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*"The Son of God willingly destroyed Himself on the Cross"*

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## Part 3: A Doctrinal Foundation

### FORWARD

In Part 1 we fully discussed the Personal Doctrine of Christ and clearly indicated that the Personal Foundation to be laid down is Jesus Christ.

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ”. 1 Corinthians 3:11

The Apostle Paul mentions in Hebrews that he has much to say, but it is hard to be uttered because we are dull of hearing. By this time we all ought to have been teachers (Rabbi’s), but we are all still on milk instead of being on strong meat (Hebrews 5:11-12). Scriptures are very clear that all believers have to grow unto spiritual maturity to become God’s servants, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment (2 Timothy 3:17). The Book of Hebrews, Chapter 6, outlays the seven basic foundational principles every believer must know and implement, before the temple of Adonai can be erected {“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? – 1 Corinthians 3:16 NIV}.

*“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works, and of **faith** toward God, <sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of eternal **judgment**. <sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God **permit** (Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV).*



In Part 2 we fully discussed the first three principles, namely:

- Repentance of dead works.
- Faith toward God.
- Doctrine of Baptisms.

In this part, Part 3, we will continue with our discussion on the remaining three aspects on the Doctrinal Foundation, namely;

- Laying on of hands.
- Resurrection of the dead.
- Eternal Judgment.

In Part 1 we explained the 7<sup>th</sup> principle, namely: “***If God permits***”. Although it is not part of the doctrinal foundation itself, it is important to take cognizance of this. Many believers are building the house without the approval of the inspector. If the foundation has not been inspected and approved of by the Master Builder, the house is built in vain.



# 1. LAYING ON OF HANDS

Our hands are crucial instruments in God's service during our daily walk. We touch, we comfort, we make contact with each other. Therefore they have spiritual purposes to embrace. We are Adonai's vessels and God needs our bodies to abide in us. He uses our hands, mouths, ears, minds, emotions and feelings to express Himself to the world. God needs our hands to transmit His power and His authority to others. Laying on of hands brings continuity in the Body of Christ between a senior- and a junior pastor, between one generation and another. In the spiritual context it transmits blessings, authority, wisdom, the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts and ministries.

## Appointment

God's Kingdom is not based on any earthly principles. Most earthly systems are based on a voting system. The kingdom of heaven is not based on a voting system, but Adonai appoints who He elects. No man can appoint God's Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists and Teachers. What a pity that the voting system operates even in the institutional churches when pastors are appointed. This often has catastrophic results! **Adonai should always be the One who appoints! He says:**

You did not choose me, **but I chose you and appointed** you so that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. John 15:16

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## **Purpose**

What is the exact purpose of the laying on of hands?

It is:

- To recognize, but not to appoint.
- To set apart.
- To transfer authority.
- To equip with spiritual gifts and authority.

We find many examples in both the Old and New Testament of people laying hands on others.

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

### **Ephraim & Manasseh**

In Genesis 48 Joseph brought his two sons, Ephraim & Manasseh, to his father, Joseph. It was a common act of respect for parents to ask the grandparents for their blessing on the grandchildren. According to tradition the older son had to receive the father's right-hand blessing. But in this case, Jacob insisted that the blessing will go first to the younger brother, Ephraim. He therefore crossed his hands, placing his right hand on Ephraim and the left on Manasseh. Jacob's blessings determined the future of these two sons of Joseph.



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## Elijah

Adonai ordained the laying on of hands to transfer power, gifts, authority and blessings from one person to another. Hands are an instrument of the Lord. The hand of the Lord Himself came upon Elijah and he was empowered to outrun the chariots of the king. 1 Kings 18:46.

## Signet Ring

“And I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,” declares the LORD Almighty. Haggai 2:23

We are God’s signet ring on His right hand. *A signet ring was used instead of, or together with, a signature, to give authentication to an official document.* He uses us as His signet ring to approve His works in the Body of Christ.

## Isaac and Jacob

Isaac was supposed to bless Esau, his oldest son. But Jacob and his mother, Rebecca, betrayed him by pretending that Jacob was Esau. They covered his arms with animal skin, which made the blind Isaac to believe that he was the hairy Esau. Isaac’s blessing was transferred to Jacob instead of to Esau. Once the blessing was transferred through the hands of Isaac, it could not be reversed. This blessing was later passed on from Jacob to his own 12 sons. Please read Genesis 49 to see how Jacob blessed and prophesied over each of his sons. These blessings again determined the destiny of each





of his sons. Juda, for e.g. means praise. Jacob spoke the following blessing over his son:

"Your brothers will praise you, Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies. Your fathers sons will bow down to you, Judah, you are a lion cub. You have come back from the kill, my son. He lies down and rests like a lion. He is like a lioness. Who dares to disturb him? A sceptre will never depart from Judah nor a ruler's staff from between his feet until Shiloh comes and the people obey him. Genies 49:8-10

It is no co-incidence that Yahshua is well-known as  
the lion of Judah!

## Moses

Adonai commanded Moses to lay hands on Joshua, thus transferring authority to him. *Notice that God appointed Joshua. He was not elected by a committee!*

"Select Nun's son Joshua. The Spirit is in that man." the LORD answered Moses. "You are to lay your hand on him <sup>19</sup> and make him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. Then you are to set him in charge right before their eyes, <sup>20</sup> turning over your authority to him so that the entire community of Israel knows to obey him. Numbers 27:18-20 KJV

Moses understood that authority could only be passed to Joshua by the laying on of hands.

And thou shalt put **some of thine honour upon him**, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. <sup>21</sup> So Moses did what the LORD had commanded him. He took Joshua, made him stand in the



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presence of Eleazar the priest and the entire community,<sup>23</sup> laid his hands on him, and charged him, just as the LORD had commanded, using Moses' authority. Numbers 27:20-23 KJV

Notice Verse 20 which states that some of Moses' authority should be put on Joshua and not all.

Give to him some of your authority so that the whole community of Bnei-Yisrael will obey him. Numbers 27:20 TLV

In the Book of Deuteronomy we read that Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom after Moses had laid hands on him.

Now Nun's son Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had placed his hands on him, so Israelis listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Deuteronomy 34:9 KJV

Moses also had to lay hands on Aaron and his sons to receive divine impartation. Again, they were appointed by Adonai Himself and not by human election.

## **Elisha**

Elisha received a double-portion of blessing from Elijah. We read in 2 Kings 13:14-18 that Elisha, on his sick bed, put his hands upon the hands of the king, who held a bow and arrows. The king then shot an arrow towards the enemy to hit the target.

Even after Elisha's death his anointing was so strong that when they buried him and his bones touched a dead man, the man raised from the dead and stood up on his feet.



And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men*; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet. 2 Kings 13:20-21 KJV

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

The people of the New testament understood the laying on of hands. They even brought their little children to Yahshua.

Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray. Matthew 19:13 KJV

Mark 10:16 recorded that Yahshua took these little children in his arms and blessed them.

### **The Laying on of Hands for Healing**

#### **Jairus**

When Jairus saw Yahshua in the synagogue, he begged the Messiah to come and lay hands on his dying daughter to heal her.

“ ... and begged him urgently, saying, "My little daughter is dying. Come and lay your hands on her so that she may get well and live." Mark 5:23 ISV



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## Nazareth

In his own home town, Yahshua could not do mighty works because of the unbelief of the people, but he laid His hands on the sick to heal them (Mark 6:5).

## The Blind Man

Jesus led a blind man out of the city, spat into his eyes, placed his hands on him and asked the man: “Do you see anything”? (Mark 8:23). Interesting that the man replied: “I see men as trees, walking (verse 24), implying that he could not yet see clearly. Yahshua had to put his hands on the man’s eyes twice before his sight was restored (verse 25).

## The Woman with a Disabling Spirit

When Yahshua laid his hands on a women with a disabling spirit, she was immediately made straight and glorified God (Luke 13:13).

In Mark 16 Yahshua gave us the great commission to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature (verse 15). Then He said:

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick**, and they shall recover. Verse 18



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It is clear that Jesus commanded us to lay hands on the sick to receive their healing. James confirms:

Are there any sick among you? Then ask the elders of the church to come and pray over the sick and anoint them with oil in the name of our Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith[s] will heal the sick and the Lord will raise them up, and if they have committed sins they will be forgiven. James 5:14-15 TPT

Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and *he laid his hands on every one* of them, and healed them. <sup>41</sup> And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking *them* suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. Luke 4:40-41 KJV

Just before Yahshua's ascension, He led his disciples out of town, as far as Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them (Luke 24:50). Jesus understood the fundamental principle of laying on of hands to heal the sick and to bless the people.

Although these are ample proof from scriptures, many people still do not believe in the laying on of hands to heal the sick. The reason why so many houses are collapsing, is the absence of an essential and fundamental foundation! This foundation includes the laying on of hands!

**“What are you using your hands for?”**

**Yahshua needs your hands to heal His people!**



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## **The Laying on of Hands for the Imparting of the Holy Spirit**

John and Peter were sent to Samaria to lay their hands on the converts so that they could receive the Holy Ghost.

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:17 KJV

They were immersed from above.

## **The Laying on of Hands to Commission Servants of the Church**

Acts 6 states that the disciples could not do all the work themselves anymore. Extra helpers had to be appointed to assist them. Acts 6:3 says: "...whom we may appoint over this business". The helpers were appointed and not elected. The Greek word for deacon is a "servant" or a "helper". God only promotes the meek of heart, those who are willing to serve.

**"Are you serving others or are you waiting to be served?"**

## **Laying on of Hands to Separate People for a Specific Task**

In Acts 13 the Holy Ghost said: "*separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them*" (verse 2). Take note that as they worshiped the Holy Spirit spoke. This implies that someone prophesied under the influence of the Holy Ghost. He appointed the best disciples for the job!



In Acts 14 a city was divided.

Paul and Barnabas preached the Gospel with severe tribulation and prosecution. They appointed elders in all the churches by the laying on of hands.

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.<sup>23</sup> And when they had **ordained them elders in every church**, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed. Acts 14:22-23

Paul wrote to Timothy and gave him special instructions for the appointing of elders. These elders had to adhere to strict requirements. “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine” (Timothy 5:17 KJV). Very few elders today are worthy of double honour, being underlaid in word and doctrine! We should be very careful to only appoint people who fit the profile as described in Titus and Timothy.

### **Laying on of Hands for the Transferring of Gifts**

Paul reminds Timothy not to neglect the spiritual gifts he received when Paul laid his hands upon Timothy.

<sup>6</sup>I’m writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you when I laid my hands *upon you*. 2 Timothy 1:6 TPT

Note how these gifts were imparted by Adonai, using Paul’s hands.





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The laying on of hands was so important to the early believers that Paul longed to go to Rome to impart unto the believers some spiritual gifts.

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established. Romans 1:11 KJV

### **The laying on of hands for prophecy versus fortune-telling**

The laying on of hands to receive prophecy should not be confused with fortune-telling. In Macedonia Paul met a women operating by the spirit of divination.

