trusting the invisible spiritual order but fell into unbelief by trusting a visible order as the works of their own hands which is defined as idolatry in the Ten Commandments. The “Exodus Generation” fell from faith in waiting for Moses, as type of Christ, ascended into Mt Sinai promising to return. When Moses, a type of Christ, delayed his return they fell in unbelief, doubting he would ever come back. With Aaron’s consent they began forming a graven image out of their earrings (“turned away their ears”) which melted in the fire becoming “the Golden Calf” symbolic of pagan worship

in Egypt. They worshipped the works of their own hands as their gods which brought them out of Egypt and fell into the “great sin” of idolatry.

(Exo 32:4 KJV) ... fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

(2 Tim 4:4 KJV) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Subtle “Golden Calf Worship” in the Organized Church - Golden Calf Worship in the Church today is much more subtle and must be discerned. The Early Church witnessed the ascension of the Lord with His promised return. In time, they also became wearied in waiting for the Lord’s return from heaven. The Early Church waned in holding by faith the invisible order of Christ as Head and the Church as an organism under the “Seven Ones” according to Ephesians 4:1-6. See *Special Study* [Sevenfold Unity of the Spirit](#). The Church began forming visible headships and organizations of men as the works of their own hands. These gradually replaced the invisible order by faith becoming spiritual idolatry and in essence “Golden Calf” worship. The Lord Himself prophesied the “Early Church,” as the “green tree” would become the “dry tree,” as the “Latter Church. This agrees with Early Church Apostles also warning in their writings of a “falling away” especially in the “last days!” See *Special Study* [Seven Steps of Apostasy](#). Also see the online course Seven Evil Kings.

(2 Tim 3:1 KJV) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

(2 Tim 4:3 KJV) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

“He That Hath an Ear Let Him Hear!” - The message is clear to the Church and Israel as Abraham’s two seed lines. They must “remember and repent” of spiritual idolatry as Golden Calf worship and “return” to the Lord and the invisible order by faith as “faith once delivered.” Judgment must begin at the House of God according to 1 Peter 4:17 and Revelation 1, 2 & 3. The Church will need to respond to the Lord during this time of judgement also known as the “times of restoration” as “short work” upon the earth. See *Special Study* [Spirit Storm](#).

(Rom 9:28 KJV) For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

(1 Pet 4:17 KJV) For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

3. Beware of “Leaven” in Doctrine!

(Matt 16:12 KJV) Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

The Three Evil Doctrines, as Leaven - (Jude 1:11 KJV) “Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward and perished in the gainsaying of Core.”

The Parable of the Leavened Bread- Matthew 13:33 - The “Three Evil Doctrines” in Jude verse 11 equates to the little “leaven” added to the three measures meal; the eternal work of redemption as the gospel accomplished by God, as the Trinity, totally apart from the works of man. Leaven, or the works of man, once added, will eventually leaven the whole lump or loaf of doctrine, as the Gospel. This defines “the great falling away” from the “faith once delivered” and the Invisible Church becoming a “form of godliness denying the power” of the gospel and inevitably becomes the doctrine of the Visible Church as the Harlot Church in Revelation 17. See *online Course* [Matthew 13 Parables](#).

Three Evil Doctrines Defining Leaven in Doctrine

“Touching the Silver” - The Way of Cain equates to touching the “Silver” as an Old Testament type of redemption by the blood, as a free gift without the works of men from receiving a new birth until receiving a glorified body. See *Special Study* [Ten Facts Concerning Our New Birth](#).

“Touching the Gold” - The Way, Error and Doctrine of Balaam equates to touching the “Gold” in preaching the gospel for the remunerations, i.e., monetary rewards, name recognition, applause while underlying motives and behaviors gradually increase and become justified by “the doctrine of Balaam.” (See Numbers chapters 22-24.)

“Touching the Glory” - The “Gainsaying of Korah” Old Testament or “Core” in the New Testament equates to “touching the glory” belonging only to God and to Christ, as the Head of the Church and as our Great High Priest. In this case it means elevating oneself into an office belonging only to God and Christ. (See Numbers chapter 16.) See *Special Study* [Fivefold Departure of the Church](#).

How does Leaven “once added” to the Meal Leaven the Whole Lump?

(Gal 5:9 KJV) A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. The leavening of the gospel, as the “three measures of meal,” is the subtle addition of “three Evil Doctrines” as the “little leaven.” The “little leaven” is “religion”, or the addition of man’s works added to the gospel eventually ending in a “form of godliness” denying the power of the gospel. This is a “subtle process” defined as the “apostasy” or the gradual “falling away” from “the faith once delivered.”

From “Faith” into “Form”

Because “apostasy” is a gradual process the Church loses memory of the “faith once delivered” and gradually embraces a “form of godliness.” This represents a gradual fall from “faith,” as a new creation holding an invisible order in to accepting a “form” in the visible order as the old creation. If the Church does not “repent” and “return” to the “faith once delivered, the Church will continue into a greater “form of godliness.” They willingly ignore the “famine of the Word of God” and the “drought” of the rain of the Holy Spirit.” Instead, they become enamored with increasing numbers, wealth, programs, larger edifices, and continue to deny the “falling away.”

Intervals of Revival

Through the Church age many revivals were sent by the Holy Spirit with emphasis on certain truths and some in the Church were able to remember, repent and return. These revivals soon faded, and the Church continued into an even greater “form of godliness.”

The Church being momentarily stirred through revivals continued in the “apostasy” as the gradual “falling away” from “faith to form” and from their identity as the “Invisible Church” falling into the “Visible Church.” The “apostasy” from the Early Church to the Latter Church will reach the seventh stage on the Day of the Lord as the Seventh Day. See *Special Study* [Seven Millennial Days](#).

A Divine Intervention

This gradual and subtle process of falling into Apostasy began at the Early Church and has continued down to the Latter Church. Because this departure is very gradual it becomes imperceptible to those within the system. However, the Lord Himself will accost His Church on the “Day of the Lord,” the Seventh Day, and the “Day of Christ,” the Third Day. This will begin the judgment at the house of God according to I Peter 4:17-18 and Revelation 1, 2 & 3 determining believers’ rank and glory and ultimate escape through the “open door” into heaven.

See *Pastors’ Page* [Strange Trial Vs Seven Good Years](#).

(Rev 2:7) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;

“Come Out and Be Separate” - 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

Without the Lord’s divine intervention on the Day of the Lord, the Seventh Day and on the Day of Christ, the Third Day, many in the true Church would just continue in their Golden Calf systems! They eventually could flow into a union with the Harlot Church having only a “form of godliness” and awake only when the system embraces the “Man of Sin,” as Christ.

Rev (18:4) “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” This travesty is compounded as the departures from “sound doctrine” are now subtly interwoven into the text of many new Bible translations and accepted, as the Holy Scriptures.

■ **The Way of Cain as Leaven**

See *Special Study*: [Three Evil Doctrines](#)

Genesis Chapter Four

The “Way of Cain,” defines the behavior of Cain, as the firstborn of Adam and Eve; he finally rejected a blood offering as the only atonement for sin and the only way to be accepted by God. In truth, Cain sought another way to be accepted by God through his own good works, morality and good character but was rejected by God. In contrast the “Way of Abel,” Cain’s brother, simply brought a blood offering and was accepted by God. Cain became wroth and slew his younger brother Abel and afterward departed out of the presence of God and tried to establish another way of acceptance through religion.

A Warning to Believers

Believers must beware of a subtle intrusion of the “way of Cain” being interjected into their doctrine. Having received the free gift of salvation according to Eph 2:8 - by grace

through faith and not of works defined as justification by faith through grace believers receive a new birth and are counted righteous. Believers have entered into “rest” and must beware of falling from grace by the subtle addition of works in order to keep their salvation or in becoming sanctified or even glorified through their own works. Their salvation is a finished work and believers must enter into “rest” and receive the “refreshing” as the gift of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 Thereafter, they become the workmanship of God in Christ Jesus. Believers beware of a subtle mixture of law with grace hindering growth in Christ and true fruitfulness; walking in ordained works which is the theme of the Book of Galatians.

(Eph 2:10 KJV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The Rest - Rest is defined in the Old Testament as "Shiloh" in Genesis 49:10. This refers to Israel's promised Messiah, both His Person and Work as "the rest" and entrance into their Millennial Kingdom, as the Rest. Israel having rejected their Messiah, His Person and Work as "the rest" must now wait until after the Church age. According to Hebrews 4, the Church entered "the rest" of Christ's Person and Work and will yet enter their heavenly rest and promised land through death, burial, and resurrection or through translation. Afterward Israel, though nationally restored, will yet accept their Messiah as "the rest" and be spiritually restored and afterward enter their Millennial Rest and Kingdom.

