



# WHAT GOD TOLD ME

A JOURNEY TO FULFILLING PROPHECY

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## **Introduction**

For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell. ~ Colossians 1:19

God is pleased that all fulness dwells in Jesus. By fulness, that is fulness of God's Word. Jesus is the Word of God manifested in the flesh. This is one part of God, and God is also The Holy Spirit which gives us life, and God is also the "thought" of the universe that makes creation possible. God is spirit (The Holy Spirit), soul/thought (The Father), and matter/body (The Son). And we are made in God's image, spirit, soul/thought, and matter/body.

Since the beginning of time, people have sought "gods" that they can see and touch. Their mind was able to process this easier than a God that they cannot see or touch in a predictable way. People find it hard to fathom the concept of being all places at once and knowing all things. They find it hard to understand anything that was in existence before anything existed. This is even hard to comprehend for those who believe in the one true God.



When Moses was gone too long in the mountains, God's people asked Aaron to make them an idol (Exodus 32:1-8). They couldn't see God and they couldn't see Moses. They wanted something they could see and touch. Today, Christians receive relief through crosses and although no one knows exactly what Jesus looked like, they still find comfort in the pictures of a man that they attribute to Jesus. They still want something they can see and touch.

## **Questions and Answers**

Q. What does God mean?

A. God means "power". As I stated in *A Journey to the Ultimate Marriage*, when I asked God *what* He is, the answer I received was "energy". God's essence is what we know as energy. If you can imagine, this energy is thinking, feeling, and intentional. This energy is the power that created the Earth we live on and every living thing within it. This is God – or power. This is what most monotheistic religions refer to as their God: the creator of the universe.



Christians believe that the creator of the universe didn't only make mankind, but made a specific man who they know as Christ (or the anointed one). This man was anointed by God, to perfectly embody the Word of God, to be a sacrifice for mankind's sins. People should believe in God who is our creator, and God says to be saved, you also must believe in the Son of God.

Q. What is sin?

A. Sin means "to miss the mark". The mark that we should want to hit is moral perfection. Picture a target and you're the arrow. The arrow doesn't hit the middle of the bullseye; it hits all around it. Humans are considered sinners because we miss this mark.

Q. What does it mean to be "saved"?

A. We all die now but one day Jesus will return, and those who believe in Jesus will be given new bodies in heaven and will live for eternity. They will only experience the first death. Those who do not believe will experience a second, permanent death.



Jesus saves us from the second, permanent death.

Q. How does Jesus save us?

A. God is a Holy God, which is similar to being clean. God cannot be around things that are unholy, or things that are unclean. Our sin makes us unclean. But God said that the sacrifice of clean blood can make things clean again. So Jesus was Holy, He was clean, and was sacrificed to make all of us clean. If you accept Jesus as a sacrifice for your sins, you will be made clean, and then you can live with God when Jesus returns.

Q. What if I don't want or believe that?

A. God wants everyone to repent and be saved from the second death, but He doesn't force it. If you don't truly believe in your heart that Jesus died for you, then you will have a permanent death.

Q. I don't mind having a permanent death. Why would I want to live in this world forever?

A. This is the glorious thing. When Jesus returns, *everything* that is in opposition to God will have a permanent death, and all





evil will be destroyed. So there will be no more death, sadness, depression, disease, hurting, or pain. You won't be living in a broken world forever; you will be living in a peaceful world forever. Jesus describes it as paradise (Revelation 2:7).

Q. What do I have to do to avoid the second death?

A. All you have to do is truly believe that Jesus died for your sins and decide that you're going to be in agreement with God. Then let God's Holy Spirit do the rest.

Q. What is God's Holy Spirit going to do?

A. God's Holy Spirit helps us remember God's instructions and guides us. It's easy to forget because everything in this world is right at our fingertips. But The Holy Spirit is helpful in that way; we really can't make this transition without Him.

Q. If God loves me so much, why can't I just be with Him?

A. Adam and Eve were originally with God. However, they didn't follow God's instructions and this introduced them and the rest of mankind to sin. When we do



whatever we want and disregard God's instructions, we end up with a world like the one we live in today. One with pain, hurt, crying, and death. God does not want us to live in this type of world forever, so we must go through God's teaching to be prepared for the type of world He has waiting for us.



## **Understanding God's Rules**

Let all things be done decently and in order. ~ 1  
Corinthians 14:40



## God Is a God of Order

If you live in North America or another country with a similar legal structure, this comparison will make sense to you. The United States of America has many different types of laws. To break it down even further, individual states have many different types of laws. For example, they may have:

- “Constitutional Rights” which are 10 basic rights for citizens at the federal level.
- “Statutes” are typically federal or state level and may cover anything that is not already covered at the federal level.
- “Rules” are typically state level and may be called “administrative code”. They also cover anything not already covered at the federal level.
- “Ordinances” are typically city level and may cover anything that is not already covered at the state or federal level.
- “Judgments” are decisions or actions that can be taken if laws are broken.

Note that this is not an exhaustive list of the legal structure but collectively these all make up “laws”.



As shared in *A Journey to Learning God's Word*, this structure mimics God's Word. God's Word consists of:

- “Commandments” which are 10 basic commandments and one of the “highest” levels of God's Word.
- “Statutes” are holy requirements instituted by God and are somewhat the “second-highest” level of God's Word.
- “Ordinances” are requirements that God instituted for memorials or days of remembrance.
- “Precepts” are step-by-step instructions to keep God's commandments, statutes, and ordinances.
- “Judgments” are ways to correct someone who breaks one of God's laws.

Again, this is not an exhaustive list of God's “legal structure” but collectively, these all make up “God's laws”. These are basic principles for living in God's kingdom, just like your country's laws are basic principles for living in that country.

If God's laws are broken, there are consequences. Similarly, if your country's laws



are broken, there are consequences. Even considering your own household, there are rules and when they are broken, there are consequences.

No matter what environment you are in, there are rules for order. If someone has a problem keeping rules, they will have a problem with the Kingdom of God.

This is life. This is order. Our God, who is King of kings, is a God of order. Mankind has done so much to break God's laws, including teaching that we no longer have to keep God's laws. This is not a surprise to God. God compares mankind to a harlot, which is similar to a prostitute. He compares us to a bride, to a wife, who has cheated on her husband with all types of other gods, and He is jealous (Exodus 20:5). He has loved us with an everlasting love, but the only way to bring us back to Him is to let us go and experience the woes of life, so we can see that He is what we needed all along.