<sup>16</sup> As we were on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit of divination [claiming to foretell future events and to discover hidden knowledge], and she brought her owners much gain by her fortunetelling. <sup>17</sup> She kept following Paul and [the rest of] us, shouting loudly, These men are the servants of the Most High God! They announce to you the way of salvation! <sup>18</sup> And she did this for many days. Then Paul, being sorely annoyed *and* worn out, turned and said to the spirit within her, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And it came out that very moment.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners discovered that their hope of profit was gone, they caught hold of Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the forum (marketplace), [where trials are held]. <sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them before the magistrates, they declared, These fellows are Jews and they are throwing our city into great confusion. <sup>21</sup> They encourage the practice of customs which it is unlawful for us Romans to accept or observe! <sup>22</sup> The crowd [also] joined in the attack upon them, and the rulers tore the clothes off of them and commanded that they be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> And when they



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had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Acts 2:16-23 TPT

A warning to the reader: Be very conscious about who lays hands on you! If a person is in bondage, e.g. under the influence of the Jezebel spirit, pornography etc, those spirits may be transferred to you. Be very sensitive to the warning of the Holy Spirit. Grow unto spiritual maturity to be able to distinguish between good and evil. Paul immediately identified the spirit of divination. This spirit on the other hand also immediately identified Paul and his travellers as people of God.

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**The marks of the crucifixion remained in the hands of Christ even after His resurrection – visible to eternity! In my own spirit I sense that this depicts just how important the acts of our hands are!**

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## 2. RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

The Greek word “***anastasis***” is translated into English as “resurrection”. When breaking this word up into two parts, we get “*ana*”, which means “to repeat something” and “*stasis*” meaning “to stand”.

Thus, anastasis means to stand up or upright again or to arise again. In this case rising from the dead – resurrection.

Jesus said; “I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believe in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live (John 11:25). What He meant is:

***“I AM STANDING UP IN POWER”***

***This implies that even if you are knocked down and flat on the ground, He has the power to put you back up on your feet again! He is the “anastasis”, the Resurrection! He is our power to stand-up!***

The most important principle of the doctrinal foundation, in my opinion, is the resurrection. Without resurrection, there is no hope, no Christianity, no faith. It is the central Doctrine of the Faith. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable, Paul said to the Corinthians. We have a better hope, and that hope is in the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others! <sup>20</sup> But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the firstfruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died. 1 Corinthians 15:19-20 TPT



We will later have a complete discussion on this resurrection harvest. Christ was risen from the dead, and He never died again, henceforth there will be another harvest of resurrection, but each according to its appropriate order.

<sup>23</sup> But each one in his proper order: Christ, the firstfruits, then those who belong to Christ in his presence. 1 Corinthians 15:23 TPT

Yahshua stood before the tomb of Lazarus and called him forth, and he came alive. But Lazarus died again! The Father resurrected His Son from the dead and He, our Messiah, will never die again! Glory to God! That is resurrection power!

Paul revealed this profound truth to us: ***“<sup>11</sup> Yes, God raised Jesus to life! **And since God’s Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!”*****

Romans 8:11 TPT.

We have resurrection power in us. This is Dunamis power!

Believers should not only acknowledge this biblical truth, but should also apply this dynamite power of Yehôvâh Elohim that He put within us.

The Messiah died for our sins fulfilling the prophecies of the Scriptures. <sup>4</sup> He was buried in a tomb and was raised from the dead after three days, as foretold in the Scriptures. <sup>5</sup> Then he appeared to Peter the Rock and to the twelve apostles. <sup>6</sup> He also appeared to more than five hundred of his followers at the same time, most of whom are still alive as I write this, though a few have passed away. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to Jacob and to all the



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apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all he appeared in front of me, like one born prematurely, ripped from the womb. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 TPT

Carefully read what Peter explains to us, when he too confirms that he was an eye witness of the Messiah.

<sup>16</sup> We were not retelling some masterfully crafted legend when we informed you of the power and appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we saw his magnificence and splendor *unveiled* before our very eyes. <sup>17</sup> Yes, Father God lavished upon him radiant glory and honor when his distinct voice spoke out of the realm of majestic glory, endorsing him with these words: This is my cherished Son, marked by my love. All my delight is found in him! <sup>18</sup> And we ourselves heard that voice resound from the heavens while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> **And so we have been given the prophetic word—the *written* message of the prophets, made more reliable and fully validated by the confirming voice of God on the Mount of Transfiguration.** And you will continue to do well if you stay focused on it. *For this prophetic message is like a piercing light shining in a gloomy place until the dawning of a new day, when the Morning Star rises in your hearts.* 2 Peter 1:16-19 TPT

Peter wants us to realize that the prophetic word is more reliable and validated than any eye witness. Let the reader take cognizance of this Biblical truth – the scriptures cannot be broken! (John 10:35)



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## CHRIST'S RESURRECTION CONFIRMED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Let us look at the primary confirmation of Christ's resurrection in the prophetic scriptures of the Old Testament.

In Psalm 16 David speaks in the First Person:

Because I set you, Yahweh, always close to me,  
my confidence will never be weakened,  
for I experience your wraparound presence every moment.

<sup>9</sup> My heart and soul explode with joy—full of glory!

Even my body will rest confident and secure.

<sup>10</sup> ***For you will not abandon me to the realm of death,  
nor will you allow your Faithful One to experience corruption.***

<sup>11</sup> Because of you, I know the path of life,

as I taste the fullness of joy in your presence.

At your right side I experience divine pleasures forevermore!

Ps 16:8-11 TPT

The Jubilee Bible clearly states that He will not leave my (*referring to Christ*) soul in Sheol (verse 10).

I have set the LORD always before me: because when he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure. <sup>10</sup> ***For thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol;*** neither wilt thou suffer thy Merciful One to see corruption. <sup>11</sup> Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; in thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.



Now Peter spoke to the people on the day of Pentecost, just after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost and said: “...*whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible for him to be held by it.* <sup>25</sup> *For David speaks concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved,* <sup>26</sup> *therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover even my flesh shall rest in hope* <sup>27</sup> *because thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.* <sup>28</sup> *Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance”.*

Acts 2:24-28

We see that Peter quoted David in Psalm 16, referring to the prophetic word that Sheol (*Hebrew for Hades*) could not hold the Messiah, nor did His body see any corruption. Peter explains:

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

<sup>30</sup> Therefore being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne; <sup>31</sup> he, seeing this before, spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul was not left in Hades, neither did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of whom we all are witnesses. Acts 2:30-32

Look at these profound words David wrote in Psalm 71. He now refers to “US”, instead of “him”.

Even though you’ve let **us** sink down with trials and troubles,

I know you will revive **us** again,





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lifting us up from the dust of death.

<sup>21</sup> Give **us** even more greatness than before.

Turn and comfort **us** once again. Psalm 71:20-21 TPT

Clearly we see that the Old Testament prophetic word declared that Christ will be raised from the dead and we will be raised with Christ one day.

What a glorious and victorious day that was, when the Father raised His Son from the dead and stripped all the powers and principalities of darkness!

Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his! Col 2:15 TPT

The foundational New Testament Scripture of the resurrection is recorded by Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians.

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **according to the scriptures**; <sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **according to the scriptures**. 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

The Apostles had access only to the Old Testament. They knew the Old Testament Scriptures. Paul referred to these prophetic words in the Old Testament. Christ's resurrection is the cornerstone of our FAITH,!



Hosea also prophesied that we will be revived after two days and that He will raise us up on the third day.

**Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Hosea 6:1-2 KJV**

This Old Testament prophecy not only brought facts, but also revealed inner spiritual significance of the facts stated and predicted. The first is the prediction that the resurrection of Christ would take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. The second is that His resurrection will indeed also be our resurrection!

### **Prophetic Significant**

In Part 1 I explained the parable of the Samaritan. He asked the innkeeper to look after the wounded man and paid him 2 denarii's. The number 2 is significant.

Hosea speaks of 2 days: "After 2 days will he revive us"! It certainly has a prophetic meaning, since Hosea did not only refer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of resurrection, but clearly referred to the number 2.

In both these two scenarios I believe a mystery of the second coming of Christ is hidden. The number 2 refers to a thousand years each. This means He will return after 2000 years to revive us. After 2000 years we too will be resurrected. Glory to GOD!

When the Father raised His Son from the dead, Yahshua stripped the enemy from all the powers and principalities. He quickened US together with Christ and raised US up together with Him. We are seated together with Christ in



heavenly places. SAINTS, we are already victorious, because of Christ's resurrection!

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, <sup>5</sup>  
 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by  
 grace ye are saved;) <sup>6</sup> And hath raised us up together, and made us sit  
 together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus Ephesians 2:4-6

When we lay down the foundation, according to the Doctrine of Christ, we have to acknowledge the importance of our baptism. The outward act of the above-mentioned scripture is our water baptisms.

**Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him  
 through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from  
 the dead. Colossians 2:12**

How can there be any doubt for the believer that, to be risen with Christ, there first must be a funeral! Our bodies have to be buried.

**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as  
 Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so  
 we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4**

When we believe in Him and are baptised, we are identified with His burial and resurrection and are seated with Him in the heavenly realm on the throne. There is, however, a condition: "*If we follow on to know Him*".

Then shall we know, **if we follow on to know the LORD**: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:3 KJV



Resurrection is only for those believers who pursue and follow on to know the Lord. Then follows the latter rain. Scriptures mention the early and the latter rain. The latter rain refers to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Jesus died and his body was buried, but on the third day Christ was raised up from the dead. Likewise, the believer must also participate in Christ's death, burial and resurrection. That takes place through our baptisms as explained in Part 2. We too are now identified with Christ's resurrection. Christ ascended into the heavens and returned to His Father, but promised that He will never leave us, nor forsake us! He promised to send us the Holy Spirit to help us in our walk on earth. We can say that Christ ascended and at the same time returned to us in the form of Holy Spirit.

Let us pause here for a moment, until this profound truth sinks in deeply! We need to fully grasp and understand the important of our baptisms in order ***to participate in all the benefits that Christ's death, burial and resurrection provided for us.***

I discovered exactly why the Apostles only preached this pure message of the Gospel - His death, burial and resurrection. Paul was very adamant when he wrote to the Galatians that if anyone would preach any other Gospel, let him be accursed.

Christ commanded us to be a witness of this Gospel and for this purpose we need the Holy Spirit (*"But ye shall receive the virtue of the Holy Spirit which shall come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth - Acts 1:8*).



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**Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:7-8 KJV**

## **THE WITNESSES**

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; <sup>4</sup> And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: <sup>5</sup> And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: <sup>6</sup> After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 KJV

In the epistle of Paul to the Corinthians the follow facts were recorded:

- Christ died, was buried and rose again.
- It happened according to the scriptures and was already predicted in the Old Testament.
- There were several eye witnesses, as recorded in the New Testament:
  - Cephas (Peter) - Luke 24:33-34),
  - Twelve disciples - Acts 1:1-3; John 20:19-22
  - Two men on the road to Emmaus – Luke 24
  - Five hundred other men – 1 Corinthians 15:6



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- James, and other disciples – 1 Corinthians 15:7
  - Paul - 1 Corinthians 15:8

<sup>8</sup> And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. <sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the most insignificant of all the apostles, unworthy even to be called an apostle, because I hunted down believers and persecuted God's church.  
1 Corinthians 15:3-8 KJV

Notice Paul's humble heart as he sees himself as the most insignificant, unworthy one, because he had persecuted the church of Christ.

These are the facts proving that you have been SAVED! Henceforth, the Apostle thoroughly preached only this message of The Gospel of Jesus Christ!

- His Death,
- His Burial and
- His Resurrection.