The Refreshing - Refreshing used in Isaiah 28:12 referring to the promise of the Father, as the Holy Spirit to be received by believers based on accepting the Person and Work of Christ as "the rest." This was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost according to the pattern in Acts Chapter two. This was later defined by the Apostle Paul as the "one baptism" in Ephesians 4:4-6 or the birthday of the Church, as the Body of Christ. Believers became eligible to receive the same Holy Spirit that rested upon Christ in Luke 4 in offering the Kingdom to Israel for seven years, but even greater as joined unto the risen, glorified and anointed one, as the Head of the Body of Christ that reigns provisionally but will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. After the Day of Pentecost believers became known as Christians or "anointed ones." Also see term “Rest.”

■ **The Way, Error, and Doctrine of Balaam as Leaven**

See *Special Study* [Three Evil Doctrines](#).

The “Way of Balaam” – Numbers chapters 22-24

The “Way of Balaam” defines a “hireling prophet.” Balaam was solicited, by Balak, King of Moab and the Elders of the Midianites to use his prophetic gift in soliciting Baal to curse Israel in exchange for gold or other remunerations. The rulers of these two lands feared Israel’s passing through their territories enroute to their Promised Land. They conspired to hire Balaam to curse God’s people as a “hireling prophet.” Balaam is typical of false prophets of Baal who intermingle their prophecies with enough true knowledge as "perverted” knowledge, claiming to speak for Jehovah. However, Balaam finally acknowledged that only Jehovah, as the Most High God, was able to curse Israel and therefore he used blood offerings which were to no avail. Balaam may also furnish

a type of prophets having a true knowledge of the Lord, as Jehovah but become willing to pervert the truth and use their gifts in exchange for the promise of gold or other remunerations.

The Error of Balaam, as a “hireling prophet” was his inability to curse Israel as God’s redeemed covered by redemptive blessing. Balaam, being astute, knew that only the Lord, as Jehovah was able to curse Israel, His chosen people. Balaam discovered Israel’s shortcomings and solicited God to curse them by blood offerings of seven oxen, seven rams and seven lambs on seven altars. However, Balaam when opening his mouth to curse Israel God countermanded his utterances into prophetic blessings three times. These three utterances are considered “prophetic masterpieces” defining God’s blessings on the nation of Israel, His redeemed and chosen people.

The Doctrine of Balaam, as a “hireling prophet,” will prove more perplexing following Balaam’s “Three Prophetic Blessings” on the Nation of Israel. King Balak of Moab was greatly stressed and angered by Balaam’s failures to curse Israel. However, Balak later counseled with Balaam who suggested a subtle strategy known as the “Doctrine of Balaam.” The strategy was to compromise the behavior of the young men of Israel through co-mingling with the Moabites and their young women resulting in their committing fornication. This subtle strategy proved effectual and as the “Doctrine of Balaam” moved Jehovah to chastise His own people wherein 24,000 perished and ultimately Balaam was rewarded by Balak, King of Moab.

“Spiritual Wickedness” In the House of God

The depth of spiritual or religious wickedness that lies in the “Doctrine of Balaam” is difficult to perceive among many true ministers with knowledge of the Lord, as Jehovah. However, the Lord, as Judge of the Church, indicted the Church in Pergamos, in Revelation 2:14, for tolerating this evil doctrine in their midst and calling for their immediate repentance or He would personally visit them with the two-edged sword according to Revelation 1:16. (1 Pet 4:17 KJV) For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

■ **The Gainsaying of Korah or Core as Leaven**

See *Special Study*: [Three Evil Doctrines](#)

Numbers Chapters 22-24

The “gainsaying of Korah” or “Core” describes the behavior of Korah, a Levite Priest desiring glory and equality with Moses, as God’s appointed Mediator, and Aaron, as High Priest under the First Covenant of the Law. Therefore, the “gainsaying” today by ministers of the gospel is defined as desiring a greater place and greater glory and are willingly to transgress God’s Divine order. Please consider the “deep roots” of this behavior discerned by God in the heart of Lucifer/Satan when he in desired equality with the Godhead. This transgression defined the “Mystery of Iniquity” as original sin according to Isaiah chapter 14 and Ezekiel chapter 28. Under the New Covenant of Grace, God the Father appointed His Son, Christ Jesus, as the Great Mediator and the Great High Priest of the Church. Ultimately, all “gainsaying” or transgression of God’s

Divine Order within the Church is “rooted” in the Mystery of Iniquity in ultimately desiring equality with Christ. The “gainsaying of Korah” from the Old Testament finds its equivalent in the “deeds” and Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes in the New Testament in Revelation 2:6 and 2:15.

See *Special Study*: [Fivefold Departure of the Church](#)

“Deeds” and “Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes” Revelation 2:6 and 2:15

The “gainsayings of Korah” or “Core” in the Old Testament is defined in the New Testament under the repudiated “Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes.” This doctrine covers the clergy’s efforts to subdue and conquer the laity by undermining the separation between the Lord as the Head of His Church and the laity resulting in an eventual dominance by a priesthood. This was the beginning of the separation and elevation of the priesthood and the servitude of the laity defining spiritual idolatry.

(Rev 2:6 KJV) But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

(Rev 2:15 KJV) “So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.”

Nicolaitanes’ Doctrine - A Party, or sect, in the Church at Ephesus and Pergamos whose practice and doctrine were severely censured. The doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (niko “to conquer” and laos, “the people” or laity) is grouped with the three doctrines in Jude Vs 11, as the “way of Cain, “the “way, error and doctrine of Balaam” and the “gainsayings of Korah.” The Nicolaitanes were followers of some heresiarch called Nicolaus, possibly an early church deacon in the Jerusalem Church. This sect strayed from the true meaning of the gospel as by grace through the Holy Spirit as the means of true overcoming as taught by the Apostle Paul. This left believers to their own efforts making them weak and vulnerable. In subtleness leaders began to encourage believers to use their “liberty for an occasion of the flesh.” Subsequently, these believers became weak and carnal in their practices and were overcome or conquered by a Priesthood who gained ascendancy by touching the “Silver,” “Gold,” and “Glory” of redemption accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ. These leaders appeared strong and sanctimonious howbeit through self-righteousness falling short of true righteousness by faith. This subtle form of legality produced the erroneous doctrine of “Concision.” Concision amounts to good flesh cutting off bad flesh. This doctrine is opposite of true “Circumcision” of being cut off through the death of Christ “without hands.”

See *Special Study*: [Concision Vs Circumcision](#)

Three Deviations of the Evidence in Receiving the Holy Spirit

The Day of Pentecost

There is no controversy that the Promise of the Father was fulfilled in sending the Gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost on the 120 believers sitting in the Upper Room according to Acts Chapter 2. This was first evidenced by a rushing mighty wind from heaven filling the house where the 120 were sitting. Then there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as fire and sat upon each of them. After this they were all filled by the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. The succession of events as recorded on the Day of Pentecost was in God's divine order and establishes doctrine. As believers we must grasp the enormity of the gift of the Holy Spirit, as the third member of the Trinity. This was the greatest gift ever bestowed on believers following the unspeakable gift of Christ Himself as their eternal life. Therefore, we must take heed to the Divine order of events and the establishment of Early Church doctrine!

The Day of Pentecost – A Special Visitation to the Nation of Israel

The Holy Spirit evidenced Himself by filling and then speaking through the 120 believers in other or unknown tongues. However, a special phenomenon occurred on the Day of Pentecost. The 120 believers in the Upper Room were speaking in the known languages of those gathered in Jerusalem from other nations for the Feast of Weeks. This was a great sign to the Nation of Israel of that the resurrected Christ was their Messiah having provided the promised redemptive “rest” through His vicarious work on the Cross. The Holy Spirit was a second sign as the “refreshing” prophesied in Isaiah 28:11-13. The nation received a supernatural witness in hearing this twofold message in their own languages.

Daniel's 70th Week

Beginning with the Day of Pentecost and for the next seven years, Israel experienced an earnest of their Millennial Kingdom as Daniel's 70th week according to Daniel 9:24. This week of “seven years,” would have ushered in the “times of restoration” of Israel's Millennial Kingdom according to Acts chapter 3. However, the nation of Israel, except for a remnant, stumbled and fell backwards in rejecting Christ, as their Messiah. They rejected His redemptive work, as the “rest” and rejecting “the refreshing” of the Holy Spirit. During this 70th Week of Daniel, Israel reverted to the Old Covenant of the Law and rejected the New Covenant of Grace forfeiting the “Times of Restoration” as their promised Millennial Kingdom during the First Advent of Christ. So, in the eighth year, God began turning to the Gentiles by visiting the House of Cornelius and subsequently declared His visitation to the Gentiles in Acts Chapter 15. He likewise declared that after this visitation to the Gentiles, as the Church age, God will turn again to His ancient people Israel and resume the “times of restoration”

See *Special Study*: [Daniel's 70th Week](#).