And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister



Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. ~ Jeremiah 3:8



Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. ~ Jeremiah 3:14

Truly, once you experience an environment without order, you will realize that is not what you need or want.



## **Understanding God's Prophecy**

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. ~ 2 Peter 1:21





## Patience in Prophecy

I was once told a story of a woman diagnosed with cancer. She told the doctor that she wanted him to call for hospice care. She was ready to prepare for her death. Although her cancer was aggressive, she told the doctor that she would pray for one more day. She prayed that evening and the next morning the doctor found her on her bed full of energy, almost bouncing. She told him she felt better and wanted to go home, not to hospice care.

This is a beautiful story of faith. She believed God would answer her prayers and God did. Hearing it put a smile on my face and it reminded me of how much we cling to life. No one *wants* to die. Everyone wants life, they just want a peaceful and joyful life, without the tears and pain.

I couldn't agree more, which is why I look forward to the second coming. I don't want it to come too soon, when people are left unprepared – myself included – and at the same time, I want it to come as soon as possible. I will be happy to leave this brokenness behind for eternal paradise.



Jesus says in John 14:1-4 that He will come again and at that time, God's children will come with Him. He says that at this time and for the rest of eternity there will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:4). Before Jesus' return there are certain prophecies that must take place and one of those is gathering the Israelites.

Prophecies are future actions or outcomes that God shares with people before they occur. Typically, when God gives a prophetic Word, it is years before the event actually happens.

- God's prophecy of Abraham and Sarah's child.
- God's prophecy of the Messiah through Isaiah and other prophets.
- God's prophecy of the four kingdoms through Daniel.
- God's prophecies of the last days in Revelation.

Sometimes, God gives specific timeframes, for example, when Jeremiah prophesied Hananiah's death in Jeremiah 28:15-17. However, even this specific timeframe was not immediate.



With prophecies in Scripture, and even the prophecies in your life, you must respect God's patience with fulfilling them. They will happen in God's timing and according to God's plan. Not our own, and not according to our wishes or prayers.

At one point, I thought of praying that Jesus would return "today". I was eager to be with God and I was happy to get out of this broken world. I quickly realized what I could have been asking for. I could have been asking for permanent death for people I love and quite likely myself. They are not ready. Perhaps I am not ready. Allow God to fulfill His prophecies as He sees fit.



The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. ~ 2 Peter 3:9



## Prophecy of Names

When God gave me a prophetic dream of my husband, I realized that God does this quite often. As I researched online, trying to find understanding and the meaning of my dream, I came across so many other people who believed God had given them the name of their husband, wife, or child in a prophetic manner.

God had already confirmed, in the most miraculous way, that the name in my dream was connected to my husband. There was no denying that and although the manifestation of the prophecy was taking a long time, my faith stayed strong in what God told me because of how He confirmed it.

God had already showed me that He is faithful regarding His promises (Hebrews 10:23). God had already showed me that His prophecies take time to manifest, and that they do not happen overnight. What I was still unsure about was the name itself. Was it literal, was it metaphoric, was it the meaning?

God showed me that it was the latter: the meaning. In *A Journey to Learning Your Identity I*



discuss the importance of names to God. Important enough for God to rename people. Important enough for God to name people before they're born. One man who was named before He was born is Christ the Savior.



Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ~ Isaiah 7:14



But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. ~ Matthew 1:20-23



Isaiah prophesied that the Savior would be called Immanuel. Matthew (and other disciples) confirmed that the Savior is called Jesus or Yeshua in Hebrew. Someone might rightfully ask, “Which name is it?”

As discussed in *A Journey to Learning Your Identity*, God gives names and changes names according to that person’s characteristics. God Himself refers to Himself according to His characteristics. A name to God is simply the description of something.

Satan means to “resist” or “oppose”. In Matthew 16:23, Jesus called one of His closest disciples satan when he tried to fight the guards who came to take Jesus. Jesus considered Peter’s resistance oppositional to God’s Will because God’s Will was for Jesus to be taken to be crucified. Peter was displaying the characteristic of the meaning of satan: “to resist” or “to oppose”, but that wasn’t Peter’s actual name.

Immanuel means “God with us”. In John 1:1 and 14, Jesus is described as the Word of God, that was with God, that was God, and that became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus had the characteristic of Immanuel: “God with us”.



Jesus or Yeshua means “to save”. In Acts 4:12, Jesus is described as the savior and the only name under heaven for which men can be saved. Jesus has the characteristic of Jesus or Yeshua: “to save”.

When God gives a name in prophecy, it is not typically literal, because God is not considering what parents decide to call their children. God is considering what characteristics they display. If your parents named you Angel but you act like satan, then your parents will call you Angel, but God will call you satan. If you name your child Miracle because they were miraculously born, it is quite possible that God will call them Miracle as well. God calls people according to their characteristics.

Isaiah prophesied many other names of the Savior including Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace. Again, someone might ask, “Which name is it?” To God, it is all of them because all of these characteristics are accurate. When God shares prophetic information about people’s spouses or children, God is telling them a primary characteristic of their future spouse or child. The importance in the name to God is



what it means. Therefore, the importance of a name in prophecy is what it means.



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6





## **Prophecy of Jesus**

Some of the most important prophecies are concerning Jesus. Jesus was prophesied from the beginning of Scripture, and it took thousands of years for these prophecies to be fulfilled.