This Gospel was tested in Old Testament prophecies and it was also tested by reliable witnesses. May the Lord open our eyes and ears for this revelation as Isaiah states:

**The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Isaiah 50:5-6 KJV**



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## BEGOTTEN AGAIN / BORN AGAIN

The Old Testament already prophesied and foresaw our born again experience, that would follow after Christ resurrection.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Hosea 6:2

We are identified with his death and resurrection. Even though we were dead, He made us alive, raised us up and seated us with Him.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, <sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) <sup>6</sup> And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:4-6 KJV

Notice that “alive together” is mentioned three times. It is written in the past tense, which confirms that it has already been accomplished.

We are buried with Him in baptism (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).

For it is written: The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became the life-giving Spirit. <sup>46</sup> However, the spiritual didn't come first. The natural precedes the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the dust of the earth; the second Man is Yahweh, from the realm of heaven. <sup>48</sup> The first one, made from dust, has a race of people just like him, who are also made from dust. The One sent from heaven has a race of heavenly people who are just like





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him. <sup>49</sup> Once we carried the likeness of the man of dust, but now let us carry the likeness of the man of heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 TPT

In this passage we clearly see how we, as believers, are being transformed:

- From the old creation to the new creation.
- From the First Man, who was a living being, to the Last Adam, who became a live giving spirit!
- The First Man was from the dust of the earth, but the Second Man was from heaven!
- He rose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and is now the Head of the new creation man!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us** again unto a **lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5 KJV

The ISV states in verse 3 that, because of His great mercy He has **granted us a new birth**, resulting in an immortal hope through the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah, from the dead. “Has begotten us” means a new birth. This new birth came through the resurrection of Jesus.



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Now we can see that, without the resurrection of Christ, there can be no new birth. New birth cannot be established by man's effort!

It is a gift of God, so that no man can boast in his salvation.

*“Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it”.* Ephesians 2:9 NLT

He has begotten us. In other words, He granted us a new birth, which is our living hope and a life in Christ Jesus. We pass over from the old nature into the new order. We become a new race, an Emmanuel race, with Messiah as the Head. We are now the “GOD WITH US” RACE! We have received a new source of life in Christ, who is in heaven.

**Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that's where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority!** <sup>2</sup> Yes, *feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm* and **fill your thoughts with heavenly realities**, and not with the distractions of the natural realm. <sup>3</sup> Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ. <sup>4</sup> **And as Christ himself is seen for who he really is, who you really are will also be revealed**, for you are now one with him in his glory!  
Colossians 3:1-4 TPT

Meditate on the following scripture:

We are now born from above, just as the second Adam is from above. Our resources is not from the earthly realm – every need is covered and provided for. O, how many of us struggle to grasp and



to life this promise on our earthly life. We are at rest, because we also sit enthroned with Christ and has all the power and authority given to us.

Why are you still so destructed by the earthly realities - our thoughts are supposed to be filled with heavenly realities. Christ's death, burial and resurrection bring you into righteousness, we have received our right standing before the throne. For the believer, seeing the man "in the mirror" is seeing how God sees us from the beginning, even before the fall of Adam which resulted in sin's devastation to human hearts. The man in the mirror is the new creation man (James 1:24 TPT).

Paul wrote:

<sup>16</sup>So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. <sup>17</sup>We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity. We see our difficulties as the substance that produces for us an eternal, weighty glory far beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>because we don't focus our attention on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but the unseen realm is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16 TPT



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## JUSTIFIED

Because of His righteousness, we are justified. That means to be made right with Christ, after the first Adam had failed. Because of Christ's resurrection, we have right standing with Adonai. Let us have a look at the example of Abraham, as explained to us in Romans:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; <sup>21</sup> And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. <sup>22</sup> **And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.** <sup>23</sup> **Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;** <sup>24</sup> **But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;** <sup>25</sup> **Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.** Romans 4:20-25

Paul understood this. He used Abraham as an example to tell the New Testament believer that righteousness was imputed onto Abraham, because of his faith and not for keeping any law. Now we too have to receive this righteousness through faith! We have to believe that Christ delivered us from all our offences and justified us through His resurrection!

**Let us take note that we cannot earn our right standing before God for keeping any law or by doing anything right! It is solely because Christ was raised from the dead for our justification!**

Christ's resurrection bring justification to the believer. Righteousness was credited to us for free – we did not earn it! Now we must exercise the same faith that Abraham did to receive our righteousness. Christ paid in full the final penalty for our sins. God's justice was satisfied by Jesus' death. By His



resurrection, the Father provided complete righteousness to the believer. My dear brother and sister, if Christ was not alive, you would still be lost in your sins and your faith would be a fantasy (1 Corinthians 15:17 TPT). By His resurrection He reversed that unrighteous penalty to death.

For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God through our union with him (2 Corinthians 5:21 TPT).

This justification that Christ brought along, made us completely righteous. It is as if we have never sinned. Complete sinlessness is the only righteousness ever accepted in heaven.

## COMMITMENT

Many make it unto salvation, but few ever make a sincere commitment to the Christian life.

**But we receive the faith-righteousness that speaks an entirely different message:** “Don’t for a moment think you need to climb into the heavens to find the Messiah and bring him down,<sup>7</sup> or to descend into the underworld to bring him up from the dead.”<sup>8</sup> But the faith-righteousness we receive speaks to us in these words of Moses:

“God’s living message is very close to you, as close as your own heart beating in your chest and as near as the tongue in your mouth.”

<sup>9</sup> And what is God’s “living message”? ***It is the revelation of faith for salvation, which is the message that we preach. For if you publicly***



***declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will experience salvation. <sup>10</sup> The heart that believes in him receives the gift of the righteousness of God—and then the mouth confesses, resulting in salvation.*** Romans 10:6-10 TPT

Here we find two requirements, namely believing in the heart, which brings us righteousness, and confessing with our mouth, which brings salvation. Notice the commitment of His Lordship, which is key for our salvation. Christ's victory over the enemy is also our victory over all enemies, yes, even DEATH. We have to realize that our bodies are perishing and that we have a better hope of resurrection. Christianity is the only religion that has an answer to the problem of death, because of Christ resurrection.

John was the beloved disciple of Jesus. He knew the Messiah well as the Carpenter son, but when he saw the resurrected Messiah in a vision on the Isle of Patmos, he fell on the ground like a dead man (Revelation 1:10-18).

Revelation tells of his experience:

I was in the spirit realm on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice sounding like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> saying to me:

Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. <sup>12</sup>When I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, I saw seven golden lampstands. <sup>13</sup>And walking among the lampstands, I saw someone like a son of man, wearing a full-length robe with a golden sash



over his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white like wool—white as glistening snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire! <sup>15</sup>His feet were gleaming like bright metal, as though they were glowing in a fire, and his voice was like the roar of many rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. And his face was shining like the brightness of the blinding sun! <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell down at his feet as good as dead, but he laid his right hand on me and *I heard his reassuring voice* saying:

**Don't yield to fear. I am the Beginning and I am the End, <sup>18</sup> the Living One! I was dead, but now look—I am alive forever and ever. And I hold the keys that unlock death and the unseen world.**

Revelation 1:10-18 TPT

In His own words, the Messiah declared: *“I was dead, but now I am alive and hold the keys of death”*.

Do you want to experience resurrection or are you only living an earthly life, without any hope of an eternal future?

Hades and Death are evil angels ruling over darkness. We read in Revelation 6:8 of the pale horse, and the name of him that sat on it was **death**. **Hades** followed him to kill.

**Being satanic angels, Death claims the bodies of the dead and Hades claims their souls!**

But Jesus went into those places and stripped them from all their power and principalities.





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Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his! Col 2:15 TPT

Notice that death has already been defeated, but not yet destroyed. One day when Christ calls all of us unto resurrection, in a twinkling of an eye we will be changed and will receive our glorified bodies!

Until then he is destined to reign as King until all hostility has been subdued and placed under his feet. <sup>26</sup> And the last enemy to be subdued and eliminated is death itself. 1 Corinthians 15:25-26 TPT

And when that which is mortal puts on immortality, and what now decays is exchanged for what will never decay, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says:

Death is swallowed up by a triumphant victory!

<sup>55</sup> So death, tell me, where is your victory? Tell me death, where is your sting? 1 Corinthians 15:54-55 TPT

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Romans 8:35 KJV). Not even death can separate us from His love.

Remember, in the promises of God, we receive provision.

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live”*

(John 5:25 KJV).



Are you hearing His voice, that you might live and never experience death? In John 8, Yahshua had a conversation with the Jewish Traditional leaders, the Pharisees. He declared to them:

<sup>51</sup> I speak to you this eternal truth: ***whoever cherishes my words and keeps them will never experience death.***”

What a pity that these leaders were so captive in their human customs and traditions, that they simply could not understand the Messiah’s speech.

<sup>52</sup> This prompted the Jewish leaders to say, “Now we know for sure that you’re demon possessed! You just said that those who keep watch over your words will never experience death, but Abraham and all the prophets have died! <sup>53</sup> Do you think you’re greater than our father Abraham and all the prophets? You are so delusional about yourself that you make yourself greater than you are!”

When we listen to the Messiah and obey His voice, we shall never see nor taste death. There are no more claims on us. We are not going down into the kingdom of darkness, but UPWARDS into the heavens. When Stephen, the first martyr, was stoned to death, he looked up and saw the heavens opened.

And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. <sup>57</sup> Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, <sup>58</sup> And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young



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man's feet, whose name was Saul. <sup>59</sup> And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Acts 7:56-59 TPT

These words that Stephan cried out, was his final words.

Christ is the Head of his body, which is the church. And since he is the beginning and the firstborn heir in resurrection, he is the most exalted One, holding first place in everything. Colossians 1:18 TPT

Holding the first place, implies that others will follow. Christ's resurrection means a birth from the dead. He emerged from the dead. When a baby is born, the head is the first part that becomes visible. Jesus is the Head of the church. Then the body, which is us, will follow Him in resurrection!

## SEATED IN RULERSHIP

<sup>4</sup> From John to the seven churches in western Turkey: *May the kindness of God's grace and peace overflow to you* from him who is, and who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits who are in front of his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the **Faithful Witness**, the Firstborn from among the dead and the ruling King, who rules over the kings of the earth! Revelation 1:4-5 TPT

Here in Revelation, John reported seeing the 7 Spirits (Isaiah 11) and Yashua, the Firstborn from the dead, in front of the throne. I



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believe these Spirits minister to us to make it unto salvation! They are all faithful witnesses who now rule over the earth.

Resurrection leads to the throne and to rulership!

Christ, the First Born of the resurrection harvest, is already sitting on the Throne, ruling over the earth! We, as His body, will follow! John confirms this in Chapter 20, when he describes thrones and they that sat upon them.

*“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them”. Revelation 20:4*

<sup>11</sup> You can trust these words: *“If we were joined with him in his death, then we are joined with him in his life! <sup>12</sup> If we are joined with him in his sufferings, then we will reign together with him in his triumph”*. But if we disregard him, then he will also disregard us. <sup>13</sup> But even if we are faithless, he will still be full of faith, for he never wavers in his faithfulness to us! (2 Timothy 2:11-12 TPT).

## **Overcomers**

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21  
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## TO BE A WITNESS

Just before Yahshua ascended into heaven, He declared that we will be His witnesses:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV

It was only recently that my understanding broadened and I realized that, just as the Apostles were witnesses of Yahshua's death, burial and resurrection, we have to be witnesses too. When Yahshua ascended, the world could not see Him anymore, but we, as believers, can still see Him.

Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19 NIV

Acts 1 reveals a worth to be noted aspect of resurrection. Yahshua shared with His disciples the order in which different groups of people will be resurrected.

He said: For the times and seasons only the Father knows, but let me tell you, before this can happen, I will return to the earth in the form of the Holy Ghost. Those to whom I will return, will receive power to be my witnesses that I am alive! Now, you go and be my witnesses around the world that the Messiah had come, He did die, He was buried and He had raised from the dead. That is the Gospel to be preached so that those who hear and except (do) will be resurrected too.



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When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? <sup>7</sup> And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. <sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:6-8 KJV

To be an effective witness, we need the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We need supernatural power to bear witness to this supernatural event. Not in our own power and knowledge will this be possible. That was the reason Jesus told His disciples to go back to Jerusalem and wait to receive this power given to them by the infilling of the Ruach HaKodesh. Only then would they be witnesses to Him.

Yahshua adjusted their priorities. He said to them that, before He would return for the restoration of Israel, they would first need to be witnesses for Him. This is why all believers have to be witnesses to His resurrection.

When the disciples had to choose a replacement for Judas Iscariot, they made sure to choose a believer who could also be a witness of His resurrection.

<sup>21</sup> “So then, we must choose his replacement from among those who have been with us from the very beginning, <sup>22</sup> from John’s baptism until Jesus’ ascension. And, like us, he must be a witness of his resurrection.”  
Acts 1:21 22



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After the Holy Ghost came down and filled the 120 men in the upper room in Jerusalem, they bore witness and testified about the Lord's resurrection.

The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all. Acts 4:33 TPT

Saints, we need to also spread this message that Christ has risen from dead! The church is preaching a contaminated message, leading many astray, instead of witnessing to them the resurrection of Yashua.

**Have you personally experienced the Messiah as your Risen Lord?**

## OUR HOPE

The Doctrine of Christ points us to the resurrection of the dead and to eternal judgment. The moment we understand this, the veil is lifted and it becomes possible to see and to understand that Christ will indeed come back to take us where He is – His Father's house!

Paul was on trial in front of Felix only because he believed in the resurrection of the dead (Acts 24:21). In verse 15 Paul mentioned to Felix that his hope is not in him, Felix, who has the power to free him from prison, but his hope is in God – the hope of a resurrection from the dead. Felix was able to put Paul's body to death, but Paul's hope was in His God, who would resurrect him from the dead.



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<sup>15</sup> And my hope is in God, the same hope that even my accusers have embraced, the hope of a resurrection from the dead of both the righteous and the unrighteous. Acts 25:15 TPT

Paul quotes Jesus on the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and of the unrighteous.

<sup>25</sup> “I speak to you eternal truth: **Soon the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will arise with life!** <sup>26</sup> For the Father has given the Son the power to impart life, even as the Father imparts life. <sup>27</sup> The Father has transferred to the Son the authority to judge, because he is the Son of Man.

<sup>28</sup> “So don’t be amazed when I tell you these things, for there is a day coming when all who have ever died will hear my voice **calling them back to life,** <sup>29</sup> and they will come out of their graves! **Those who have done what is good will experience a resurrection to eternal life.** And those who have **practiced evil will taste the resurrection that brings them to condemnation!**

John 5:25-29 TPT

When Paul referred to the righteous and the unrighteous, it was an indication that the righteous would be resurrected to eternal life, but the unrighteous to eternal condemnation. Paul received a revelation and explained in 1 Corinthians 15 that Christ had risen from the dead as the first fruit of a great resurrection harvest and that each one (the righteous and the unrighteous) would be resurrected in his proper order!





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<sup>20</sup> But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the first fruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, *Adam*, it is fitting that the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man, *Christ*. <sup>22</sup> Even as all who are in Adam die, so also all who are in Christ will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each one in his proper order: Christ, the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ in his presence.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 TPT

In John 14:19 Jesus assured his disciples, still living and standing alive in front of Him: **“You will come alive too”**.

<sup>19</sup> Soon I will leave this world and they will see me no longer, but you will see me, because I will live again, and you will come alive too.

John 14:19 TPT

**This means, saints, that on that day, when His voice calls us to be resurrected, not all of us will be dead.** This is confirmed in his epistle to the Corinthians:

<sup>51</sup> **Listen, and I will tell you a divine mystery: not all of us will die, but we will all be transformed.**

1 Corinthians 15:51 TPT

Please read 1 Corinthians 15 in the Passion Translation to understand Paul’s clear explanation that the first man (Adam) was from the dust of the earth and the second Man (Lord Jehovah) from the realm of heaven. The first Adam has a race of people just like him and the One sent from heaven has a race of heavenly people just like Him. There are earthly bodies and heavenly bodies. Flesh and blood are not able to inherit God’s kingdom



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realm, neither will that which is decaying be able to inherit what is incorruptible.

Now Paul says that not all of us will die, but we all will be changed and transformed. This will happen when we slip out of this perishable body into the imperishable to receive our new heavenly bodies, able to inherit the Kingdom of God.

<sup>52</sup> It will happen in an instant—in the twinkling of his eye. For when the last trumpet is sounded, the dead will come back to life. We will be indestructible and we will be transformed. <sup>53</sup> For we will discard our mortal “clothes” and slip into a body that is imperishable. What is mortal now will be exchanged for immortality. <sup>54</sup> And when that which is mortal puts on immortality, and what now decays is exchanged for what will never decay.

1 Corinthians 15:52-54 TPT



## THE DIFFERENT HARVESTS

In my own search for the truth, I asked the Lord why there is so much confusion about the “**rapture**” of the church. God gave me the answer:

***“The mystery is revealed in the harvest”***

Scriptures opened up to reveal the different harvests, as Paul said: “Christ has risen as the first fruit of a great resurrection harvest”. This clearly indicates a harvest to follow. “But each one in his proper order” indicates not all will be of the same harvest!

<sup>20</sup> But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, **as the first fruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died.** <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, *Adam*, it is fitting that the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man, *Christ*. <sup>22</sup> Even as all who are in Adam die, so also all who are in Christ will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each one in his proper order: Christ, the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ in his presence.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 TPT

For more clarity, listen to the rest of Paul’s explanation:

<sup>38</sup> But when it dies, God gives it a new form, a body to fulfil his purpose, and he sees to it that each **seed gets a new body** of its own *and becomes the plant he designed it to be.*

1 Corinthians 15:38 TPT

Different seeds yield different harvests and that is exactly what John wrote in the Book of Revelation:

**The Harvest of the Earth**



<sup>14</sup> I looked and behold—I saw a white cloud, and sitting upon it was one like the Son of Man, wearing a golden crown and holding a sharp sickle.

<sup>15</sup> Another angel came out of the temple, shouting out to the one sitting upon the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, for the time of reaping the harvest has come and the harvest of the earth is ripe!” <sup>16</sup> So the one sitting upon the white cloud gave his sickle a mighty swing over the earth and reaped its harvest.

<sup>17</sup> Then another angel came out of the heavenly temple, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> And another angel came out from the altar of *incense*—the angel with authority over fire. He shouted out with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Take now your sharp sickle and harvest the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.”

<sup>19</sup> So the angel gave his sickle a mighty swing over the earth and gathered the grapes from the vine of the earth and threw them into the great winepress of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup> And the winepress was trodden outside the city until blood poured out of the winepress as high as the horse’s bridle for a distance of one thousand six hundred stadia.

#### Revelation 14:14-20 TPT

We clearly identify three different harvests, by studying the ancient Jewish tradition of harvests.

- The Barley harvest.
- The Wheat harvest.
- The Wine harvest.

The **Barley harvest** is those people who have come into spiritual maturity before others. Barley is harvested by winnowing, which symbolizes this



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group of people (the called out ones, the Bride of Christ), being harvested under the correction of the Ruach HaKodesh.

**Wheat**, however, requires a more severe method of harvesting, predominantly because of the hardening of the chaff. Wheat in ancient Jewish tradition was harvested (after the Barley harvest) with a tribunal, which is where the word tribulation comes from. The wheat is part of the Body of Christ, but these people have not yet reached spiritual maturity. This group of people needs further correction in order to be ready to be harvested.

The final harvest is the **Wine harvest**, which indicates the nation of Israel. A small remnant will survive the great tribulation, although at first they will be misled by the false messiah,. Their eyes will be opened to receive their true Messiah, Yahshua HaMashiach. They are the elect, and the angels will gather together the elect from the four winds of the earth.

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthews 24:31 KJV

## FOUNDATION

Consider the following foundational concepts:

- When we embrace Yahshua HaMashiach, we will experience life-giving light and will never again walk in darkness – John 8:12
- When we cherish His words and keep them in our hearts, we will never experience death – John 8:51



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- For those who embrace Him, cherish His words and keep it, Yahshua is preparing a place in His Father's house.
  - He promises that He will come back to fetch us and that we will forever be with Him to rest.
  - That day, when He comes back to fetch us, is the day when His voice will call both the dead in Christ and those who remain alive on earth, back to Him.
  - Yahshua promised that there will be two resurrections. Firstly, the resurrection of the dead in Christ, who will be resurrected unto eternal life. Secondly those who have done evil and who will be resurrected unto eternal damnation.
  - Christ has been resurrected from the dead as the first fruits of a resurrection harvest. Likewise will we all one day be resurrected. **But each one in its appropriate order.**
  - The doctrine of resurrection points us to different seeds that will bring forth different harvests.
  - These harvests will be ready at different seasons and times.

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## 3. ETERNAL JUDGMENT

According to Hebrews 6, the Doctrine of Christ clearly indicates that eternal judgment will follow resurrection.

**This Biblical truth gives us further information to help us unveil the mystery of the second coming of Christ Jesus, our Messiah, Yahshua HaMashiach.**

### JUDGMENT FOLLOWS RESURRECTION

It is a Biblical principal that God never judges the righteous together with the unrighteous. Only to mention one example - the Angels could not destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, before Lot and his family were removed.

“Hurry and take refuge there, for I cannot do anything [to punish Sodom] until you arrive there.” For this reason the town was named Zoar (few, small).

Genesis 19:22 AMP

We can be assured of this Biblical principal, because the Lord cannot and will never violate his word. He will never break His promise to come back for us and He will never judge us (the righteous) along with the unbelievers (the unrighteous).



God can't break his word. And because **his word cannot change**, the promise is likewise unchangeable. Hebrews 6:18 KJV

**My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.** Psalms 89:34 KJV

Hebrews explains that if God should violate His word, the whole universe would be destructed. This is powerful, as Yehôvâh Elohim upholds the universe by the word of His power!

..... upholding all things by the word of his power,

Hebrews 1:3 KJV

Studying and understanding the different resurrections and judgments will help us to better understand the “snatching away” of the called out ones.

## **The Likeness of His Resurrection**

Paul explains:

<sup>5</sup>For since we are permanently grafted into him to experience a death like his, then we are permanently grafted into him to **experience a resurrection like his and the new life that it imparts.** Romans 5:6 TPT





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Paul wrote to the Philippians that “**I may know him and the power of his resurrection**” (Philippians 3:10 KJV).

**Christ’s resurrection is the resurrection of the called out ones!**

Colossians 3:1 TPT

## **BLESSING OR PUNISHMENT**

Since the beginning God has rewarded the righteous, those who obey Him. On the other hand there has always been judgment or punishment for disobedience.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, ***visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*** <sup>6</sup> And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20:3-6 KJV

Throughout the Old Testament we see Israel’s disobedience. They constantly rebelled against Adonai and went astray into idolatry. Punishment of disobedience are repaid to the fourth generation, but for those who obey, the reward stretches unto thousand generations.