Tongues as Evidence in the Book Acts - Settled in Jerusalem Council Meeting

Speaking in other tongues as the evidence of receiving Holy Spirit, continued well after the Day of Pentecost and was implied or became a recorded experience. The truth of the “rest” and “refreshing” was later validated at the Great Council Meeting in

Jerusalem nineteen years after the Day of Pentecost in Acts 15. Two distinct doctrinal disputes were settled by Peter, the Chief Apostle to Jews as the Circumcision and by Paul, the Chief Apostle to the Gentiles, as the Un-Circumcision. The first dispute settled by the Early Church at this council meeting was that both Jews and Gentiles were saved by grace through faith apart from keeping the Law of Moses. The second dispute settled was that Gentiles also received the same Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues, as the Jews did on the Day of Pentecost. Therefore, the conclusion was that both Jew and Gentile were saved by grace through faith and received the same Holy Spirit, as in the beginning with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Therefore, this became established Early Church doctrine on these two issues for both Jew and Gentiles within their respective callings.

The Early Church and Tongues

Therefore, the pattern of speaking in tongues as established in the Book of Acts continued as the initial evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit. This continued during the early formation of the Church which included both Jews and Gentiles. Speaking in tongues was clearly validated by the Apostle Paul as the Chief Apostle to the Church as his personal experience. He likewise encouraged believers to speak in tongues unto God in their individual prayer languages wherein they were speaking mysteries. He also set forth Church doctrine within the “Pauline Epistles” defining the nine gifts of the Spirit and their operation which included the Gift of Tongues and Gift of Interpretation as used in Early Church gatherings. Speaking in tongues, as the initial evidence and their continuance was clearly interwoven in Early Church doctrine.

(Acts 2:39 KJV) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

■ **The Spirit of Christ as the New Birth – Romans 8:9**

The First Deviation from Early Church Doctrine – What is the Rest?

The new birth is clearly defined as receiving the “Spirit of Christ” in Romans 8:9. The believer is first justified by faith and given an eternal standing in Christ. Subsequently, through regeneration by the Holy Spirit, the believer becomes born again as a new creation in Christ or “Christ in you.” This is a gift of God by grace through faith and not of works. Therefore the “rest” of the believer is receiving the new birth wherein Christ becomes their eternal life and righteousness by faith. Therefore, only through regeneration the believer becomes eligible to receive the subsequent gift of the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in tongues.

What is the Refreshing?

However, many erroneously teach that the “new birth” is the receiving of the Holy Spirit and subsequently the gift of the Holy Spirit is the “baptism” or “fullness” of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This subtle deviation in doctrine first diminishes the new birth, as Christ in the believer which is the “rest.” It likewise diminishes the subsequent gift of receiving the Holy Spirit, as the “refreshing,” evidenced by speaking in tongues. This subtle co-mingling has brought confusion and division in the definition of “rest,” as a finished work. It has also brought confusion and division in receiving the Holy Spirit as a subsequent gift and evidenced by speaking in tongues.

The “Rest” Compromised!

This deviation in doctrine has compromised the new birth as Christ in the believer becoming their eternal life and righteousness by faith as a finished work. It has also compromised the “refreshing” of the gift of the Holy Spirit as a subsequent experience evidenced by speaking in tongues. Many believers in the Church do not understand their new birth as “Christ in you” as their eternal life and righteousness by faith and their “rest” has been disturbed in fear they will lose their salvation!

The “Refreshing” Compromised!

Many in the Church will never receive the “refreshing” as they believe they received the gift of the Holy Spirit at the time of their new birth. Therefore, they feel no need to seek a subsequent experience with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Sadly, this twofold lack of understanding of the “rest” and the “refreshing” will prove an incalculable loss to many believers in the Church. Adding to this travesty is that many new Bible translations have actually changed the following text from the KJV in replacing the word “since” with “when” and have forever closed the door to understanding of these two distinctive great truths!

(Acts 19:2 KJV) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

■ **The Initial Evidence of the Holy Spirit, as Tongues - Acts 2**

The Second Deviation – Initial Evidence of Tongues Compromised

The Second Deviation is much more subtle! Many question whether believers who speak in tongues initially is enough proof that tongues is the only evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit. This disputation conflicts with the pattern established throughout the Book of Acts and settled as doctrine by the Great Council meeting in Jerusalem in Acts 15. These “settled doctrines” were both “observed” and “preserved” by the Apostle Paul as recorded in the “Pauline Epistles.” Those questioning the initial evidence, as speaking in tongues contend there are other manifestations such as the “fruit of the Spirit” or “good works.” While these manifestations should become evident in the lives of those who are Spirit filled, they would never suffice as the initial evidence on the Day of Pentecost or chronicled in the Book of Acts. This introduces confusion and conflict with the “faith once delivered” and accepted by the Early Church.

(Jude 1:3 KJV) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Why is Initial Evidence of Tongues so Vital?

Departures from settled doctrine of speaking in tongues, as the initial evidence of receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit has created great confusion, division, and disorders within the Church. This is clearly a departure from the “the faith once delivered to the Church.” It has likewise diminished the “rest” and the “refreshing” so graciously given by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In graciousness the Church should receive “the rest” and “the refreshing” as sent! Otherwise, the loss to the Church will prove incalculable!

The Holy Spirit – the Great Comforter

(John 15:26 KJV) But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: *Comforter* 3875. *parakletos, par-ak'-lay-tos; an intercessor, consoler:--advocate, comforter*

The Holy Spirit – Guide into All Truth

(John 16:13 KJV) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

The Holy Spirit speaks the “Mysteries of God” in Unknown Tongues

(1 Cor 14:2 KJV) For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. See Special Study [Twelve Mysteries of God](#).

The Holy Spirit makes Intercession with Groanings According to God’s Divine Will

(Rom 8:26 KJV) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

■ **“Cessation” Early Church Manifestations of the Spirit**

The Third Deviation and Departure – The “Doctrine of Cessationism” – “Spiritual Strangulation”

This “Third Deviation” as a doctrine is a great departure from the “faith once delivered” and from “sound doctrine.” This will prove to be a great travesty for those in the Latter Church embracing it and will end in “spiritual strangulation.” This doctrine denies the “breath of the Holy Spirit” as operational during the entire Church Age with continuing signs, gifts, and manifestations. Those in “Cessationism” embrace erroneous doctrine that while the Early Church spoke with tongues and operated the gifts of the Spirit and witnessed many manifestations of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the Scriptures; these manifestations ceased at the end of the Apostolic Age with the final Book of Revelation.

They Contend the Church Entered the Age of “Cessationism”

Those who believe in Cessationism contends after the Book of Revelation, the Apostolic Age simply ended. Thereafter the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit “ceased” as practiced by the Early Church. The Doctrine of “Cessationism” uses (1 Cor 13:10 KJV) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. They claim the Church entered the “Perfect Age” following the Apostolic age. Under this narrow interpretation, tongues ceased, prophecies ceased, and knowledge ceased. In truth, 1 Cor 13:10 contextually describes the perfect age to come when Saints, as glorified will be face to face with the Lord in heaven. This doctrine also negates the theology, worship, and ministry of the majority of Pentecostals and the Charismatic worldwide who worship and actively preach the gospel in service unto the Lord. These saints are irrationally and falsely charged with emotionalism, heresy

and some involved in devilish practices. (Jude 1:19 KJV) These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Beware of “Cessationism!” – Failing to “Rightly Divide the Word of Truth”

We do agree the “Apostolic Age” ended with the final Book of Revelation completing the Canon of Scripture. We also agree there is no new revelation beyond the written Word of God only illumination of the revelation already given. We do recognize the Early Church Apostles and their authority as expressed through their writings, as the Word of God. We also recognize the two Chief Apostles: first, Peter, to the Jews, as the Circumcision and second Paul, to the Gentiles, as the Un-Circumcision.

The Church Age is not in the Perfect Age

We contend the Holy Spirit remains operational through the entire Church age however, under the authority of the two chief Apostles and the original Apostles through their writings, as the Holy Scriptures. We also believe there must be a continuation of the five-fold ministry gifts, the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit operating under the Apostolic authority of the Written Word. This means there is a continuation of tongues, prophesies, and knowledge, as well as all the ministry gifts and gifts of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders confirming the gospel. The “Perfect Age” will come when saints are perfected or glorified and “face to face” with the Lord in Glory! Never another chief apostle- Paul admonishes believers to acknowledge the things I write. (1 Cor 13:12 KJV) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Perils of Embracing “Doctrine of Cessationism”

Using one scripture, out of context, found in I Corinthians 13:10-13 is not sufficient to support the departure from “sound doctrine” and embracing the radical “Doctrine of Cessationism.” First, it is divisive and mutilates the Body of Christ alienating over 600 million Pentecostals and Charismatic believers who continue to speak in tongues, prophesy and seek illumination via the Holy Spirit of the Written Word. Most of these hold to the initial evidence of speaking in tongues in receiving the Holy Spirit. They also encourage operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit with manifestations within the confines of the Holy Scriptures. In our opinion, those holding the “Doctrine of Cessationism” are actively “quenching the Spirit!” They disparage believers seeking to be filled with the Spirit with tongues as the evidence. They likewise discredit Spirit filled ministers in preaching the gospel and believers as witnesses in their efforts to evangelize the world.