Summary: Descendant of Abraham

Prophecy: Genesis 22:18

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:1 and Luke 3:34

Summary: Descendant of Isaac

Prophecy: Genesis 26:4

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:2 and Luke 3:34

Summary: Descendant of Jacob

Prophecy: Genesis 28:13-14

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:2 and Luke 3:34

Summary: Descendant of Judah

Prophecy: Genesis 49:10

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:2

Summary: Descendant of Jesse

Prophecy: Isaiah 11:1-4

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:5



Summary: After the rebuilding of Jerusalem

Prophecy: Daniel 9:25

Fulfillment: Nehemiah 3

Summary: Before the destruction of Jerusalem

Prophecy: Daniel 9:26

Fulfillment: Luke 21:20-22

Summary: Born in Bethlehem

Prophecy: Micah 5:2

Fulfillment: Matthew 2:1

Summary: Born of virgin birth

Prophecy: Isaiah 7:14

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:18-25

Summary: John the Baptist will prepare for  
Jesus

Prophecy: Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1

Fulfillment: Matthew 3:1-2

Summary: A light in Zebulun, Naphtali, Galilee

Prophecy: Isaiah 9:1-2

Fulfillment: Matthew 4:12-13

Summary: Perform miracles

Prophecy: Isaiah 35:5-6

Fulfillment: Matthew 11:4-5



Summary: Speak in parables

Prophecy: Isaiah 6:9

Fulfillment: Matthew 13:13

Summary: Speak the things of the Father

Prophecy: Deuteronomy 18:18

Fulfillment: John 8:28

Summary: His garments were taken

Prophecy: Psalm 22:18

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:35

Summary: Called the begotten Son of God

Prophecy: Psalm 2:7

Fulfillment: John 3:16

Summary: Ride on a donkey

Prophecy: Zechariah 9:9

Fulfillment: Matthew 21:7

Summary: Be rejected by people

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:3

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:23

Summary: Be mocked during crucifixion

Prophecy: Psalm 22:7-8

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:39,43



Summary: Remain silent during accusations

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:7

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:12-14

Summary: Beaten and spat on

Prophecy: Isaiah 50:6-7

Fulfillment: Matthew 26:67, Matthew 27:30

Summary: Intercede for accusers

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:12

Fulfillment: Luke 23:34

Summary: Hands, feet, and side pierced

Prophecy: Psalm 22:16, Zechariah 12:10

Fulfillment: John 19:37, John 19:34

Summary: Crucified with guilty men

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:12

Fulfillment: Mark 15:27

Summary: Thirst during crucifixion

Prophecy: Psalm 22:15

Fulfillment: John 19:28

Summary: Forsaken during crucifixion

Prophecy: Psalm 22:1

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:46



Summary: Suffer for the sins of the world

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:4-6, Daniel 9:24

Fulfillment: 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 1:4

Summary: Buried in a rich man's tomb

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:9

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60

Summary: Flesh will not see corruption

Prophecy: Psalm 16:10

Fulfillment: Acts 2:31

Summary: Be the cornerstone

Prophecy: Zechariah 10:4

Fulfillment: Ephesians 2:20

Summary: Have the throne of King David forever

Prophecy: 2 Samuel 7:12-13, Daniel 7:14

Fulfillment: Luke 1:31-33, Revelation 22:16

Summary: Jesus's sacrifice is for everyone

Prophecy: Isaiah 11:10, Isaiah 42:6

Fulfillment: Matthew 12:21, Luke 2:32

Summary: Worldwide impact

Prophecy: Micah 5:4

Fulfillment: Matthew 28:19



## Prophecy of Uniting Israel

Another important prophecy that still must come to pass is uniting Israel.

✦ And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the Earth. ~ Isaiah 11:12

✦ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. ~ Ezekiel 36:24

✦ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. ~ Ezekiel 37:21

God's plan is to gather all Israelites and for this to occur, the Israelites have to know who they are. Not to reestablish their identities; as stated in *A Journey to Learning Your Identity*, all of God's children's identities are in Christ (2



Corinthians 5:17). They are not to reestablish their position either; God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) and God says the first will be last and the last will be first (Matthew 20:16). God is revealing these truths so prophecies will be fulfilled and His plan will be manifested. Most Israelites don't know that they are Israelites, and there is at least one reason why.

✦ And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. ~ Isaiah 14:2

✦ Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. ~ Jeremiah 30:16

✦ He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. ~ Revelation 13:10



Understandably, those who are currently in high positions on the Earth do not want the prophecies listed above to be fulfilled. The outcome is not in their favor. Similarly, satan knows he has little time and wants to extend his duration of being in charge on the Earth (Revelation 12:12). Satan is currently using people in high places to accomplish his work. Likewise, God uses the people of God to accomplish His work. The people of God usurping the people currently in high places will reflect the spiritual shift of God usurping satan on Earth.



For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ~ Ephesians 6:12

There were many people in biblical history that heard of their fate through prophesy and tried to prevent it. King Zedekiah put Jeremiah in prison for prophesying that his kingdom would be overtaken by Babylon (Jeremiah 32:3-5). King Herod killed all children two years old and under who were in Bethlehem to try to prevent the prophecy of Jesus (Matthew 2:16). King Solomon





tried to kill Jeroboam because Ahijah prophesied that Jeroboam would take 10 of the 12 tribes of Israel (1 Kings 11:35-40). Notice in these examples they were kings – they were in high places on Earth.



## **Understanding the Israelites**

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

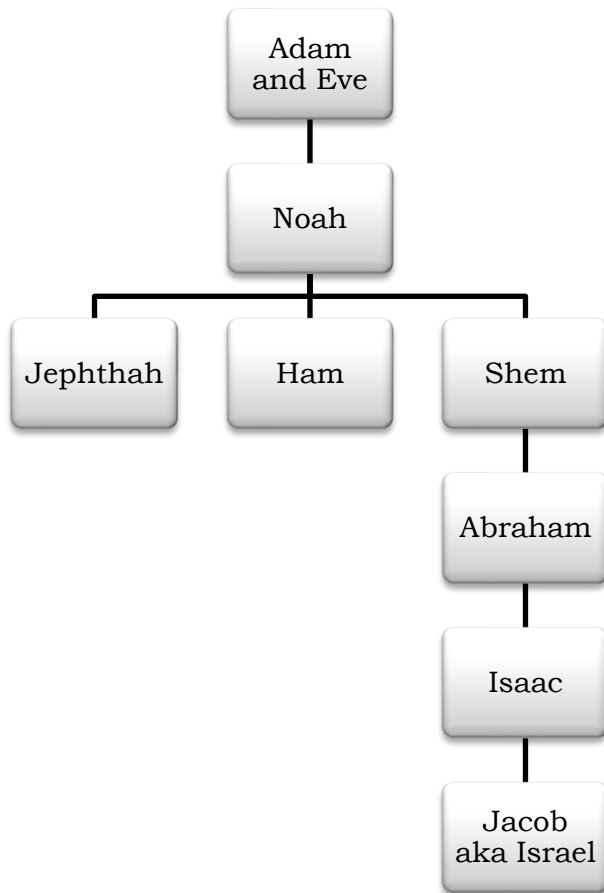
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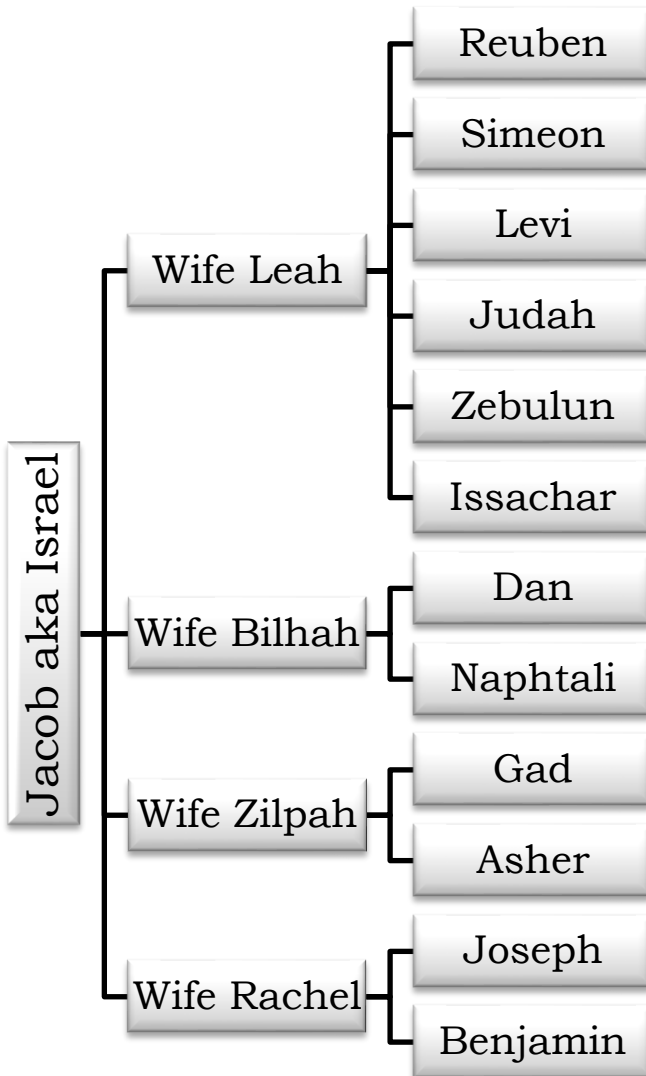