You, the great God, the mighty one, show gracious love to thousands and repay the parents' iniquity to their children after them. The LORD of the Heavenly Armies is his name. Jeremiah 32:18 ISV



But Lord, your endless love stretches from one eternity to the other, unbroken and unrelenting toward those who fear you and those who bow face down in awe before you. Your faithfulness to keep every gracious promise you've made passes from parents, to children, to grandchildren, and beyond. <sup>18</sup> You are faithful to all those who follow your ways and keep your word. Psalm 103:17-18 TPT

**We are directly responsible for either the success or the punishment of our generations.**

## ETERNAL JUDGMENT

In the Book of Ezekiel we see that souls belong to the Lord, but they are suffering because of the sin of their fathers.

The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, <sup>2</sup> What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? <sup>3</sup> As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Ezekiel 18:1-4 KJV

If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. Ecclesiastes 11:3 KJV



**Where the tree falls, there is will remain. This indicates that the condition you are in when you die, will determine your eternal condition.**

## Principles

In the Book of Romans we find five principles of God's judgment:

- **Judgment according to the truth**

God is always right, because He has the facts!

<sup>2</sup>We know that God's judgment falls upon those who practice these things.

**God is always right, because he has all the facts.** Romans 2:2 TPT

It has been recorded, in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah, that God came down to see for Himself if the people were as bad as He had heard.

I am going down to see if their actions are as wicked as I have heard. If not, I want to know." Genesis 18:21 NLT

- **Judgment according to our Deeds**

Romans 2:6 states that Adonai will judge each one according to his own deeds.

<sup>6</sup>For: He will give to each one in return for what he has done.



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In the Book of Revelation, John recorded that “books” will be opened on judgment day. Each and every one of our actions and thoughts have been noticed and recorded.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which I *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Revelation 20:12

- **Judgment will be fair**

There will be no partial judgment, but everything, even our thoughts, will be fully and fairly exposed. Adonai’s judgment will neither be unfair, nor will it be based on any favouritism, as Romans 2:11 indicates:

<sup>11</sup> for God sees us all without partiality.

- **Judgment will be according to the amount of Light available to us**

In Romans 2:12 Paul explains that judgment will be according to the amount of light available to each individual. Those who want to be teachers, will be subjected to a much more severe judgment! (*Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly* – James 3:1 NIV).



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<sup>12</sup>When people who have never been exposed to the laws of Moses commit sin, they will still perish for what they do. And those who are under the law of Moses and fail to obey it are condemned by the law.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Yahshua pointed out that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off during judgment day than the religious leaders!

<sup>21</sup> He said, "How tragic it will be for the city of Korazin! And how horrible for the city of Bethsaida! For if the powerful miracles that I performed in Korazin and Bethsaida had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have humbled themselves and repented, and turned from their sins. <sup>22</sup> Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you! Matthew 11:20-24 TPT

**The more light available, the stricter the judgment.**

- **Judgment according to our Secrets**

Adonai's two-edged sword penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 NIV

Romans 2:16:

<sup>16</sup> So this judgment will be revealed on the day when God, through Jesus the Messiah, judges the hidden secrets of people's hearts. And their response to my gospel will be the standard of judgment used in that day.



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## The Righteous Judge

One of Adonai's attributes is His righteousness. He is indeed the Righteous Judge.

His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4).

What does "just" mean?

It means more than simply being fair. It means that God always does what is right and good toward all men. Likewise, although hard for many to accept, His sentencing of evil, unrepentant sinners to hell, is also right and good. A natural question that arises from this is, how then can a just God justify the unjust (as each of us are without Christ!)?

A.W. Tozer answers this relevant question by reminding us that we find the answer through the Christian doctrine of justification and redemption. "Through the work of Christ in atonement, justice is not violated but satisfied when God spares a sinner." His mercy does not forbid Him to exercise His justice, nor does His justice forbid Him to exercise His mercy. He is both fully merciful and fully just.

In light of God's other attributes of goodness, mercy, love and grace, there are some who might, by error, say that God is too kind to punish the ungodly. But to believe this means we deny the reality of his infinite, unchanging justice. God will have justice for sin, either from Christ's atoning death or, for those who will not accept it, eternal wrath in hell.



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“Let’s assume that all men are guilty of sin in the sight of God. From the mass of humanity, God sovereignly decides to give mercy to some of them. What do the rest get? They get justice. The saved gets mercy and the unsaved gets justice.

**Nobody gets injustice!”**

**We can rest assured! His judgment will be fair and there will be no favouritism!**

## **PATTERNS OF JUDGMENTS**

In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke we find two patterns of judgment.

### **The Parable of the Mina’s**

In this parable Jesus told of a Master who gave each of his servants a certain amount of mina’s, which was a small amount of money.

#### **The Parable of a Prince and His Servants**

<sup>11</sup> At this time Jesus was getting close to entering Jerusalem. The crowds that followed him were convinced that God’s kingdom would fully manifest when Jesus established it in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup> So he told them this story to change their perspective: “Once a wealthy prince left his province to travel to a distant land, where he would be crowned king and then return. <sup>13</sup> Before he departed he summoned his ten servants together and charged them, ‘I am entrusting each of you with fifty thousand dollars to invest while I am away.



Trade with it and put the money to work until I return.’<sup>14</sup> “Some of his countrymen despised the prince and sent a delegation after him to declare before the royals, ‘We refuse to let this man rule over us! He will not be our king!’<sup>15</sup> “Nevertheless, he was crowned king and returned to his land. Then he summoned his ten servants to see how much each one had earned and what their profits came to.<sup>16</sup> “The first one came forward and said, ‘Master, I took what you gave me and invested it, and it multiplied ten times.’<sup>17</sup> “ ‘Splendid! You have done well, my excellent servant. Because you have shown that I can trust you in this small matter, I now grant you authority to rule over ten cities.’<sup>18</sup> “The second came and said, ‘Master, what you left with me has multiplied five times.’<sup>19</sup> “His master said, ‘I also grant you authority in my kingdom over five cities.’<sup>20</sup> “Another came before the king and said, ‘Master, here is the money you entrusted to me. I hid it for safekeeping.’<sup>21</sup> You see, I live in fear of you, for everyone knows you are a strict master and impossible to please. You push us for a high return on all that you own, and you always want to gain from someone else’s efforts.’<sup>22</sup> “The king said, ‘You wicked servant! I will judge you using your own words. If what you said about me is true, that I am a harsh man, pushing you for a high return and wanting gain from others’ efforts,<sup>23</sup> why didn’t you at least put my money in the bank to earn some interest on it?’<sup>24</sup> “The king said to his other servants, ‘Take the money he has and give it to the faithful servant who multiplied my money ten times over.’<sup>25</sup> “ ‘But master,’ the other servants objected, ‘why give it to him? He already has so much!’<sup>26</sup> “ ‘Yes,’ replied the king. ‘But to all who have been faithful, I will give even more to them. And for the ones who have nothing, even the little they seem to have I will take from them.’<sup>27</sup> Now, bring all those rebellious enemies of mine who rejected me as their king—bring them here before me and execute them!’ ” Luke 19:11-27 TPT





The faithful servants received even more and the wicked lost everything. Our faithfulness during our service on earth, while waiting for Messiah to return, will determine our position in eternity.

**We have to use what we received from God, or we might lose it all!**

When the Lord pointed to the wicked, asking why he did not put his money in the bank to receive interest, he was indicating that each person needs to invest in a ministry:

**FIND A MINISTRY, CHECK IT OUT AND INVEST IN IT, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE INTEREST WHEN HE RETURNS**

### **The Parable about Stewardship**

Believers often desire to own a lot, but they do not steward what the Lord put in their hands. An important Kingdom principle is to be good stewards of everything on earth.

In this parable, the Master left and trusted his servants to manage all his finances. Talents were distributed according to their ability to multiply it. Later, when the Master returned, he called them to settle accounts. This means to execute judgment.

<sup>14</sup>“Again, heaven’s kingdom is like a wealthy man who went on a long journey and summoned all his trusted servants and assigned his financial management over to them. <sup>15</sup>Before he left on his journey, he entrusted a bag of five thousand gold coins to one of his servants, to another a bag of two thousand gold coins, and to the third a bag of one thousand gold coins,



each according to his ability to manage. <sup>16</sup>“The one entrusted with five thousand gold coins immediately went out and traded with the money, and he doubled his investment. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who was entrusted with two thousand gold coins traded with the sum and likewise doubled his investment. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had been entrusted with one thousand gold coins dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>“After much time had passed, **the master returned to settle accounts with his servants.**<sup>20</sup>The one who was entrusted with five thousand gold coins came and brought ten thousand, saying, ‘See, I have doubled your money.’

<sup>21</sup>“Commending his servant, the master replied, ‘You have done well, and proven yourself to be my loyal and trustworthy servant. Because you have been a faithful steward to manage a small sum, now I will put you in charge of much, much more. You will experience the delight of your master, who will say to you, “Enter into the joy of your Lord!” ’ <sup>22</sup>“Then the one who had been entrusted with two thousand gold coins came in and said, ‘See, my master, I have doubled what you have entrusted to me.’<sup>23</sup>“Commending his servant, the master replied, ‘You have done well, and proven yourself to be my loyal and trustworthy servant. Because you were faithful to manage a small sum, now I will put you in charge of much, much more. You will experience the delight of your master, who will say to you, “Enter into the joy of your Lord!”

<sup>24</sup>“Then the one who had been entrusted with one thousand gold coins came to his master and said, ‘Look, sir. I know that you are a hard man to please and you’re a shrewd and ruthless businessman who grows rich on the backs of others.

<sup>25</sup>*I was afraid of you, so I went and hid your money and buried it in the ground. But here it is—take it, it’s yours.*<sup>26</sup> *“But his master said to*



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***him, ‘You’re an untrustworthy and lazy servant! If you knew I was a shrewd and ruthless business man who always makes a profit, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? <sup>27</sup> Then I would have received it all back with interest when I returned.***

<sup>28</sup> But because you were unfaithful, I will take the one thousand gold coins and give them to the one who has ten thousand. <sup>29</sup> For the one who has will be given more, until he overflows with abundance. And the one with hardly anything, even what little he has will be taken from him.

<sup>30</sup> “Then the master said to his other servants, ‘Now, throw that good-for-nothing servant far away from me into the outer darkness, where there will be great misery and anguish!’ ” Matthew 25:14-30 TPT

Notice that the reward was not according to the amount received, but according to the percentage of the profit made. The return on investment for all of them were the same, but, one of them did absolutely nothing to multiply what he had received. In this case we see that the Master dealt with his laziness much more severely than He deals with drunkenness. What a pity that our churches tolerate laziness! If you do not have the ability to multiply what the Lord has given in your hands for His Kingdom, then at least put it in a Ministry, for there you will receive interest on your investment.

The reward for laziness is severe! In this case the servant was thrown into the outer darkness where there will be great misery and anguish – weeping and gnashing of teeth!



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## Summary

We can summarize these principles as follows:

- The service we offer during this life on earth, determines our position in the next life.
- If we do not use our talent, we will lose it.
- If we do not do good whenever there is an opportunity to do so, we commit sin. {James 4:17}.