A Prescription for “Formalism” – “Becoming Unequally Yoked”

The “Doctrine of “Cessationism,” if received,” will in these “last days” become a prescription for imbibing “formalism” in denying the infilling of Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 as the power that will change the believer’s body by translation. This denial will eventually lead into a commingling with the “professed Church” who embrace a “form of Godliness” but “deny the power” of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord, as the Judge of the Church in Revelation 1, 2 & 3 will surely visit this movement before they join with the Harlot Church in Revelation chapter 17 embracing Replacement Theology. This theology contends the Church has spiritually replaced Israel and will usher in the Millennial Kingdom. This system will become wed to

“Babylon the Great” described in Revelation 18 comprising a counterfeit Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Cor 6:14-17 KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Three “Cunningly Devised Fables” Vs “The Blessed Hope”

(2 Pet 1:16 KJV) For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

(2 Tim 4:3-4) ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

■ Imminence – “A Doctrine of Men”

The “Strange Wind” of the Doctrine of Imminence

The Doctrine of “imminence” or “imminency” does embrace the “rapture” of the Church, as being “caught up” to meet the Lord in the air according to I Thessalonians 4:16-18. However, those embracing “imminency” also contend that Christ’s return to receive His Church was “timeless,” meaning it may occur anytime throughout the Church Age. They also hold there are no prophetic events, as “signs of the times,” as well as no prophetic times within the body of scripture signally the “rapture” event. Therefore, believers must continue to hold an attitude of “watching and waiting” for the coming of the Lord while resting in Christ’s promise to return before the Seven Year Tribulation Period. Therefore, believers should continually hold the rapture as “imminent” with the possibility it could occur momentarily. Until then, believers should “occupy” until the Lord appears to receive them unto Himself.

Imminency Vs Date Setters

The Doctrine of “Imminency” grew out of a “backlash” against the many “date setters” throughout the Church Age. These made declarations through their own “senses” and “lenses” and predicted a specific “day and hour” for the Lord’s return to rapture His Church. These “Zealots,” acted in their own spirit by examining the “signs of times” that appeared in their generation. They also ignored the “body of scripture” pertaining to searching and knowing “times and seasons.” These “date setters” have been made public examples to discourage and disparage anyone from scripturally searching into “times and seasons” and to basically ignore prophetic events as “signs of the time.” This doctrine is unscriptural and subtly promotes spiritual ignorance and thereby produces “sleepiness” and “drunkenness!”

(Rom 13:11 KJV) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Spiritual Ignorance of “One Thing” - 2 Peter 3:8 -A Thousand Years, as One Day

The Doctrine of “Imminency” is found wanting promoting spiritual ignorance of Palms 90:4 as quoted in 2 Peter 3:8.

(Palms 90:4) For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

(2 Peter 3:8) But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The “one thing” begins with the Lord on the fourth day of creation in setting heavenly time pieces according to Genesis 1:14. These heavenly bodies, as the Sun, Moon and Stars were set to keep natural time but according to Psalms 90:4 also spiritual time, as one day with the Lord as a thousand years following the pattern of the Genesis creation days. See *Special Study*: [Seven Millennial Days](#)

Other Scriptural Examples

In addition, please consider other scriptural examples of knowing express times and seasons specifically in Genesis chapter 15. Abraham was given the express time period of 400 years his seed would be in a strange land of Egypt and the fourth generation in which would return from Egypt in the Exodus. Another express time is found in Daniel 9 where the express time of Christ’s Triumphant Entry and His cutting off was prophesied as 69 weeks of years or 483 years from the Commandment to restore Jerusalem in Nehemiah Chapter two. In Psalms 90:4 a watch in the night is also considered as a thousand years. Interestingly there were four watches in the night in the Old Testament which typically covered a four-thousand-year period. In the New Testament there were three watches in the night typically covering three thousand year period, completing the Seventh Day as the great Millennial day of rest.

Our Conclusion!

In light of knowing the above scriptural “times and seasons, the “Doctrine of Imminency” should not be validated. It is a prescription that promotes spiritual ignorance, sleepiness, and drunkenness in discerning the Day of the Lord, as the greater Seventh Day and the Day of Christ as the greater third day. It also ignores the many admonitions to “watch and pray” and to take heed lest that Day come upon you unawares.” See Luke 21:34-36. Please consider 1Thessalonians 5:1-10 which challenges the narrative of this doctrine.

■ **“The Great Snatch” – “A Doctrine of Men”**

The Fable of the “Great Snatch” Dismantled!

The cunningly devised fable as the “Great Snatch” is rooted in the “doctrine of Imminence or Imminency” The “great snatch,” as a doctrine is held by many believers holding for the “Blessed Hope,” a pre-tribulation rapture of the Church. However, the only spiritual requirement is becoming a “born again” believer and then all believers will be “snatched” away in the rapture together. We agree the believer’s bodies will be instantly changed “in a moment, as twinkling of an eye.” However, the “fable” of the “Great Snatch” does not address the sanctification and preparation needed in the believer to be made ready to be received by the Lord. It ignores the repeated warnings “to watch,” and “to wait” and to avoid “sleepiness and “drunkenness.” There is an exclusion of believers searching into “times and seasons” and thereby knowing perfectly that the Day of the Lord so cometh as a thief, but only on those who are given to sleepiness and drunkenness. Clearly the passages in I Thessalonians 5:1-10 and Luke 21:34-36 are in stark contrast as a reprimand of this “fable.” We conclude the doctrine of the “Great Snatch” is a prescription for spiritual “sleep” or as an intoxicant as “strong wine” inducing drunkenness? According to “one day as a thousand years,” we are now standing on the Day of the Lord and the Day of Christ. The message of the

hour; "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh; go ye out to meet Him." How many will have enough oil in their lamps?

Why is Translation a "Mystery"? 1 Corinthians 15:51

Why is the "translation" of believers alive at the coming of Christ a mystery? There are in fact Twelve Mysteries of God that have been delivered to the Church by the Apostle Paul with two mysteries by the Apostle John. Every "Mystery" is in fact a "secret" or "dark saying" and sometimes a "parable" or "proverb" according to Psalms 78:2 and Proverbs 1:6. Believers are hereby being challenged by the Apostle Paul to search out the Mystery of Translation via "revelation knowledge" to understand and prepare to be "caught up" to meet the Lord in the air as recorded in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. First, believers must understand that the Church is a heavenly calling with a promised entrance into a heavenly kingdom of those asleep (dead in Christ) or alive. Secondly, believers during the Church Age become members of Christ's Mystical Bride and Body and whether asleep or alive. They are destined to be joined unto Him ushering in the "Fullness of Christ."

Scriptural Examples of Translation

The only express examples in scripture are Enoch, Elijah, and the resurrected Christ at the end of the "forty days." The Apostle John, as a type of the Bridal Company, was caught up through an open door into heaven in Revelation 4. The arrival of the great innumerable company of Revelation 7 in heaven prior to the middle of the Tribulation Week implies translation. Prophetically the "Man Child," we believe to be the 144,000 will be caught up according to Revelation 12. We must also include the Two Witnesses in Revelation 11 who were visibly put to death and resurrected and caught up to heaven. See Special Study Order of the Resurrection and Translation.

Every Man in His own Order

The Apostle Paul clearly states that resurrection of the sleeping will be "every man in his own order" at the coming of the Lord according to 1 Corinthians 15:23.

(1 Corinthians 15:23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Order: 5001. tagma, tag'-mah; from G5021; something orderly in arrangement (a troop), i.e., (fig.) a series or succession: --order. means military ranks)

Will this same pattern apply to those alive at His coming? We trust during the "times of restoration" for the Church, during the "seven good years" before the "seven evil years" according to Genesis 41, there will be greater "revelation knowledge" by the Holy Spirit of the "Mystery of Translation." See Special Study Seven Good Years.

(1 Cor 15:51 KJV) Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Mystery: 3466. musterion, moos-tay'-ree-on; from a der. of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites):--mystery.

(1 Cor 15:52-3 KJV) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be

changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Who is the Bride of Christ?

The Bride of Christ is a term used in both the Old and New Testament in the traditional sense of one espoused or engaged to be married to a Bridegroom. In the New Testament, especially in the Pauline Epistles, it is typical of a company in the Church who are espoused to Christ as Bridegroom of the Church. These find themselves on a spiritual racecourse to "win Christ" described in the Book of Philippians. Genesis chapter 2 sheds light typically on Christ, as the Last Adam, in God taking a "rib portion" from the side of Adam to form Eve, as His helpmate.

Who is the Blood Washed Multitude?