## **Lineage of the Israelites**

The current conundrum for people (not God) is that too few people know who the Israelites are. They are frequently called “the lost tribes”. If they themselves don’t know who they are, why would they think to gather to fulfill prophecy? Let’s start with the basics according to Scripture.

God made Adam and Eve and they had many descendants that couldn’t be numbered. Their sin was so great that God brought a flood and saved only Noah, his wife, his sons, and his son’s wives. One of Noah’s sons, named Shem, had a descendant named Abraham. Abraham kept God’s Word and for that, God chose Abraham and his descendants to fulfill prophecy. Abraham had a son named Isaac, and Isaac had two sons named Esau and Jacob. Jacob was blessed by his father, and God changed Jacob’s name to Israel. Israel had 12 sons by four wives. These 12 sons are called the 12 tribes of Israel.







## Blessings for the Tribes of Israel

The men in the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob vowed to follow God and they sought God in the decisions they made, even blessing their children. Jacob aka Israel's 12 sons were blessed according to God's prophecy.

Genesis 49:3-28 says:

**Reuben**, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

**Simeon** and **Levi** are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.



**Judah**, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

**Zebulun** shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

**Issachar** is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

**Dan** shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so



that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.

**Gad**, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

Out of **Asher** his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

**Naphtali** is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

**Joseph** is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.





**Benjamin** shall ravine as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.



## **The Tribe of Judah**

As I read Israel's blessings for his 12 sons, I asked myself "Why is Judah's blessing so much longer than the other sons?" In Judah's blessing, Israel mentioned that his people would wash their clothes in blood and bring the people together when Shiloh comes – Shiloh meaning the Messiah.

One of the purposes of The Holy Bible is to bring us to one point in history: Jesus. Because there was one tribe primarily involved in the birth and crucifixion of Jesus, we hear about this tribe the most in the New Testament and throughout history after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Jew is translated Juda-an. "Jews" does not denote all tribes of Israel; it denotes one tribe, the tribe of Judah. Just as Judah's blessing suggests, the tribe was strict about the law of God. They remembered the times that God punished them for having idols and not keeping God's commandments. Any threat of idolatry was met with punishment and death. Due to their strong background in God's law, they were unable to see prophecy being fulfilled right before their eyes as Jesus being "the one that



will come and gather the people”. Instead, they saw Jesus as a threat to God’s law. So as prophecy aligned, they asked for Jesus to be killed.



## Identifying the Israelites

The other 11 tribes, aside from Judah, were not as consequential to the prophecy of Jesus, so they are not mentioned as often in the Bible. However, one thing that is important to note in relation to Jesus is the mixing of blood. Or in other words, the common practice of Israelite men marrying women from different nations and Israelite women marrying men from different nations.

Up to the birth of Jesus, the Israelite lineage was completely mixed with other bloodlines and lineages. If it wasn't mixed enough before King David and after multiple generations of slavery in other nations, Solomon, King David's son, made sure it was mixed when he married 700 women and had 300 concubines from other nations. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, had 18 wives and 60 concubines from other nations. Many men in the Israelite lineage married multiple women from other nations and this doesn't include their sisters and daughters who married into other nations.

- Genesis 38:2-5  
Judah married a Canaanite woman.



- Genesis 41:45  
Joseph married an Egyptian woman.
- Genesis 46:10  
Simeon married a Canaanite woman.
- Exodus 2:21  
Moses married a Midianite woman.
- Numbers 12:1  
Moses married an Ethiopian woman.
- Ruth 4:13  
Boaz married a Moabite woman.
- 2 Samuel 3:2  
David married a Jezreelite woman.
- 2 Samuel 3:3  
David married a Carmelite woman.
- 1 Kings 11:1-3  
Solomon married 700 women and had 300 concubines from various nations.
- 2 Chronicles 11:21  
Rehoboam married 18 women and had 60 concubines from various nations.



Why is the mixing of blood critical for identifying the Israelites? Some may think that the lineage identified throughout the Bible is important for identifying specific people or nations. However, lineage is identified throughout the Bible to show that all nations are wrapped up in Jesus' bloodline. By the time Jesus was born into the world, His blood was mixed with the blood of every nation. Through this, every nation literally became the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the 12 tribes of Israel, and when Jesus shed His blood, it was literally the blood of every nation.



For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. ~ Ezra 9:2



For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. ~ 1 Corinthians 9:20-21

Right now, there are Israelites all over the world, Israelites through the mingling of bloodlines and



as those who accept Jesus as their Savior. These are the people who must be gathered. In *A Journey to Learning Your Identity* it was mentioned that once you accept Jesus, your identity is not about gender, nationality, occupation, etc. but it is in Christ.