In Matthew 5 there are three groups of people who were not acceptable to God:

- a. The five foolish virgins, who did not have sufficient oil.
- b. The servant, who did not multiply his one talent.
- c. The goat nations, who did not offer help to the needy.

What do these groups have in common?

**They were lazy! They did NOTHING!**

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## 4. JUDGMENTS

For the purpose of this discussion we will distinguish between seven different judgments, namely:

- **Judgment of the believer.** This is the Bema Seat Judgment.
- **Judgment of the world.** This will happen when Christ returns to earth with His Bride to execute judgment. Judgment of the earth will involve the following judgments:
  - a. Judgment of **Israel**.
  - b. Judgement of **satan** and his demons.
  - c. Judgment of the **False Prophet and the Antichrist**.
  - d. Judgment of the **Nations of the Earth**.
- **The White Throne Judgment.** This will take place at the end of the Millennium Reign.

Let us discuss each of these judgements.

### 4.1 THE BEMA SEAT

Paul condemned judgment of each other, for all will have to appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every



tongue shall confess to God. <sup>12</sup> So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:10-12 TPT

I said to myself, "God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed" (Ecclesiastes 3:17 NIV). All, means all – every single person! But Scriptures are clear that righteousness and unrighteousness will never be judged simultaneously.

Far be it from you to do such a thing--to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Genesis 18:25 NIV

We clearly see now that the righteous will be resurrected first and later the unrighteous. We also know now that Judgment will follow each resurrection. The righteous will indeed one day appear before the judgment seat of Christ. This judgment seat that Paul refers to in 2 Corinthians, is the "**Bema Seat**" in Greek.

For we must all appear before the **judgment seat** {G968 - Bema} of Christ; that every one **may receive the things done in his body**, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10 KJV

**G968 (Strong)**

βῆμα

bēma

*bay'-ma*

From the base of G939; a *step*, that is, *foot breadth*; by implication a *rostrum*, that is, *tribunal*:- judgment-seat, set [foot] on, throne.



The Bema Seat is a platform of reward and not of judgment or punishment. Jesus said those who died in Christ *{per implication also those who are still alive in Christ, those permanently grafted into Him}* will be resurrected first unto eternal life. Immediately after this first resurrection, judgment will follow. This judgment is the Bema Seat judgment, which is when all the righteous will receive their rewards. 2 Corinthians 5:10 is very clear that we will be recompensed for our actions done, whether it be good or bad. This is not a platform to give account of our sins. Paul wrote: *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit”* (Romans 8:1 KJV). There will be no condemnation for those walking after the Spirit, which implies that those who are walking after the flesh will be condemned. This refers to the unrighteous. As we shall see later, they will appear before the White Throne Judgment Seat, after the 1000 years Millennium Reign.

Therefore, “*bema*” refers to a platform on which a judge or governor gives judgment or rewards, a place of evaluation and designation. In ancient times after athletes had competed, they were judged according to obedience to the rules of the specific game they had competed in. The victors were led to the platform, to the Bema, the place where the judge rewarded them. In his epistles, Paul pictures believers as competitors before the Bema to receive the victor’s crown.

“A true athlete will be disciplined in every respect, practicing constant self-control in order to win a laurel wreath that quickly



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withers. But we run our race to win a victor's crown that will last forever". 1 Corinthians 9:25 TPT

The Bema Seat is not where losers will be condemned, but where the victors will be rewarded and recompensed! We do not stand hunched over to be whipped, but upright to receive our rewards, whether good or bad (*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad"* - 2 Corinthians 5:10).

### The word "recompense: means the following:

- To indemnify, repay, reimburse, pay money to, make reparation to, make restitution to, make amends to.
- E.g. *"She wanted to recompense him in some way."* Meaning to reward, pay, pay back; *archaic* guerdon.
- *"She still haven't received much to recompense her loss."* Meaning to make up for, compensate for, make amends for, make restitution for, make reparation for, redress, make good, satisfy.

Also, when looking at the meaning of "**bema**", we clearly see that this judgment will take place in front of the throne, as the Passion Translation reveals:

<sup>10</sup> For one day we will all be **openly revealed before Christ on his throne** so that each of us will be **duly recompensed for our actions done in life**, whether good or worthless. 2 Corinthians 5:10 TPT





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When we came unto salvation, we came under the Blood of the Lamb, who paid the debt for our sin. Messiah will never deal with our sins again, if true repentance took place.

## **We will all Stand**

When we appear before the Bema, we will all stand. The word “stand” in Greek is “*apistemi*” and it means stand, not crawl or grove. There will be no shame here!” We belong to Christ and are washed by His Blood. In Greek, the word “judgment” does not even appear in this context. It clearly refers to the “bema”, the platform of our reward.

## **Evaluation**

The Bema is a place of evaluation. Christ designates what we did in obedience according to His plan. Each person will give his own account.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, each one must answer for himself and give a personal account of his own life before God. Romans 14:12 TPT

Did we compete according to the rules? The Bema Seat will evaluate what kind of reward each will receive.

For one day we will all be openly revealed before Christ on his throne so that each of us will be duly recompensed for our actions done in life, whether good or worthless (2 Corinthians 5:10 TPT).



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## Revealed by Fire

God has given me unique gifts as a skilled master builder who lays a good foundation. Afterward another craftsman comes and builds on it. So builders beware! Let every builder do his work carefully, according to God's standards. <sup>11</sup> For no one is empowered to lay an alternative foundation other than the good foundation that exists, which is Jesus Christ! <sup>12-13</sup> The quality of materials used by anyone building on this foundation will soon be made apparent, whether it has been built with gold, silver, and costly stones, or wood, hay, and straw. Their work will soon become evident, for the Day will make it clear, because it will be revealed by blazing fire! And the fire will test and prove the workmanship of each builder (1 Corinthians 3:10-13 TPT).

2 Corinthians 5:10 specifically mentions that we will be recompensed for our works, whether "**good or bad**"? How can someone be rewarded for something bad?

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I think that I have found the answer! When we appear before the bema, it means that we have made it unto heaven and we do not stand to give account, but wait to receive. According to this scripture, Paul tells the believer that our works will be evaluated by fire. Our works will go through the furnace of fire to be tested and to prove our workmanship.

<sup>14</sup> **"If his work stands the test of fire, he will be rewarded.**



**<sup>15</sup> If his work is consumed by the fire, he will suffer great loss. Yet he himself will barely escape destruction, like one being rescued out of a burning house. 1 Corinthians 3:14-15 TPT**

I strongly believe these verses (v 14-15) give us the answer. When you have done nothing good, your works will go up in flames, but you will be saved, as if rescued out of this burning fire.

### **We have to Give Account**

In the Gospel of Matthew the Master gave his servants talents. When he came back, he called them to give account. The Greek word for “reckon” is “*logidzomai*” and it refers to a bookkeeping term that means to compare accounts, pictures an accountant who put together a profit and loss statement; a thorough examination of books. To determine the real financial status of the corporation. This tells us how He will deal with us, when we stand before Him at the Bema seat.

### **PASS THE TEST**

Before we can participate in this first resurrection we must first pass the test.

I am in sorrow for the Body of Christ because many believe that we need a born again experience only. But our born again experience is only the starting point of a new life in Christ Jesus. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that a born again experience is for us to **see** the Kingdom of God. Then, after this, we need to be baptized



into Christ. When we come out of the water, we **enter** the Kingdom of God. Then we have to move through cleansing and purification to become whole and holy in order to **inherit** the Kingdom of God. How many Christians sitting in church are still captive in sexual immorality or in drunkenness or hatred for a brother or sister in Christ? John explains: ***“Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him”*** (1 John 3:15 NIV). Scriptures are clear that such a person will **not** inherit the Kingdom of God.

Know ye not that the **unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?** Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is **sexually immoral** or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Galatians 5:19-21

**But outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and whosoever loves and makes a lie.**

Revelation 22:15 JUB

Now that we are completely convinced that it is the righteous who will inherit the Kingdom, our next question is: “How does the righteous qualify to inherit the Kingdom?”



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Paul explains:

**3** We feel a personal responsibility to continually be thanking God for you, our spiritual family, every time we pray. And we have every reason to do so because **your faith is growing** marvelously beyond measure. **The unselfish love each of you share for one another is increasing and overflowing!**

**4** *We point to you as an example of unwavering faith* for all the churches of God. We boast about how you continue to **demonstrate unflinching endurance through all the persecutions and painful trials you are experiencing.** 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 TPT

**Are you part of a spiritual family, “mispoca”, which means an “entire family network of relatives by blood or marriage and sometimes close friends”?** Or do you isolate yourself and constantly criticize the Body of Christ?

**Is your faith growing beyond measure, the unselfish love you share for one another?** Or are you daily walking in conflict with everybody around you?

**Do you demonstrate unflinching endurance, meaning that you do not show fear or hesitation in the face of dangers or difficulty, when going through persecutions and painful trials.** Or are you constantly moaning and complaining while going through experiences?



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If you truly can say “**yes**” to the positive side of all the questions above, it will make you worthy to inherit the Kingdom of God!

**5 All of this prove that God’s judgment is always perfect and is intended to make you worthy of *inheriting* the kingdom of God, which is why you are going through these troubles.** 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5 TPT

All our trials and persecutions on earth is a test for each and every believer to overcome, not only to be set apart from the rest, but also to receive the qualification to participate in the first resurrection. When we endure to the end, we will receive the **victor’s crown**, which is the reward waiting for us in the heavens!

It is crucial to pass the test!

James explains:

<sup>2</sup> My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are **facing nothing but difficulties, see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can!** <sup>3</sup> For you know that when **your faith is tested** it stirs up power within you to endure all things. <sup>4</sup> And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

<sup>12</sup> **If your faith remains strong, even while surrounded by life’s difficulties,** you will continue to experience the untold blessings of God! True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith and receive the **victorious crown** of life promised to every lover of God! James 1:2-4; 12.



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## Paul says:

<sup>24</sup> Isn't it obvious that all runners on the racetrack keep on running to win, but only one receives the **victor's prize**? Yet each one of you must run the race to be victorious. <sup>25</sup> A true athlete will be disciplined in every respect, practicing constant self-control in order to win a laurel wreath that quickly withers. But we run our race to win a victor's crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> For that reason, I don't run just for exercise or box like one throwing aimless punches, <sup>27</sup> but I train like a champion athlete. I subdue my body and get it under my control, so that after preaching the good news to others I myself won't be **disqualified**. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Both Paul and James point us to the **victor's prize** – a crown waiting for us in heaven, if we endure to the end! We have to remain faithful and pass the test. Paul was very concerned that he himself might be disqualified. He was not concerned about losing his salvation, but about being disqualified to receive his reward, his crown.

Paul encourages us to learn from Israel's failures.

**1** My dear fellow believers, you need to understand that all of our Jewish ancestors *who walked through a wilderness long ago* were under the glory cloud and passed through the waters of the sea on both sides.

**2** They were all baptized into the cloud of glory, into the fellowship of Moses, and into the sea.

**3** They all ate the same heavenly manna **4** and drank water from the same spiritual rock that traveled with them—and that Rock was Christ himself.

**5** Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their dead bodies were scattered around the wilderness.



**6** Now, all these things serve as types and pictures for us—lessons that teach us not to fail in the same way by callously craving worthless things **7** and practicing idolatry, as some of them did. For it is written: The people settled into their unrestrained revelry, with feasting and drinking, then they rose up and became wildly out of control!