This company of believers alive at His coming is a great "blood washed" multitude coming out of great (mega) tribulation, i.e., persecution of the Church during the first 42 months of the Tribulation period. This followed the washing or laundering of their robes in sanctification before escaping through the "open door" during the first 42 months of the seven-year tribulation period. This company remains a great "mystery" to many, but clearly describes the "Mystical Body of Christ" as the greater part of the Church that are alive and remain unto the Lord's coming (Parousia), i.e., presence. By comparison of Scriptures, this open door of escaping the Wrath of God remains open until the middle of the Seven Year Tribulation period.

Our Conclusion!

We truly believe the "cunningly devised fable" as the "Great Snatch" will prove inadequate in addressing both the complex subject of resurrection and translation of believers. It fails to address necessary preparations to be received up to meet the Lord. It simply does not address the logistics of the Lord "receiving" the Living Church to meet the Lord in the Air. Many believers use this "fable" as a "comfort zone" "and will find themselves "asleep" or "drunken" according to I Thessalonians chapter five and miss the "open door" of escape in Revelation 4:1. They may not awaken until after the Bridal Company is taken and will then have the opportunity to be a part of the innumerable company of Revelation 7 escaping during the first half of the seven-year tribulation period and before the wrath of God is poured out.

■ **"No Man Knoweth the Day or Hour"— "A Doctrine of Men"**

The Cunningly Devised Fable - "No Man Knows the Day or Hour"

The "Fable" of "No Man Knoweth the Day or Hour" or even the "times and seasons" of our Lord's return to receive His Church, has become an accepted "doctrine of men." This "fable" joined by "Imminency", and the "Great Snatch" have become a "trio" of the "doctrines of men" cleverly devised to divert the Latter Church from the necessary preparation to be ready to be received up to meet the Lord in the air. These "fables" are a result of a "backlash" against many "date setters" who unwisely and prematurely set dates for Christ's return for the Church. Their research was simply sensual and not based in the entire "body of scripture" covering knowing "times and seasons." This is captured in the adage; "do not throw the baby out with the bath water."

The Scriptural Origin of the Doctrine “No Man Knoweth”

The true origin of what has become an accepted “doctrine of men” that “No Man Knoweth” is taken from scripture quoted by the Lord Jesus Christ, after He finished His sacrificial work on earth and ascended to the right hand of the Father.

His disciples asked the question of whether He would restore the Kingdom to Israel at this time and He answered: (Mat 24:36 KJV) But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

This was in fact a true statement uttered by the Lord in a juncture of time before the complete fulfillment of Daniel’s 70th week as prophesied in the context of Daniel 9:24-26. As already mentioned, and described below, Israel was offered their Kingdom for 7 years and they rejected it and the Kingdom was put on hold during the church age. So, at the time it was appropriate to answer no man knows the day and hour. It was after Israel rejected their Messiah was the Church age and the rapture revealed through the Apostle Paul doctrine.

Daniel’s Seventieth Week Explained

This 70th Week commenced with the Lord’s Triumphant Entry followed by His death, as Israel’s Messiah, in being “cut off” at the Feast of Passover and resurrected on the Feast of First Fruits followed by the Feast of Pentecost. Daniel’s 70th week continued to be fulfilled following the Feast of Pentecost by the resurrected Christ offering the Kingdom to Israel under the New Covenant, as the “rest” and the “refreshing” as prophesied according to Isaiah 28:11. Israel, as a nation rejected these Messianic times as their visitation and as a result, they forfeited the “times of restoration” at that time of their Kingdom, according to Acts chapter 3. See *Special Study: [Daniel’s 70th Week](#)*.

A Transition to a New Purpose – The Church

Seven years later, Christ, as their glorified, ascended Messiah began to turn to the Gentiles as evidenced in Acts chapter 10 and later explained in Acts chapter 15 at the Great Council meeting in Jerusalem. Our Lord foreknew, as early as Luke 19:41-44 that Israel would reject their “time of visitation,” nevertheless the seven-year visitation, as Daniel’s 70th week had to be fulfilled in good faith. Therefore, the Lord instructed Peter, in Acts 1:6, 7, that it was not for the disciples to know the “times and seasons” until after Daniel’s 70th week was fulfilled. They were in fact in transition from the Kingdom purpose into a new purpose called the Church.

The Doctrine of “No Man Knoweth” was Never a Church Doctrine

After Daniel’s 70th week of seven years, the doctrine that “no man knoweth” was never applicable during the Church Age. First, Christ, once glorified and seated at God’s right hand has perfect knowledge of the “times and seasons” and “day and hour” of His return. The Apostle Paul in I Thessalonians 5:1-10 countermands this doctrine for the Church. Consider that by AD 96 the Book of Revelation was communicated to the Apostle John. We realize this explanation has been lengthy, but necessary in untangling a “web” cleverly woven by the adversary to deceive many through out the Church age.

The Doctrine of “No Man Knoweth” Received and Refuted

The failure of not “rightly dividing the word of truth” has resulted in the accepted Doctrine of “No Man Knoweth” as being “set in stone.” This has robbed, especially the

Latter Church, from examining “times and seasons” that are clearly heralding in the time of our Lord’s return to receive His Church. This has resulted in many prophetic scholars failing to acknowledge the return of the Nation of Israel in 1948, as the “sign” of the “Fig Tree.” This “sign” and the generation commenced the unfolding of Bible prophecy ushering in the “summertime” or “harvest time” when the Lord Jesus returns and is received by Judah and Israel beginning the greater regathering of Israel from the four corners of the earth into their promised Millennial Kingdom. Nineteen years from 1948 when Israel became a nation, they also received their capitol city of Jerusalem in 1967 ending the “Times of the Gentiles” according to Luke 21:24.

See *Special Study*: [Times of the Gentiles](#).

This same time period of nineteen years from 1948 to 1967 was a reversal of their captivity to Babylon 606BC to 587 BC as a nineteen year period. We are now stepping into the Dispensation of the “Fullness of times” of both the Church and Israel according to Ephesians 1:10. See *Special Study*: [Fullness of Times](#).

(Rom 13:11 KJV) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The Church “Willingly” Ignorant!

(2 Pet 3:8 KJV) But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The above teaching of “No Man Knoweth” does not align itself with God’s divine placement of the Sun, Moon and Stars to keep natural “times and seasons” according to Genesis 1:14. This doctrine is also responsible for the ignorance of the “one thing” that one day based on the “creation days” in Genesis chapter one is with the Lord as a thousand years according to 2 Peter 3:8 based in Psalms 90:4.

See *Special Study*: [Millennial Day Principle](#) and [Seven Millennial Days](#).

It has become almost impossible to refute the “Doctrine No Man Knoweth” as an accepted doctrine of men that will not meet the prophetic test when comparing “Scripture with Scripture.” This doctrine encourages ignorance among God’s people in searching into the prophetic “times and seasons.” Will they be found “watching and waiting” for the Lord’s return to catch His people up through the “open door” of Revelation 4:1? Remember the Lord chided religious leaders of His day in Matthew 16:1-5 for not discerning the “set times of Jehovah,” i.e., the Spring Feasts pointing to His First Advent. See *Special Study*: [The Feasts of the Lord](#).

The Church Standing on the Day of the Lord and Day of Christ

Will this be true of the Latter Church when the Lord returns to find them in a “deep sleep” as to where we are standing in the breaking of the Seventh Day, as the Day of the Lord and the Third Day, as the Day of Christ. The Church will find themselves “shut up” to a final outpour of the Spirit that will accompany the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times according to Ephesians 1:10. See *Special Study*: [Spirit Storm](#).

(Rev 2:7 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;

Three “Aberrations” of the Gospel of the Blessed Hope

What is the Blessed Hope?

The Blessed Hope defines the Lord’s promise to receive His Church, as heavenly, up to meet Him in the air before the wrath of God is poured out on the earth. They may be received by death, burial, and resurrection, as the dead in Christ, or by translation or rapture as those who will be alive and remain unto His coming.

(Titus 2:13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

■ **The Prosperity Gospel and “Seed Faith”**

The Aberration of – The Prosperity Gospel

The “Prosperity Gospel” was readily embraced by the charismatic movement under the ministry of Kenneth Hagin and gained even greater recognition through the ministry of Kenneth Copeland and other spiritual leaders of this persuasion. In the “wake” of this movement came the founding of many Charismatic Centers experiencing rapid growth in numbers, as followers were attracted by the promise of “prosperity” i.e., “health and wealth.” This enabled leaders of this movement to acquire larger edifices becoming mega Charismatic Centers. This phenomenon soon reached the “itching ears” of some Evangelical Church leaders and even Pentecostal Church leaders. These desired to throw off the “yoke” of “sufferings and reproach” associated with preaching the gospel and experience the same increasing numbers with promises of prosperity. When our Lord compared the Early Church, as the “green tree” Vs the Latter Church as “the “dry tree,” He was enabling the Latter Church to discern this present phenomenon in which the Gospel being compromised would result in a “famine” of the Word of God and a drought of the “rain” of the Holy Spirit.” (See Amos 8:11.) Therefore, we believe the gospel of “prosperity” clichéd as the “health and wealth” message is an aberration or a “falling away” from the “faith once delivered.”