There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ~ Galatians 3:28

Considering, once again, the prophecy of gathering the Israelites from around the world; God says in Isaiah 11:11 that people will be gathered from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. God says in Isaiah 11:12 that they will be gathered from the four corners of the Earth. God says in Ezekiel 36:24 that they will be gathered from all countries. And this is not as much about gathering people of a specific nationality as it is about gathering His people who now happen to be of all nationalities. God says He will bring them out from among the heathen, the heathen being people who are not His people through the acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice.



And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. ~ Isaiah 11:11

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. ~ Isaiah 11:12

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. ~ Ezekiel 36:24

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. ~ Ezekiel 37:21





## **My Lineage History**

Although God showed me the importance of all nations being represented in the bloodline of Israel, He still answered my prayer that led me on this journey in the first place and inspired *A Journey to Learning Your Identity*. That was to learn who my ancestors were. I completed a DNA test that showed that my lineage was 39% Nigerian, 16% Cameroonian, Congolese, and Bantu in Africa, and 14% Malian in Africa. Then, similar to Jesus' lineage, mine begins to mix with European, Native American, and other nations.

Being African American, I decided to start with the American slave trade. It is a commonly known fact that the American slave trade began in West Africa. One professor studied skulls of slaves in America and skulls of slaves in Egypt and found them to be identical. However, the skulls were different to the skulls of the Egyptian elite. This indicated that the same people enslaved in Egypt (Exodus 1:13-14) were identical to those enslaved in America from West Africa.



- Fredrickson, George M. *The Black Image in the White Mind*. 1971, 74-75.
- Morton, Samuel G. *Crania Americana; or, A Comparative View of the Skulls of Various Aboriginal Nations of North and South America: To which is Prefixed An Essay on the Varieties of the Human Species*. 1839.

As suspected, the same West African countries mentioned in these books are the same countries from which my and many other American slave descendants came from: Nigeria, Cameroon, Congo, Bantu, and Ghana.

- Eltis, David and Richardson, David. *Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*. 2015, 127, 192.

This led me to the slave trade in Egypt and subsequent slave trades thereafter.

- In Exodus 1:13-14, Egyptians made Israelites slaves.

When the Israelites came out of captivity, they were eventually made slaves again.



- In 2 Kings 17:6, Assyria made Israelites slaves.

When the Israelites came out of captivity, they were eventually made slaves again.

- In 1 Chronicles 9:1, Babylon made Israelites slaves.

When the Israelites came out of captivity, they were eventually made slaves again.

- In Ezra 9:9, Persia made Israelites slaves again.

Slavery was so frequent among the Israelites that Jeremiah asked in Jeremiah 2:14, “Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn slave? Why is he spoiled?”

When the Israelites came out of captivity, they were eventually made slaves again.

- In Joel 3:4-6, Grecians made Israelites slaves.

When the Israelites came out of captivity, they were eventually made slaves again.



- In Luke 21:24, Romans made Israelites slaves.

In Luke 21:20-21, Jesus warned the Israelites of what to do when the Romans came: “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.”

Dr. Rudolph R. Windsor wrote in *From Babylon to Timbuktu* on page 84 that over 1,000,000 Israelites went to Africa, specifically the Sahara Desert.

Although some of the Israelites who fled to Africa had the same skin tones as Africans, Israelites had a different lifestyle, religion, and language. Africans saw the Israelites as foreigners and because of this, Africans had no issue selling the Israelites when the American slave trade began.

- Eltis, David and Richardson, David. *Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*. 2015, 1, 127.



- Pafitt, Tudor. *Black Jews in Africa and the Americas*. 2013, 111.
- Ehrlich Mark A. *Encyclopedia of the Jewish Diaspora: Origins, Experiences, and Culture, Volume II*. 2009, 492-493.

Israelites were eventually made slaves again.

- Americans made Israelites slaves, which was prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:68, saying, “And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

Currently, there are tribes in Africa that have been traced back to a Hebrew tribe, one being the Igbo tribe in Nigeria. Many authors that studied the culture of these tribes in Africa pointed out the stark similarities and sometimes identical lifestyles in accordance with the Word of God. This included studying the original Torah, which is known to Christians as the Old Testament.



- Windsor, Rudolph R. *From Babylon to Timbuktu*. 1969, 90-92.
- Pafitt, Tudor. *Black Jews in Africa and the Americas*. 2013, 47.
- Ehrlich Mark A. *Encyclopedia of the Jewish Diaspora: Origins, Experiences, and Culture, Volume II*. 2009, 454.

However, not all African Americans, or descendants of American slaves, have Israelite bloodline through this history. As Deuteronomy 28:68 states, they were originally sold but then “no man bought them”. When Americans were buying slaves, native Africans ensured they sold the Israelite foreigners. However, when Americans began taking Africans without buying them, they did so indiscriminately. They didn’t care if they were native or foreign; if they had brown skin they were taken.

African slaves at this time were sold to various parts of the world, mainly South America, North America, and the islands between the two continents.

- Eltis, David and Richardson, David. *Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*. 2015, 114-124.



Truly, Israelites are all over the world and must be gathered from the four corners of the Earth (Isaiah 11:12), out of all countries (Ezekiel 36:24), and on every side (Ezekiel 37:21). This is just a small portion of what were the 12 tribes of Israel – not to mention all other tribes, and also keeping in mind the mixing of bloodlines along the way.

Every person has a different history of ancestors that leads them back to the bloodline of Jesus. I would encourage everyone to pray (if it matters to you) and allow God to show you. Otherwise, rest in the fact that you are a child of the Most High God if you accept Jesus as your sacrifice and get prepared for Jesus' second coming.



## Responding as an Israelite

So if you haven't understood it yet, you are an Israelite through the mingled bloodline of Jesus and by accepting Jesus as your sacrifice. One thing you may notice throughout your journey with God is a conviction to keep God's laws. I've talked to countless people who have shared that they suddenly started feeling conviction to keep the Sabbath (fourth commandment) or started feeling conviction about honoring their father and mother (fifth commandment), etc.

A lot of the people I talk to ignore or bury the conviction because they don't understand the magnitude of it, they aren't comfortable with it, or they feel it conflicts with their belief of "saved by grace". God is absolutely a God of grace, and at the same time God is a God of order. Lawlessness is not God's reason for grace (Romans 6:15). Grace was extended through faith in Jesus so we could have the Holy Spirit which helps us keep God's law. Jesus came to fulfill it, not to destroy it (Matthew 5:17).