**8** Neither should we commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, which caused the death of twenty-three thousand on a single day. **9** Nor should we ever provoke the Lord, as some of them did by putting him to outrageous tests that resulted in their death from snakebites day after day.

**10** And we must not embrace their ways by complaining—grumbling with discontent, as many of them did, and were killed by the destroyer!

**11 All the tests they endured on their way through the wilderness are a symbolic picture, an example that provides us with a warning so that we can learn through what they experienced. For we live in a time when the purpose of all the ages past is now completing its goal within us.**

**12** So beware if you think it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall.

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

### **The Book of Jude also warns us:**

**5** I need to remind you, even though you are familiar with it all, that *the Lord* Jesus saved his people out of Egypt but subsequently destroyed those who were guilty of unbelief.





**6** In the same way, there were heavenly messengers *in rebellion* who went outside their rightful domain of authority and abandoned their appointed realms. God bound them in everlasting chains and is keeping them in the dark abyss of the *netherworld* until the judgment of the great day.

**7** In a similar way, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and nearby towns gave themselves to sexual immorality and the unnatural desire of different flesh. Now they all serve as examples of those who experience the punishment of eternal fire.

**10** These people insult anything they don't understand. They behave like irrational beasts by doing whatever they feel like doing. Because they live by their animal instincts, they corrupt themselves and bring about their own destruction. **11** How terrible it is for them! For they have followed in the steps of Cain. They have abandoned themselves to Balaam's error because of their greedy pursuit of financial gain. *And since they have rebelled like Korah rebelled*, they will experience the same fate of Korah and likewise perish.

### **We learn from the story of Korah, in the Book of Numbers.**

Numbers 16:1–40 indicates that Korah rebelled against Moses along with 249 co-conspirators and were punished for their rebellion when God sent fire from heaven to consume all 250 of them. Korah's Reubenite accomplices Dathan and Abiram were also punished when God caused the ground to split open beneath their feet swallowing them, their families, anyone associated with Korah, and all their possessions. Furthermore, the Israelites who did not like what had happened to Korah, Dathan and Abiram (and their families) objected to Moses, and God then commanded Moses to depart from the multitude. God then smote 14,700 men with plague, as punishment for objecting to Korah's destruction (Numbers 16:41)



Please read Hebrews 3 and 4, in which the Israelites serve as an example for us. They did not enter their promised land, because of the hardening of their hearts, unbelief and rebellion.

## COUNTED WORTHY

The Lord commanded us to pray that we will be counted worthy. Part of the test is to wait patiently for the soon return of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, Yahshua HaMashiach.

<sup>7</sup> Meanwhile, brothers and sisters, we must be patient and filled with expectation as we wait for the appearing of the Lord. Think about the farmer who has to patiently wait for the earth's harvest as it ripens because of the early and latter rains. <sup>8</sup> So you also keep your hopes high and be patient, for the presence of the Lord is drawing closer. James 5:7-8 TPT

The Sadducees was a religious group that denied the resurrection of the dead. In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 20, they came to Jesus, asking Him about a wife who had 7 husbands, whom all died. They wanted to know to whom she would be married in heaven. Jesus explained to them that those who are worthy of the resurrection from the dead into glory will become immortal, just like the angels in the heaven.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "**Marriage is for the sons of this world only.**

<sup>35-36</sup> But those **who are worthy of the resurrection** from the dead into glory become immortal, like the angels, who never die nor marry. When the dead come to life again, they will be sons of God's life—the sons of the



resurrection.<sup>37</sup> In fact, it was Moses who taught the resurrection of the dead when he wrote of the Lord God who was at the burning bush and described him as ‘the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’<sup>38</sup> Don’t you agree that God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living? For in his eyes, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are alive forevermore. He must be the God who raises the dead.” Luke 20:34-38 KJV

According to Paul (2 Thessalonians 1) we are worthy to inherit the Kingdom of God, when we persevere and endure to the very end. Combining the words of Jesus with this principle of Paul, we can indeed believe and expect that there remains for us a rest and a victorious crown! This heavenly crown awaits those whose faith grows marvelously beyond measure, those who share an unselfish love for one another, those who stand with an unwavering faith and demonstrate unflinching endurance throughout all persecutions and painful trials. We should realize that our faith is being tested and we should choose to remain strong, even while surrounded by life’s difficulties. Decide to believe and expect that there remains indeed a rest for us and that we will receive the victorious crown! Run the race to win! Run the race to be victorious, in order to win a victor’s crown that will last forever!

**Those who never give in, who’s hearts never grow cold and who never reject the love of the truth, will be worthy of the resurrection of the dead!**



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The Lord commands us:

<sup>36</sup> Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man (at the Bema Seat Judgment) Luke 21:36 KJV (Emphasise is mine).

Luke also warns us:

<sup>34</sup> “Be careful that you never allow your hearts to grow cold. Remain passionate and free from anxiety and the worries of this life. Then you will not be caught off guard by what happens. Don’t let me come and find you drunk or careless in living like everyone else.

<sup>35</sup> For that day will come as a shocking surprise to all, like a downpour that drenches everyone, catching many unaware and un-prepared. <sup>36</sup> **Keep a constant watch over your soul**, and pray for the courage and grace to prevail over these things that are destined to occur and that you will stand before the presence of the Son of Man *with a clear conscience.*”

Luke 21:34-36 TPT

## PURIFICATION

Scriptures indicate that the resurrection is about our transformation. We will be changed from mortal to immortal, when we slip out of these earthly bodies to receive our new glorified bodies. John shares the following with us:

“Dear friends, we are now God's children, **but what we will be like has not been revealed yet.** We know that when the Messiah is revealed, **we will be like him**, because we will see him as he is.”

1 John 3:2 ISV



Paul says that not all of us will die, **but we will all be transformed**, changed (1 Corinthians 15:51). John says it is not yet revealed what we will be like when we change, but one thing is clear – we will be like the Messiah! (1 John 3:2). This is an amazing realization!

<sup>52</sup> It will happen in an instant—in the twinkling of his eye. For when the last trumpet is sounded, the dead will come back to life. We will be indestructible and we will be transformed. <sup>53</sup> For we will discard our mortal “clothes” and slip into a body that is imperishable. What is mortal now will be exchanged for immortality. <sup>54</sup> And when that which is mortal puts on immortality, and what now decays is exchanged for what will never decay, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says:

Death is swallowed up by a triumphant victory!

<sup>55</sup> So death, tell me, where is your victory?

Tell me death, where is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:52-55

We will overcome the last enemy, which is death! We will be like Jesus in an instant – in the twinkling of the eye! We will also have our glorified bodies when we meet Him in the air.

John continues:

<sup>3</sup> And all who focus their hope on him will always be **purifying themselves**, just as Jesus is pure.

1 John 3:3 TPT



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Throughout the Bible we find God's commandment that we need to be **pure**, for He is pure. So let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1). My dear friend, Jesus gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify** unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works (Titus 2:14).

From all the above-mentioned scriptures it is clear that the righteous will appear before the throne in heaven for the Bema Seat Judgment.

- It will be a platform of reward and not of condemnation.
- The righteous will receive their reward, whether it is good or bad.

### **The remaining question here is WHEN this will happen?**

Let us look at the four other judgments in the Bible. After studying these judgments to discover when they will happen, we will also find the answer to when the Bema Seat Judgment will take place.

But before we do so, let us rejoice in the knowledge of the rewards for the believer, to be received at the Bema Seat!



# REWARDS

It may be worthwhile to mention the rewards for the believer, when we stand at the Bema Seat. According to Scriptures there are five crowns of rewards.

## **The Incorruptible Crown**

And everyone who strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Then those truly that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.

1 Corinthians 9:25 KJV

## **The Crown of Rejoicing**

For what is our hope or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are you not even to be in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

1 Thessalonians 2:19 KJV

## **The Crown of Righteousness**

Now there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that Day; and not to me only, but also to all those who love His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8 KJV

## **The Crown of Glory**

Feed the flock of God among you, taking the oversight, not by compulsion, but willingly; <sup>3</sup> nor for base gain, but readily; nor as lording it over those



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allotted *to you by God*, but becoming examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:2-4 KJV

## **The Crown of Life**

Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation, because having been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12 KJV

Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil will cast *some* of you into prison, so that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2:10 KJV





## 4.2 JUDGMENT OF THE EARTH

Enoch, the seventh descendant from Adam, already saw the judgment of the unrighteous. His vision further confirms that the righteous will be in heaven, before the throne, in front of the Bema Seat Judgment, receiving their rewards.

**Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, <sup>15</sup> To execute judgment upon all and to convict each one of them for their ungodly deeds and for all the terrible words that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” Jude 1:14-15**

Jude 15 clearly indicates judgment of the ungodly deeds. This is the judgment of the earth.

### **The following will bring more clarity to the reader:**

- John saw thrones and those who sat on them were given judgment (Revelation 20:4).
- This is the *Barley Harvest*, which will be part of the “**snatching away**”. They, who will be alive during the resurrection of the dead, will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Messiah for the marriage ceremony.
- John also saw the souls of them who were beheaded, because they witnessed of Jesus. They are part of the *Wheat harvest*. They 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.
- Both groups will be part of the thousands of saints descending with Christ to rule and to reign during the Millennium Reign.



Listen to what Jude says about the people on the earth, who will be judged:

**These people are always complaining and never satisfied—finding fault with everyone. They follow their own evil desires and their mouths speak scandalous things. They *enjoy* using seductive flattery to manipulate others. Judge 16**

## JUDGMENT OF ISRAEL

Sometimes we forget that we, as Gentiles, have the privilege to make it unto salvation, because of the temporary blindness of Israel. Paul fully discussed this in his epistle to the Romans:

So, am I saying that Israel stumbled so badly that they will never get back up? ***Certainly not! Rather, it was because of their stumble that salvation now extends to all the non-Jewish people, in order to make Israel jealous and desire the very things that God has freely given them.*** <sup>12</sup> So if all the world is being greatly enriched through their failure, and through their fall great spiritual wealth is given to the non-Jewish people, imagine how much more will Israel's awakening bring to us all!

<sup>13</sup> Now, I speak to you who are not Jewish, since I am an apostle to reach the non-Jewish people. And I draw attention to this ministry as much as I can when I am among the Jews, <sup>14</sup> hoping to make them jealous of what God has given to those who are not Jews, winning some of my people to salvation. <sup>15</sup> For if their *temporary*



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rejection released the reconciling power of grace into the world, what will happen when Israel is reinstated and reconciled to God? It will unleash resurrection power throughout the whole earth!

Romans 11:11-15 TPT

This is a major revelation! The temporary rejection of Israel released reconciling power of grace into the world. This reconciling power is a Gentile harvest. Billions of souls have come in since the death of Christ. Paul reveals to us that when Israel will be reinstated into the original olive tree, their reconciliation with Christ will unleash resurrection power all over the earth.