The Travesty of Embracing the “Prosperity Gospel”

The travesty in embracing the “Prosperity Gospel” by the Latter Church will prove catastrophic! This gospel greatly changes the attitude of the believer in “watching” and “waiting” and becoming spiritually without spot, wrinkle, or blemish through sanctification to be received by the Lord upon His return from heaven. Instead, the believer's focus is subtly shifted to earthly prosperity producing a spirit of “apathy” and “complacency” inducing sleepiness or drunkenness! Many under the “Prosperity Gospel” openly embrace “Kingdom Now Theology” wherein the Latter Church will become glorious, prosperous, and victorious in the visible before the Lord returns.

True Spiritual Health and Spiritual Complexion of Watching Ones

True spiritual health is reflected in the believer’s spiritual complexion, as without spots, wrinkles, and blemishes suggesting spiritual nutrition, exercise, and rest.

Spots as unbecoming blemishes, or stains, appearing in the believer’s spiritual complexion. These come from the old creation with its deeds and failures and are a result of not fully judging the old creation as dead.

Spot: (G) 4696 a stain or blemish, defect, disgrace: spot.

Wrinkles are a result of the “aging process” as the “outer man,” who is perishing and is given precedence over the “Inner man.” The “outer man” in turn zaps the health and vigor of the “inner man” or new creation which must be renewed day by day through knowledge of the Word of God and the quickening of the Holy Spirit.

Wrinkle: (G) 4512 and (G) 4506; a fold (as drawing together), a wrinkle (espec. on the face): wrinkle.

Blemishes suggest uncomely behaviors emanating from the old creation nature. It also suggests the believer’s failure in taking God’s side in judging their behavior.

Blemish: (G) 299 (G) 3470; unblemished, without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblameable.

Confusion Reigns!

Major confusion exists from not rightly dividing the “word of truth” in understanding the heavenly calling of the Church, according to the “Pauline Epistles.” The Church has promises of spiritual blessings in heavenly places according to Ephesians 1:3. This is in essence the “blessed hope” of believers that whether asleep or alive they will be “caught up” to the meet the Lord in the air according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. The “Blessed Hope” is supported by our Lord’s personal promise in John 14:1-4. This is a stark contrast with Israel’s earthly calling and natural blessings, and eventually receiving an Earthly Kingdom.

(2 Tim 2:15 KJV) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Great Danger Remains!

The greatest danger is the Church becoming complacent and embracing “all things continue” and “falling away” from the “Blessed hope” of being caught up through the open door to meet the Lord in the air! The second great danger is the Church falling into Covenant Theology. This theology teaches that the Church having spiritually replaced Israel has become the spiritual heirs of the Millennial Kingdom upon earth. This theology is also called Replacement Theology and was doctrinally refuted by the Apostle Paul in Romans chapters 9, 10 and 11. Further warning, those who hold Covenant or Replacement Theology will compromise and usher in the union of the Harlot Church as “Mystery Babylon” in Revelation 17 with “Babylon the Great” in Revelation 18. This will be as a counterfeit kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ reigning the final 42 months of the Tribulation period until the “open vision” of our Lord as “King of Kings and “Lord of Lords in Revelations chapter 19.

See *Special Study* [Who is Babylon?](#)

■ The “Word Faith” Gospel

An Overview of “Word Faith” Theology

The “Word Faith” Theology has become synonymous with the charismatic movement and the “Prosperity Gospel” that is often clichéd as the “Health and Wealth Gospel.” The primary founders of the charismatic movement were Kenneth Hagin and Kenneth Copeland. They contended that the Church, as “sons of God,” have lived far beneath the promises in the Gospel of “health and wealth.” The “Word Faith” Theology contends there is “power in the tongue” of believers, as the “sons of God” to speak things into existence by faith. Therefore, the theology of “Word Faith” contends that believers can create their own destiny through their words. They also contend that believers through their **words** can also create their own destiny of sickness and poverty. This theology is erroneous, on two counts; (1) it elevates the words spoken by believers as equal with the “Word of God;” (2) It subtly elevates the believers standing “in Christ,” into a standing of equality with Him as “sons of God” or “little gods.”

(1 Tim 3:6 KJV) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

The Gifts of Prophets and Prophecy

It seems appropriate, at this juncture, to address the controversial subject of New Testament “Prophets,” as a ministry gift Vs “Prophecy,” as a gift of the Spirit. Both gifts are addressed within the Pauline Epistles as operational through the Church Age. That being said, there remains confusion as to the role and operation of these two gifts as divinely set in the Church for the purposes of; (1) edification, (2) exhortation and (3) comfort of the Church as stated in 1 Corinthians 14:3. The gift as Prophet or the gift of prophecy, as inspirational, may also be manifested through all of the five ministry gifts. The Apostle Paul defines prophecy; as (1) a revelation, (2) knowledge, (3) prophesying or (4) doctrine.

(1 Corinthians 14:6) Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

The Superiority of “God Breathed” Scriptures

The primary role of a Prophet and those using the “gift of prophesy,” both in the Old Testament and New Testament is the forthtelling or foretelling of the mind and the will of God through the “God Breathed” Holy Scriptures as the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. This is the highest source of knowledge, wisdom and understanding communicated from God to Man and therefore takes precedence as the Divine standard governing all utterances. According to Numbers chapter 12, the Five Books of Moses, the Pentateuch, were received as a “mouth to mouth” revelation from God as the “God Breathed” Holy Scriptures. This communication excelled dreams and visions of Moses’ contemporaries. However, many dreams and visions of the Prophets in the Old Testament have also been elevated as the “God Breathed” Holy Scriptures.

Examples of “Mouth to Mouth”

1. God breathed into the nostrils of the First Adam, and he became a living soul.
2. God breathed into the nostrils of Christ in resurrection as the Last Adam and He was made a quickening Spirit.
3. God also breathed into the Holy Scriptures

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

Spiritual Requirements

The New Testament requirements for those who claim to be spiritual or a prophet, as stated by the Apostle Paul: (1 Corinthians 14:37 KJV) If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 14:38 KJV) But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Prophets in the Old Testament

Prophets in the Old Testament were defined as “speaking for God” and their spoken words, as inspired by the Holy Spirit were transcribed and comprise the thirty-nine Old Testament Books of the Bible.

Prophets in New Testament

Prophets in the New Testament were defined as “speaking for God” and their words were latter penned becoming the New Testament ending with the Apostolic Age and the Book of Revelation which completed the canon of Scripture. Thereafter the role of a Prophet and/or the gift of Prophecy as “speaking for God” changed following the Apostolic Age. Prophets or Prophecy is still defined as “speaking for God” under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit but only under the Divine auspices of the written Word of God, as the revealed truth. Therefore, there is no new revelation only illumination by the Holy Spirit and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

A Veiled Warning to Contemporary Prophets

There are many contemporary Prophets and those using the gift of prophecy who “speaking inspirationally” and some in the “first person,” i.e., as God or Christ speaking. These “inspirational utterances” are never equal with the God Breathed Holy Scriptures and therefore the Church must rightfully judge these utterances as:

- (1) inspired by the Holy Ghost, according to 1 John 2:27 and
- (2) in accordance with the “God Breathed” Holy Scriptures as the Word of God.

This is a safeguard for both the prophet and the Church.

(1 Cor 14:29 KJV) Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

The New Testament Setting for Prophecy

The New Testament setting or “room” for Prophecy was generally within the Church proper or gatherings of believers. Prophecy was used to edify, exhort and comfort believers. However, this scriptural pattern has changed in the Latter Church via modern communications.

(Prov 18:16 KJV) A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

Personal Prophecy

What about “personal prophecy?” We are witnessing a prolific increase of “personal prophecy” as a “personal word” to believers. This ministry is generally embraced in charismatic circles. The Pentecostal Churches have distanced themselves, as this practice in early days emerged during the “Latter Rain” Movement became fraught with problems. While we do not limit the Lord’s ability to speak a personal word through prophecy, it remains the “exception and not the rule.” We encourage believers to personally seek God’s will for their lives through study of the “more sure word of prophecy” and being filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Thereafter a “personal word” becomes only a confirmation as measured against the Word of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. (Please refer to the account of Prophet Agabus in Acts 21:10-14.)

The Apostle Paul’s Determination

1 Cor 2:2-5 KJV) For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

What is “Seed Faith?”

We will now examine “Word Faith” theology, as described above, and practiced by spiritual leaders in combination with “seed faith” which includes their followers. The principle of “seed faith” requires spiritual leaders to challenge their followers to plant a “seed faith” as a monetary gift to their ministry with promise that God will multiply a return on their investment. These practices have resulted in many spiritual leaders becoming very wealthy! To our knowledge there does not exist a reliable “case study” of individual followers and their personal experiences.