As God convicts you to keep His commandments, come in agreement with that. Not by your own strength, but by the strength of





the Holy Spirit, which is the One that brought it back to your remembrance and will teach you (John 14:26).

Know that God still cares about His commandments. In Matthew 5:19, Jesus said, “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

One thing to understand about God is that God is constant. He does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Therefore, God’s Word does not change and God’s expectations do not change.

★ And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. ~  
2 John 1:6

The difference is *how* God’s Word will be kept. Jeremiah 31:33-34 says, “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of



Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Once you accept Jesus as a sacrifice for your sins, God gives you His Holy Spirit. God’s Holy Spirit will teach you “all things” and “bring to remembrance” God’s Word. This is how God will write His law on your heart. This is why no one will have to teach another person God’s Word; the Holy Spirit will teach them personally. This is how God has taught me His Word and reflected it in the *What God Told Me* book series.



But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. ~ John 14:26



All God asks is that you not grieve the Holy Spirit as He works.

✦ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. ~ Ephesians 4:30

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. ~ Matthew 12:31-32




## **Understanding the Second Coming**

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the Earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ~ Matthew 24:30



God knows that there are people “posing” as children of God. These are the people depicted in Matthew 7:22 saying, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?” And as Matthew 7:23 says, Jesus will “profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of satan. ~ Revelation 2:9

God is looking for specific people. People who are willing to function in the Kingdom He has prepared. A Kingdom that does have laws and expectations and is also full of love.



## The Second Coming

You may have heard that Jesus is coming a second time and when Jesus returns, it will be for judgment. Although it will be nothing we have seen before, I imagine it being a glorious sight, based on depictions in Scripture.

There will be a “first resurrection” where God will raise the souls of those who are dead and were martyred for teaching about Christ, and who did not have the mark of the beast at their death. They will reign with Christ for 1000 years! During this time, life will still occur on the Earth, but the enemy will be restrained by God. Christ will have complete power on Earth at this time, an opportunity to appeal to the hearts of those living one more time, without excuse, other than their own personal desires.

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





lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ~ Revelation 20:4-5

After 1000 years of the saints reigning with Christ who were raised in the first resurrection, satan will be released again to deceive the nations. Although the nations have had 1000 years with Christ, many will still be deceived because of the lust in their own hearts. They will gather to try to overtake the saints who are still living but God will defeat them on their behalf.



And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. ~ Revelation 20:7-9



At this time, God will destroy satan permanently. God will then raise all the souls still on the Earth, dead and alive, and if they are in the Book of Life, God will judge them according to their works. If they are not in the Book of Life, they will receive a permanent death.



And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. ~  
Revelation 20:12-15





## **The Book of Life**

Every time God breathes life into someone, He writes their name in the Book of Life. Every person who is or was alive has had their name written, almost like God's birth certificate. Your goal is to keep your name in the Book of Life because as you just read, anyone who is not found there will have a permanent death.

To prevent your name from being blotted out of the Book of Life, Revelation warns to:

1. Make yourself perfect before God.
2. Remember how you heard of and received salvation through Christ.
3. Hold on to your faith in Christ.
4. Change your ways to align with Christ.
5. See number 1 and repeat.

This is a daily practice. Not once a week when you go to church, or once a month when you decide to fast, or once a year when you attend a special service, event, or "revival". Christ says if you are not watchful, He will come as a thief and you will not know what hour He will come.



And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. ~ Revelation 3:1-5



You may be thinking, “Is it really possible to be like Christ?” or “Is it possible to be perfect?” or “Would anyone be able to keep their name in the Book of Life with these standards?” God makes it clear throughout Scripture and in Revelation



that He is a Holy God and His Kingdom is a Holy Kingdom, and He will not allow unholy or unclean people into His Kingdom. This is our opportunity to prepare ourselves for His Kingdom and we are truly blessed that we aren't meeting this standard through our own strength, but God Himself is helping us.



And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. ~ Revelation 21:27



## The Mark of the Beast

Many Christians are obsessed with “the mark of the beast”. Some believe that the mark is a literal mark on someone’s forehead or hand. Some believe that the mark is a chip that will be planted in people’s foreheads or hands, that will allow them to purchase things. God says that the mark is not a literal mark, but the mark in the forehead is what people think and the mark in the hand is what people do.



Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. ~ Jeremiah 6:19



Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt. ~ Jeremiah 25:7



Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. ~ 1 Timothy 4:2



Therefore shall ye lay up these my words  
in your heart and in your soul, and bind  
them for a sign upon your hand, that they  
may be as frontlets between your eyes. ~  
Deuteronomy 11:18

People do not realize that they may already have  
the mark of the beast because they are looking  
for some type of physical sign (as people often  
do). There are many people who say they are  
Christians, who may have the mark of the beast,  
because despite their words, their thoughts and  
actions are far from God, far from love, far from  
perfect, far from keeping God's commandments,  
and most importantly, far from willing.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord,  
Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of  
heaven; but he that doeth the will of my  
Father which is in heaven. Many will say  
to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not  
prophesied in thy name? and in thy name  
have cast out devils? and in thy name  
done many wonderful works? And then  
will I profess unto them, I never knew you:  
depart from me, ye that work iniquity. ~  
Matthew 7:21-23



From the verse above, a question that comes to mind is “What is the will of the Father?” And from reading Scripture and previous chapters of this book that explain Scripture, you should know that answer.



I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ~ Romans 12:1-2

A follower of Christ must allow God’s Holy Spirit to renew their mind, so the things they think and do are reminiscent of Christ.



But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. ~ John 14:26



If someone does not meet God's requirements for His Kingdom, they will not be allowed in God's Kingdom. As stated before, these people will experience a second death, one which is permanent, while others receive everlasting life. It's also important for everyone to know that God does not want anyone to have a second death; He wants everyone to come to repentance.



But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.  
~ Revelation 21:8



The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. ~ 2 Peter 3:9



## The Kingdom of God

Once God determines who will have everlasting life through the Book of Life, they will inherit His Kingdom.



He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. ~ Revelation 21:7

## Everything New

God will give us new names and new bodies. There will be a new heaven and a new Earth. Everything will be made new.



And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ~ Revelation 21:1



And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. ~ Revelation 21:5

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him





✦ that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. ~ Revelation 2:17

✦ Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. ~ Philippians 3:21

### **God's Kingdom on Earth**

It's important to understand the difference between heaven and Earth when everything is made new. People will not live in heaven and God's Kingdom will not reside in heaven. God's Kingdom will reside on Earth, with God's people.

✦ And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ~ Revelation 21:2

✦ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,



and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. ~ Revelation 21:3



And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. ~ Revelation 21:10

### **How God's Kingdom Will Be**

God's Kingdom is described as paradise. It's honestly hard for me to even picture. God tells us about streets paved with gold and gates filled with different precious stones. There will be a peace like we have never experienced before. There will be no death, sorrow, or crying.



He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. ~ Revelation 2:7



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither



shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. ~  
Revelation 21:4

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the





nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. ~ Revelation 21:11, 18-27

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. ~ Isaiah 11:6-9





But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ~ 1 Corinthians 2:9

In God's Kingdom God's laws will still exist, as God is a God of order. However, it will feel like the laws aren't as prevalent because life will operate as it was originally planned. God's laws are prevalent now because of sin. Sin begets death (James 1:15) and God's laws help prolong life (Proverbs 3:1-2). However, in God's Kingdom, there will be no death, only life for eternity.

You should operate within God's law on earth for this reason: to prolong your life. Yet keep an ultimate goal in mind – learning to operate within God's characteristics, for which there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23). This will be the normal behavior in God's Kingdom and this is the behavior you naturally display when you truly love. Just as Jesus stated, these characteristics, this behavior, these acts of love, encompass the law (Matthew 22:37-40).



## God Alone Will Give Life

Every part of creation that brought forth fruit, Adam and Eve could freely partake of in heaven. There was only one part of creation that brought forth fruit where God said they had to have restraint.



And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. ~ Genesis 2:16-17

Adam and Eve ate fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil when God told them not to. This resulted in them being removed from God's Kingdom as a precaution to keep it from being eternally corrupted. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is the result of exercising your free will to do something in opposition to God's instructions. This opens you up to negativity.

The free will that Adam and Eve exercised was the conception of a child. They engaged in



sexual intercourse without God's instruction, timing, or plan. So the consequences for their behavior were geared toward their offspring and conceiving life, including that a woman would now bring forth children in sorrow. God did not give life to the child for the same reason that He had to remove Adam and Eve from His Kingdom.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.  
~ Genesis 3:15-16



And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ~ Genesis 2:23 (Before they sinned she was called Woman.)



And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. ~ Genesis 3:20 (After they sinned she was called Eve.)





The next thing that took place after Adam and Eve were displaced was the birth of a child. This child is an example of why God could not give life to the child previously conceived. The child's name was Cain, and being conceived in sin, he was a problem (to put it bluntly). This is the same child who killed his little brother and the same child who had the audacity to disrespect God. This is same offspring that God chose to destroy in the flood because of the level of sin. This is us now; this would have been us in God's Kingdom. We would have ruined it just as we ruin Earth, but Glory to God for His plan of redemption and restoration.



And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. ~ Genesis 4:1



And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. ~ Genesis 4:8



And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ~ Genesis 4:9





Although God intended for Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply in His Kingdom, He did not desire it to be done haphazardly or according to people's plan. God expects to be involved in the conception according to His plan. Man and woman will not be married in God's Kingdom, but there will be children. Children will be conceived of God, similar to Jesus' birth through Mary.



For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. ~ Matthew 22:30



And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. ~ Genesis 1:28



The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ~ Isaiah 11:6



## Mysteries of Perfection

There are a lot of mysteries in the Bible, or at least they seem like mysteries simply because we don't understand them. One mystery is the ideal of perfection. First it's important to understand that God does expect perfection in His Kingdom. From the beginning of the Bible, through the Old Testament, and through the New Testament, God states His expectation continuously.

✦ And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. ~ Genesis 17:1

✦ Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. ~ Deuteronomy 18:13

✦ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. ~ Matthew 5:48

Since God requires perfection, and we know all things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26), then we know that it is possible for us to become



perfect. The key word is *become*. God refers to a few people in Scripture as having “perfect hearts” but when you look at their past, you will see that they committed murder, adultery, covetousness, etc. This is encouraging for us, because it shows us that God is not just looking at our past and not even necessarily our actions; He’s looking at the reasons why we do things, our growth, and our willingness to be corrected.



And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron. But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa’s heart was perfect with the Lord all his days. ~ 1 Kings 15:14



And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart. ~ 2 Chronicles 25:2



And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father. ~ 1 Kings 15:3



What does perfection look like? The answer is right in front of us, again, being repeated continuously in Scripture. Perfection is the desire, willingness, and action of keeping God's Word. In *A Journey to Understanding God's Word*, the scope of God's Word is described as God's laws, commandments, statutes, ordinances, precepts, judgments, and testimonies. These are what God expects us to keep.



Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. ~ 1 King 8:61



There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. ~ Job 1:1



And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. ~ 1 Chronicles 29:19



✦ Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. ~ Matthew 19:21

✦ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. ~ Ephesians 4:13

✦ Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. ~ Colossians 4:12

✦ Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. ~ Revelation 22:14

You may be thinking, “What about love and grace”? Love and grace do not eliminate the expectation of perfection. Love and grace are what makes perfection possible (Matthew 5:17).



Jesus said continuously that if we love the Father or love the Son, we would keep God's commandments. Jesus also said that love is a summary of God's Word. If you love your neighbor, you wouldn't kill them, steal from them, sleep with their wife or husband, etc. If you love God, you wouldn't disrespect His name, dishonor Him by putting other people and things before Him, or dispute the Sabbath, which is a day that He set aside as Holy.

✦ But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. ~ John 14:31

✦ If ye love me, keep my commandments. ~ John 14:15

✦ Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy



neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. ~ Matthew 22:35-40

Since love summarizes God's Word and really simplifies it, then how should we show love? Scripture says that God is love (1 John 4:8). Since God is love, we have to look at what God is.

In Exodus 3:14, Moses asked God who He is and God replied "I Am". Throughout Scripture, we can see God saying I Am Peace, I Am Patience, I Am Joy, and more. God is so many different things to us, so many characteristics; therefore, "I Am" is a very fitting overall description of God.