“Make These Stones Bread!”

The fallacy of this doctrine is the requirement placed on believers to “leverage” or quite literally “command and demand” that Christ fulfill His promises based on their planting of “seed faith.” However, In Matt 4:1-4 Christ hungered and was tempted by the Devil to “command or demand” these stones be made bread. The Devil tempted Christ, as man to act independently of the Father by using His power as God, resulting in a spiritual fall.

The Fall Out!

What happens when a believer fails to experience the promised “wealth and health?” Often, they are chided by spiritual leaders for their unbelief. This is a prescription for “self-condemnation” and believers either “falling away” or losing their trust and fellowship with Christ. Many believers become troubled and seek spiritual counsel “outside their circles.” We sincerely believe that “Word Faith” coupled with “Seed Faith” are clear aberrations of “sound doctrine” and find no basis in the “faith once delivered to the Church.”

(Jude 1:3 KJV) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

“Hidden Roots” Exposed!

The origin of this twofold theology has deep and subtle “roots” which are traceable back to Lucifer who desired equality with God, as the creator. This is defined in scripture as the “mystery of iniquity” resulting in His spiritual fall and original sin. This is troubling and very difficult for spiritual leaders to discern and be willing to seek forgiveness and restoration. The spiritual harm to believers embracing this theology is also deeply troubling. Once exposed, it must be “rooted out” or this theology will continue to defile the Body of Christ as the Temple of God.

(1 Cor 3:17 KJV) If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

■ **The “Kingdom Now” Gospel**

An Aberration - The “Kingdom Now” Gospel – “Three Strange Winds of Doctrine

“Kingdom Now” Theology is the consummation of the “Prosperity Gospel” plus “Word Faith Theology” coupled with “Seed Faith” comprising the three “strange winds” of doctrine besetting the Latter Church. We will comment latter on the origin of these doctrines.

“Kingdom Now” Theology – The “Grand and Glorious Church”

Many in the “Kingdom Now” Theology while holding for the rapture of the Church according to I Thessalonians 4:16-18 contend they will return and reign with Christ on the earth. We contend the Church is heavenly and will reign over the earth in a heavenly kingdom. Others hold the Church will remain on the earth and usher in the Millennial reign upon the earth before Christ’s return to earth. However, both "camps" hold for a spiritual rise of the Latter Church through a supernatural move of the Holy Spirit becoming empowered and victorious as the visible “Grand and Glorious Church.” Through this final move of the Holy Spirit, the Church will rise in great power taking dominion over the political, religious, and commercial systems. In this camp they believe they will remain and assist the Lord in ushering in the Millennial Kingdom upon the earth. Notwithstanding, the “Kingdom Now” theology, as emanating from the “three strange winds” places the Latter Church in great jeopardy and “peril” of missing the heavenly call for the Church. We are called to be the supernatural invisible church taking our victory in the heavenlies.

“Kingdom Now” Theology Contradicts Apostasy of the “Last Days”

The New Testament Epistles and Letters, without exception, are filled with dire warnings of the Church’s “falling away” in the Last Days. These stressed “perilous times” and the need of spiritual restoration” in preparing the Latter Church to meet the Lord in the air then only by rank and order. We believe there will be many in the Church who be in the “blood washed multitude” of Revelation 7 who enter the “Tribulation Week” before they are readied to be “caught up” before the middle of week. Still others may “elect to endure until the end. “Therefore, we believe there must come “times of restoration” as “the seven good years” before the tribulation “seven evil years” according to Genesis 41. There will be a dispensational move of the Holy Spirit (“geshem” rain) on the Day of the Lord, as the Seventh Day and the Day of Christ, as the Third Day, wherein we are now standing. This final outpour in our day will be the “geshem” outpour. This includes a final dispensational move of the Holy Spirit, as the

“geshem” rain,” according to Eph 1:10. See Special Study: [Holy Spirit Rains Typology](#) and [Rainfall Holy Spirit](#).

This will be in concert with “Judgment beginning at the house of God according 1 Peter 4:17-19 and mirrored in Revelation 1, 2 &3. These times will restore the Church by rank and order as they respond and are willing to come out and separate themselves from the religious, political, and commercial systems according 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. During the final 42 months of the Tribulation Week, these systems will become “Babylon the Great” according to Revelation 17 & 18.

The “Slippery Slope” of “Kingdom Now Theology”

This “Kingdom Now” theology holds that the Church will become the “Grand and Glorious Church” prior to being “caught away” in the rapture. Others in “Kingdom Now” theology also believe the Church will become the “Grand and Glorious Church” upon the earth but will usher in the Millennial reign upon the earth. Under this theology a “climate change,” as “the Days of Noah” and as “the Days of Lot” will rival the Lord’s coming, i.e., (“Parousia,”) or presence in the heavens. See Special Study Sevenfold Aspect of the Return of the Lord.

These times of “eating and drinking” and “planting and building” will cast a shadow of unbelief on the Lord’s coming to receive His Church through the open door. An even longer shadow of unbelief will be cast by the rising of “Babylon” eventually becoming “Babylon the Great” the final 42 months of the Tribulation week. These times of great prosperity and climate of “all things continue” will become a great snare and temptation for the “waiting Church” to give up the “blessed hope.” The spirit of “ecumenism” will prevail, teaching the Church will usher in the Kingdom of God on earth, as the Millennial Reign. This will merge with the rise “Mystery Babylon” in union with “Babylon the Great” in Revelation 17 & 18. Replacement or Covenant Theology will have “gained the day” by merging with Kingdom Now theology in ushering in a counterfeit Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. The theme of this theology will emerge as “the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.” The replacement of Israel’s promised kingdom by the Church was completely refuted by the Apostle Paul, as the Chief Apostle of the Church in Romans Chapters 9-11. We rest our case!

The Great Sin of “Golden Calf Worship” as Idolatry and “Roots” to Apostasy in the Church

“Golden Calf worship” in Israel in the Old Testament was clearly idolatry and easy to discern as worshipping the visible image of the “Golden Calf.” However, idolatry in the Church today, as Golden Calf worship is far more subtle than the worship of a visible image or idol. Therefore, idolatry in the Church must be defined before it can possibly be discerned as the visible headships of men and organizations of men. These have subtly replaced Christ, as the Head of His Church and replaced the invisible Church formed on the Day of Pentecost, as a “living breathing” organism. We know the headships of men threatened the spiritual order of the Early Church and were set in order doctrinally by the Apostle Paul, as a departure from the “sevenfold Unity of the Spirit” in Ephesians 4:3-6. See Special Study Fivefold Departure of the Church. However, gradually the headships of men and organization became accepted and considered necessary for the Church to function. Once spiritually discerned these practices became known as the “root” cause of the apostasy. Apostasy defines the

Invisible Church once founded by grace through faith gradually falling into the Visible Church based on works and unbelief. This subtle replacement of the invisible by the visible is defined as "idolatry" and very troubling! In fact, Golden Calf worship was the "great sin" of idolatry in the camp of Israel and likewise the "great sin" of idolatry in the Church.

(Exo 32:30 KJV) And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. (Exo 32:31 KJV) And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

The "Strange" Judgement of Golden Calf Worship in Israel

The "strange" judgment by Moses of the Golden Calf worship in Israel is according to Exodus 32 & 33. In great anger, Moses threw the calf into the fire and stamped on it with his feet reducing it to "gold dust!" Afterward Moses in judgment strewed "gold dust" into the water from the rock and Israel was made to drink. Afterward Moses ascended into Mount Sinai to make intercession "forty days and forty nights" lest God consume the camp. Afterward Moses offered himself to be blotted out for the camp and his plea was heard by God. However, in remedial action, Moses descended back into the camp announced the "Glory of the Lord" was departing and Israel wept! Nevertheless, the "Tabernacle of Meeting" was moved far "outside the camp." This required Israel to journey far "outside the camp" or worship from their tent doors. This became the ultimate "strange judgment" for the "great sin" of the Golden Calf Worship which equates to "strange fire" defined in Leviticus Chapter 10. This failure by the Priesthood was using fire that was not taken from the Brazen Altar and therefore considered as "strange fire." In type and shadow this deviation allows the flesh to participate in worship. Will this "strange judgment" be repeated when Christ moves His presence outside the organized Church? (John 4:24 KJV) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

How Idolatry in the Church Spawned the "Three Strange Winds of Doctrine"

The divine judgment through Moses of Golden Calf Worship in Israel is graphically described in Exodus 32 and Duet. 9. This judgment resulted in "gold dust" being strewn in the water from the "Rock" and Israel made to drink resulting in a final judgment of the 'Camp" according to Exodus 32 & 33. This was a "strange act" by Moses, as a type of Christ, in visiting the Latter Church. The timeframe for this visitation was likely when Israel's national restoration took place in 1948 and the recapturing of Jerusalem in 1967, ending the "times of Gentiles" according to Luke 21:24. See *Special Study: Times of the Gentiles*. This was also the "third day" millennial day on the Jewish calendar in Hosea 6:1-3."