God is:

- Peace (Philippians 4:6)
- Patience (Romans 15:5)
- Joy (1 Thessalonians 2:20)
- Hope (Romans 15:13)
- Gentleness (2 Samuel 22:36)
- Goodness (Exodus 34:6)
- Strength (Psalms 27:14)
- Counselor (Isaiah 28:29)
- Wisdom (Proverbs 1:7)
- Understanding (Proverbs 2:6)



- Knowledge (Daniel 2:21)
- Life (John 14:6)
- Truth (Revelation 3:14)
- Forgiveness (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Holy (Isaiah 6:3)
- Reliable (Joshua 1:9)
- Faithful (Revelation 19:11)
- Redemption (Colossians 1:14)
- Restoration (Matthew 17:11)
- Mercy (Jeremiah 42:12)
- Grace (Hebrews 4:16)
- Our Defense (Romans 12:19)
- Freedom (Psalms 51:12)
- Healing (Isaiah 57:18)
- Advocate (1 John 2:1)
- Comforter (John 14:16)
- Teacher (Psalms 25:9)
- Guide (Nehemiah 9:19)
- Help (Hebrews 4:16)
- Virtue (Luke 8:46)
- Resurrection (Revelation 2:8)
- Creator (Genesis 1:1)
- First and Final Word (Revelation 1:11)
- Power (Luke 10:19)

These characteristics really just scrape the surface, but this is God, this is what love looks





like, and therefore, this is what perfection looks like. Picture yourself as the defendant in a court room. Jesus is your attorney and satan is the prosecutor. When satan tries to accuse you of being impatient, Jesus will testify that you are patient. When satan tries to accuse you of being harsh, Jesus will testify that you are gentle. When satan tries to accuse you of being a complainer, Jesus will testify that you are hopeful. Jesus is our character witness and through God's Holy Spirit, these characteristics will be true. We are simply tasked with not getting in the way of God's Holy Spirit doing the work.



Quench not the Spirit. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:19



And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. ~ Ephesians 4:30

We must allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. This is THE ONLY way we could ever be perfect. Jesus is the THE ONLY way to obtain the Holy Spirit and this is why Jesus says He is THE ONLY way to life (John 14:6). Grieving the Holy Spirit is the only sin that we cannot be



redeemed from. The reason is because we need the Holy Spirit to become perfect.

✦ Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. ~ Mark 3:28-29

So perfect love is what leads to perfection, because perfect love encompasses all of God's laws. Like you must keep your parents rules in order to stay at your parent's house, and you must keep the laws of your country in order to remain free in that country, you must be willing to keep God's laws in order to stay in God's Kingdom. If you are already showing that you don't want to keep God's rules now, then why would you want to keep them in the Kingdom of God? Again, there were people in Scripture described as perfect because of their willing hearts, not their past actions. That is all God expects: a willing, humble, teachable heart.

Yes, God's Word is still in effect. God does not change. What Jesus changed is *how* we meet



these expectations. We don't accomplish this through our own strength; it is God's Holy Spirit that does the work. This is the good news. That Christ died for our sins, so we can have access to God's Holy Spirit (John 16:7), so through the power of God, we can become perfect and heirs to the Kingdom of God.

God has given us everything we need in spirit and Scripture to be successful. Now it's time for people to not only ask for wisdom, but ask for understanding so these things will be made known on a more intimate level (Proverbs 4:7).

Trust God and be encouraged by Philippians 1:6, which says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."



## Understanding God's Holy Spirit

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. ~

Romans 8:26



In *A Journey to the Ultimate Marriage*, the enemy is discussed in detail, including the types of spirits we battle and how to battle them. Evil spirits are any spirits that are in opposition to God: the spirit of fear, hate, discord, sexual immorality, etc. There are also multiple spirits of God. God speaks about seven specific Spirits in Revelations and different spirits called gifts in Corinthians. God's spirits are positive, while the enemy's spirits are negative, and to reach a place of perfection or holiness, you have to rid yourself of all negative spirits. *A Journey to the Ultimate Marriage* provides step-by-step details for getting rid of negative spirits.



And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. ~ Revelation 3:1



And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. ~ Revelation 4:5



For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth. ~ Zechariah 4:10

We have to understand that we are spiritual beings and we are a part of a spiritual world (1 John 4:1). We simply live in a body. God is a spiritual being as well, and the seven Spirits of God are:

1. Spirit of Wisdom
2. Spirit of Understanding
3. Spirit of Counsel
4. Spirit of Might
5. Spirit of Knowledge
6. Spirit of Fear of the Lord
7. Spirit of Life

When Jesus was baptized, the Father's Holy Spirit rested on Him (Matthew 3:16) and the first six Spirits of God were bestowed on Jesus. Jesus didn't need the seventh Spirit of God at the time because He already had it. Everyone who is born into the world has the seventh Spirit



of God. And since it is God's, everyone who dies, has this Spirit returned to God.

✦ And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ~ Isaiah 11:2-4

✦ And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:45

✦ And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. ~ Genesis 2:7



Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. ~ Ecclesiastes 12:7

You become closer to God when you seek God, when you try to understand God on a deeper level, when you show thankfulness to God, when you're open to being corrected by God, and when you have confidence or faith in God. Take the next few weeks to build on these aspects through the exercises below.















## What to Remember

This book is not to evoke fear but it is to evoke urgency. Jesus is returning. Although we do not know when (Matthew 24:36), it's not like God wrote, "Ready or not here I come. The end." God gave us so much information, from His expectations, to how to fulfill His expectations, to examples of those who fulfilled His expectations, to how much He loves us, to Jesus, to His Holy Spirit, to prophecy that tells us the future! He gave us instructions to have the healthiest bodies possible and a healthy spiritual life. God even gave us principles for healthy finances and families. Oh, does He love us, but we are just stubborn people.

God has already said He will save a great multitude, which no man could number, from all nations and people (Revelation 7:9,16,17). How awesome is this news! God has been so good to us, even when we hurt Him, even when we hurt ourselves, even when we hurt each other; God is constantly good to us. Constantly loving us. Constantly calling us. Constantly preparing us.

Sometimes we don't even muster up a "Thank you," but God does not give up on us. Until our



last breath, we have chance after chance after chance. We don't even give ourselves and each other the number of chances that God gives us. We are so unworthy but God's grace is sufficient, and we should be eternally grateful.

I pray that everyone reading this book or not, reading Scripture or not, is led by the Holy Spirit to keep God's commandments, to be perfect, to be prepared for God's Kingdom. I pray that people stop seeing God's Word as a yoke and barrier and see it for what it is: instructions for abundant life here on Earth and in God's Kingdom. I pray that my name and your name remain in the Book of Life. I pray that we humble ourselves to hear God's beckoning and start responding with "yes". I pray this to the Heavenly Father, King of kings, Lord of lords, Creator of the universe, in the name of His Son Jesus.



And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. ~ John 14:3



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Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. ~ Jeremiah 33:3

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