See *Special Study: Millennial Day Principle*

This may coincide with the final warning by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:1-4 of a "set time" (G Kiaros) in which the Church will no longer endure sound doctrine but will heap to themselves teachers have "itching ears." Will this end in judgment at the house of God according to I Peter 4:17-18 and Revelations 1,2 & 3?

Three “Strange Winds” Kindling “Strange Fire”

- (1) The Prosperity Gospel
- (2) Word Faith Doctrine
- (3) The Kingdom Now Theology

The above “timeframe” coincides with the “rustling” of three “strange winds” of doctrine in the mulberry trees kindling worship as “strange fire.” These “strange winds” emanated from the “gold dust” strewn in the water of the Holy Spirit, as “strange judgment.” These “strange winds” beset the Latter Church with occupation with gifts, healings, manifestations and signs and wonders rather than with the Lord Himself and “looking up” for their redemption. This is a departure from “more sure word of prophecy.” In the above time period, there were also reports of actual “gold dust” revivals within some charismatic circles.

These “Strange Winds” Threatening “Shipwreck of the Faith”

These “strange winds,” were deviously designed to “divert,” “subvert” and “pervert” the doctrine of the “blessed hope” and derail the Church from “looking up” for their redemption according to I Thessalonians 4:16-18. There can be no doubt these doctrines were “cunningly devised fables,” cleverly woven together as a plot seeking the demise of the “Latter Church” in making “shipwreck of the faith.” See Pastors’ Page Acts 27 Storm.

Spiritual Watchmen, What of the Night?

Where are the spiritual watchmen in sounding an alarm of these “perilous times” and the danger of missing the “open door” of escape out of this world? Remember the Lord, as the “Good Shepherd” “died for the sheep and as the “Great Shepherd” he has “cried” over them during the last 2000 years. Now He will be returning as the “Chief Shepherd” searching for His “blood bought” sheep and requiring them at the hands of spiritual under-shepherds in order to lead them out of this dark realm.

The “Strange Trial”

The warning of the “strange trial” in 1 Peter 4:12 is linked with 1 Peter 4:17-18, as judgment beginning at the house of God. This may well be linked with the Corona virus pandemic that emerged in the spring of 2020, as a “strange trial!” We may be in the “timeframe of judgment beginning at the house of God for entertaining the “strange winds” of doctrine that kindled “strange fire,” as worship. This judgment is also described in Revelation 1, 2 & 3, as occurring on the Day of Lord and Day of Christ. See Pastors’ Page: [Strange Trail Vs Seven Good Years](#)

Conclusion – Our Statement of Faith

The Light of the Gospel and Light of the Blessed Hope is Going Out

We are in “Perilous Times!”

(2 Timothy 3:1) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

(Matt 25:8 KJV) And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone (going) out.

(Luke 18:8) I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

A Summary of the Apostasy and Spiritual Fall of the Invisible Church from Heavenly Places

The “spiritual fall” of the Church, as the “Invisible Church” seated in heavenly places, according to Ephesians 1:3 was plotted and gradually accomplished through the subtlety and wisdom of the Ancient Serpent, Lucifer/Satan.

(Isa 14:12 KJV) How art thou fallen from heaven!

He gradually undermined the revelation of the [Twelve Mysteries of God](#) as “once delivered” to the Church by the Apostle Paul and the Apostle John. The Twelve Mysteries under-gird the “Invisible Church,” as heavenly and built with eternal materials, “gold”, “silver” and “precious stones.”

(1 Cor 3:10 KJV) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

The Gradual Fall of the Invisible Church into the Visible Church

The gradual “spiritual fall” of the Invisible Church into the Visible Church through “seven stages” of apostasy has covered the Church Age. See *Special Study: [Seven Steps of Apostasy](#)*. The Early Church, as the “green tree” has slowly evolved into the “dry tree, as the “Latter Church” How did this happen? We previously examined the “Twelve Strange Winds” besetting the Church and defined them as ‘Leaven,’ “Deviations,” “Fables” and “Aberrations” that have subtly moved the Church from “sound doctrine” and the “faith once delivered” while spiritual watchmen slept!

The “Last Days” and “Perilous Times” (2 Tim 3:1 KJV)

The times will prove “perilous” for many, as we enter into the “last days” in which the Lord promised to return and receive His Church. Sadly, the “spiritual fall” described above will become imperceptible to those choosing to remain within the system. They will not be able to discern the absence of the Lord’s presence and that He has departed the system only to be found “outside the camp,” the “gates” and “city.” Who will be willing to come out and “bear His reproach?”

(Heb 13:10-14 KJV) We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Jesus is Calling “Come out Unto Me and I will give you Rest”
(Rev 3:20 KJV) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Will there be “Times of Restoration”?

Yes! There will be “times of restoration” of the Latter Church foreshadowed as the “seven good years” before the “seven evil years” in Genesis 41. This will coincide with the Dispensation of the “Fullness of Times” in Ephesians 1:10, i.e., as the “Fullness of the Gentiles” and the “Fullness of Israel.” See *Special Studies*: [Spirit Storm](#) and [Seven Good Years](#).

The Lord’s Final Visitation

The Lord will make a final visitation to the Church through the Holy Spirit “geshem shower,” howbeit from “outside the camp” of the organized Church which have become “broken cisterns” foreshadowed in Jeremiah 2:13. His stance is also mirrored in Revelations 3:20, as the Lord standing outside the door, not only of the organized system from whence He will knock on the heart’s door of every believer seeking fellowship.

Where are We Standing?

Believers will need to grasp that the Lord is already in the process of returning, as recorded in Revelation 1:7 “Behold He Cometh!”

See *Special Study*: [Progressive Coming of the Lord](#)

He is present on the Day of the Lord, as the “Great I Am” according to Revelation 1:10 when John turns to behold Him as the Son of Man ushering in the Day of Christ, breaking in the heavens according to Revelations 1:13. See *Pastors’ Page Standing and Turning with the Apostle John*. The Lord will shortly begin His “short work” (Romans 9:28) in preparing believers to be received in fellowship in order to meet Him in the air. This will necessitate the time (G - kiaros) when judgment must begin at the house of God according to I Peter 4:17-18 and Rev. 1, 2 & 3.

Set Time: A Proper Time - (1 Pet 4:17) “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”

Time: (G)2540. kairos, kahee-ros'; of uncert. affin.; an occasion, i.e., set, or proper time. (Please read Eccl 3:16,17.)

(Heb 13:13 KJV) Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. (1 Cor 16:22 KJV) If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Anathema, an-ath'-em-ah; from G394; a (religious) ban or (concr.) excommunicated (thing or person): --accursed, anathema, curse, X great.

Maranatha: G 3134. maran atha, mar'-an ath'-ah; of Chald. or. (mean. Our Lord has come); maranatha, i.e. an exclamation of the approaching divine judgment:--Maran-atha.

The Church is in desperate need of the “times of restoration” occurring under a final outpour of the Holy Spirit as the “geshem” shower that will accompany the coming or presence of the Lord’s (G “Parousia”). This will begin as judgment at the house of God according to I Peter 4:17 and Revelation 1 2, & 3. Only those having an “ear to hear” and willing to come out of their systems will be able to hear what “the Spirit saith unto the Churches.”

Judgment Determining Order of the Rapture

It is used in I Corinthians 15:23 to describe the order of the resurrection and rapture as "every man in his own order." It is further described as various glories in the resurrection, i.e., as the glory of the Sun, of the Moon and the Stars - I Cor 15:41. The Lord Jesus Christ as Judge will be walking among the Churches on the Day of the Lord. See Special Study Turning with the Apostle John.

He will first receive full overcomers who have fallen asleep in Christ, as they have been judged at their death throughout the Church age via the written word. They will assist Him as He continues to cleanse the heavens through the “Seven Good Years”- (Genesis 41). See Special Study Seven Good Years.

During these same seven years, the Lord, as the Living Word will begin the judgment at the house of God of the Living Church. He will receive the full overcomers (Bride of Christ), who are alive and remain unto His coming through the open door in the type of the Apostle John – (Rev 4:1). Following Rev 4 and 5, He will subsequently receive the second rank (Blood Washed Multitude) of the Church out of the “hour of trial” – (Rev 7). We reiterate that the Apostle John viewed the Judge of the Church standing in the midst of the Churches in a vision on the beginning of the Day of the Lord “and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength” (Rev 1:16). See Special Study Order of the Resurrection and Translation and Pastors’ Page Standing and Turing with the Apostle John. (See I Cor 15:23, 41, Heb 4:16, Rev 1:16.)

(2 Corinthians 6:17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.