<sup>25</sup> My beloved brothers and sisters, I want to share with you a mystery concerning Israel's future. For understanding this mystery will keep you from thinking you already know everything. **A partial and temporary hardening to the gospel has come over Israel, which will last until the full number of non-Jews has come into God's family.** <sup>26</sup> And then God will bring all of Israel to salvation! The prophecy will be fulfilled that says: "Coming from Zion will be the Savior, and he will turn Jacob away from evil." <sup>27</sup> For this is my covenant promise with them when I forgive their sins." <sup>28</sup> Now, many of the Jews are opposed to the gospel, but their opposition has opened the door of the gospel to you who are not Jewish. Yet they are still greatly loved by God because their ancestors were divinely chosen to be his. <sup>29</sup> And when God chooses someone and graciously imparts gifts to him, they are never rescinded. Romans 11:25-29 TPT



Saints, this is the purpose of the Tribulation. In the fullness of time, when the full number of non-Jews has made it into God's family, then Adonai will turn to Israel. The 7-year Tribulation is Jacob's trouble and Adonai will then give His full attention to them and bring them home. For those who are against Israel as a Nation, let this be a warning: God will deal severely with those who turn against Israel.

The Prophet Isaiah wrote how Israel is refined for God's glory and that God is saving Israel for His sake, because He made a covenant with Abraham.

**For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do *it*:**

**Isaiah 48:11 KJV**

Take cognizance that there are two entities, namely Israel (*sand*) and Gentiles (*stars*), with two different purposes. Adonai has a plan for the Gentiles to make it unto salvation and He will deal in a special way with Israel to bring them in.

## **Blessing and Judgment**

Yehôvâh Elohim blessed Israel directly so that they could be a blessing for the Gentiles. {*Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews - John 4:22 KJV*}. But when judgment comes, Adonai will judge the Gentiles directly and He will judge Israel through the Gentiles. Notice that Jude quoted Enoch, saying that the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment upon all and to convict each one of them for



their ungodly deeds and for all the terrible words that ungodly sinners have spoken against him (Jude 1:14-15).

Indeed, the time will come,' declares the LORD, 'when I'll restore the security of my people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD. 'I'll bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors, and they'll possess it.'" <sup>4</sup> These are the words that the LORD spoke about Israel and Judah: <sup>5</sup> "Indeed, this is what the LORD says: 'We have heard a sound of terror and of fear, and there is no peace. <sup>6</sup> Ask about this and think about it—Can a man give birth to a child? Why then do I see every strong man with his hands on his thighs like a woman giving birth, and all their faces have turned pale?' <sup>7</sup> Oh how terrible! That time will be worse than any like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be rescued from it. Jeremiah 30:3-7 ISV

Jeremiah foresaw the Tribulation and prophesied that Adonai will rescue them from it. We see here that judgment will take place against Israel at the end of the 7-year Tribulation, as Jesus explained to four of His disciples on the Mount of Olives in a private meeting: "At the end of the tribulation the Son of Man will appear" (Matthew 24:29).

## **SATAN BOUND FOR A THOUSAND YEARS**

Revelation 20 gives us information about the judgment of the earth. Remember, at this stage satan would have been thrown down unto the earth {And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. Revelation 12:13}. John saw an angel coming



down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand to lay hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, satan himself, and bound him a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-2).

John is clear that the rest of the dead, referring to the unrighteous, lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the second resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that had part in the FIRST resurrection; on such the second death had no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. (Revelation 20:5-6). Satan will be released after the thousand years, to deceive the nations again. That will be the final Gog and Magog battle and he will finally be destroyed, after which he will be thrown into the lake of fire for eternity.

## **ANTICHRIST AND THE FALSE PROPHET**

The antichrist and the false prophet will also be taken directly into the lake of fire, after the seven year tribulation. Revelation 20:10

## **SHEEP AND GOATS**

The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 24, clearly mentions that, immediately after the tribulation, the Son of man will appear in the heavens. During a private meeting on the Mount of Olives, Jesus explained to four of his disciples, John, Peter, James and Andrew (Mark 13) what the sign for the coming of the Son of Man will be.



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Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> **And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.** Matthew 24:29-31 KJV

Jesus explains that his angels will gather together his elect, which is Israel, from the four winds and He shall separate the nations just as a shepherd would divide sheep from the goats. The goats (the unrighteous) will go directly into the lake of fire.

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: <sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25:32-34

**The importance of serving our brothers and sisters is a very serious matter:**

<sup>41</sup> **Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

<sup>42</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. <sup>44</sup> Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a



stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? <sup>45</sup>

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. <sup>46</sup> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Matthew 25:41-46 KJV

### **But unto the sheep on his right, Jesus said:**

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world” Matthew 25:34 KJV

## **THE LORD WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS**

Joel announced that the Lord will judge the Nations:

"Look, now! In those very days and at that time, when I restore prosperity to Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> I will gather all nations, bringing them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. I will set out my case against them there, on behalf of my people, my heritage Israel, whom they scattered among the nations, apportioning my land among themselves. Joel 3:1-2 ISV

There will come a final day when the Lord will deal with the Nations of the world. May the Lord have mercy on those who divided the land of Israel and/or oppressed the Jewish people. There will be weeping and a gnashing of teeth on that day.





## 4.3 GREAT WHITE THRONE

There remains another resurrection and final judgment at the end of the thousand year reign. This is what Revelation refers to as the Great White Throne Judgment.

“And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 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. 13 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. **14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.** <sup>15</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”.

Revelation 20:11-25 KJV

It is clear that the purpose of the White Throne Judgment is to judge the dead. These are the unrighteous. Those who never received the Messiah as their Saviour. It also refers to the second death, which implies that this is a second resurrection. It confirms what John wrote in the same Chapter:

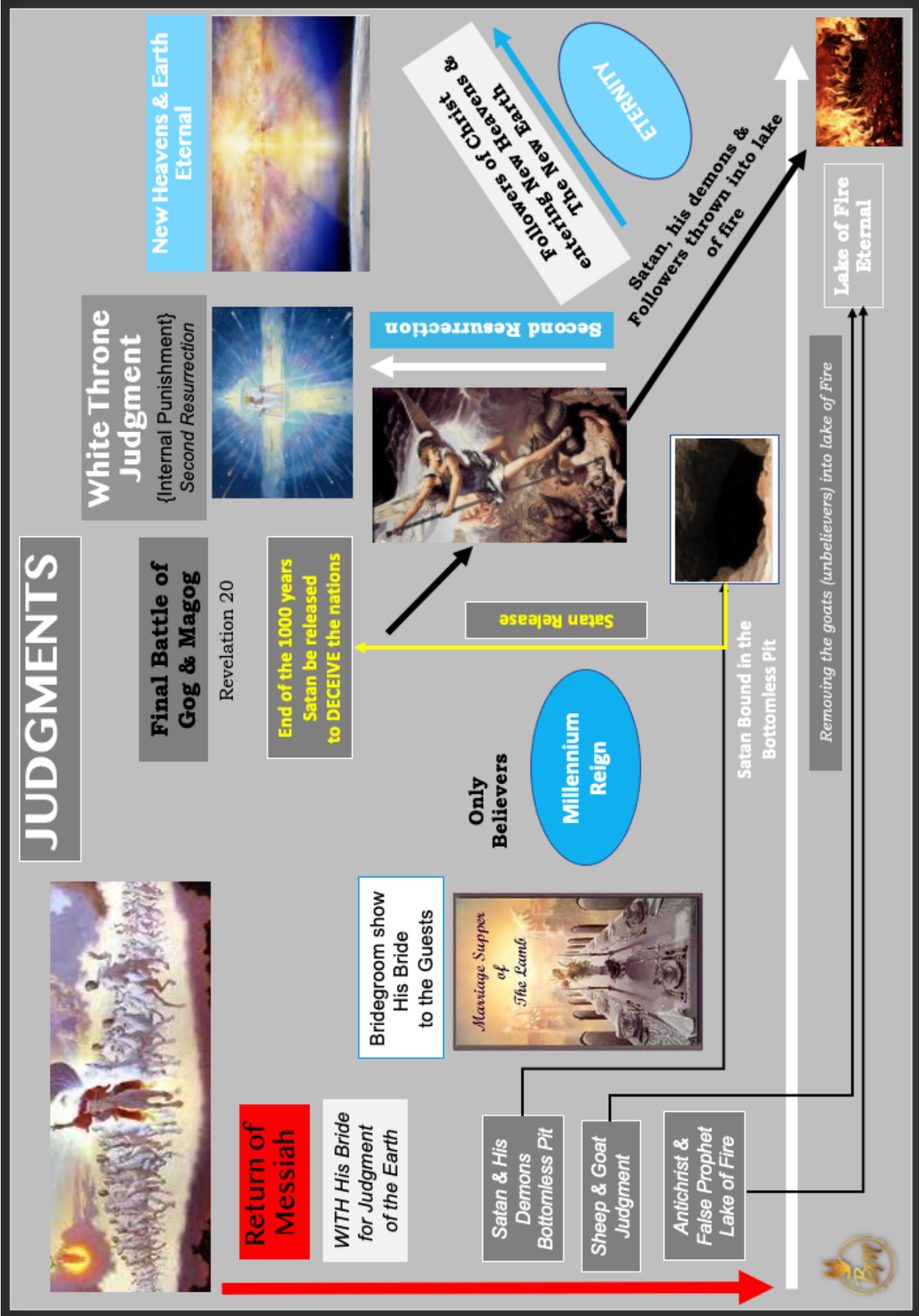
“**But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.** This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years”. Revelation 20:5-6 KJV

This judgment clearly takes place at the end of the Millennium Reign.



- The White Throne Judgment is for the unrighteous.
- The fact that Revelation 20:14 mentions this as the second death, means that this judgment is the final judgment for the wicked and they are all destined for the lake of fire.
- Blessed and holy are those who participate in the first resurrection!
- Those who are worthy of the first resurrection will not be influenced by the second death. The second death will have no power over them. They have already overcome the last enemy! “Death, where is your sting?”





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## PAUSE

Let us pause for a moment to recap and remind ourselves of the following:

### **A new Race**

The Good News which the Apostles preached and recorded in the New Testament for us, is the message of the Messiah, who was crucified, buried and resurrected. These actions paid in full the price for the human race, which was born in sin, because of Adam and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden.

Because of their disobedience, all of humanity was born from the dust in a sin nature. Hence, the first Adam is the father of a race just like him.

Christ, the second Adam, was born from an incorruptible seed, from a virgin, and He never saw decay. He was the first to be born from above. This explains why we need to be born again if we want to share in His likeness. If we are not born again, this time from an incorruptible seed, we will stay in our old nature, which is in the likeness of Adam's sinful nature.

As the first Adam has a race like him, likewise does the second Adam, Yahshua HaMashiach. This race is born from above and is permanently grafted into Christ. Scriptures are clear that you are



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born from above only after you come out of water and are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**This is very important to understand, because we need to distinguish between the different groups of people the Bible talks about.**

Many scriptures are meant for the wicked and unsaved, and should the righteous interpret these scriptures as if they were written for the righteous, they may walk in condemnation. Similarly, if scriptures that are exclusively written for Israel are being interpreted as if they are meant for the called out ones, we may end up being deceived and confused.

### **Raised from the Dead**

Our true Messiah, Yahshua HaMashiach, was raised from the dead. Paul is very clear that if you are permanently grafted into Christ, then you will share in His resurrection. Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too (Colossians 3:1)!

Paul continues to explain that Christ is the first fruits of a great resurrection harvest. We therefore need to understand the harvest pattern which the ancient Jewish people followed in the Old Testament. The principle of the first fruits is that the rest of the harvest is redeemed. This is profound and we must understand this concept in order to fully embrace the "snatching away" of the called out ones. Christ being the first fruits of the resurrection harvest,



means that those who are permanently grafted into Him, will also be resurrected. But each according to its own order (1 Corinthians 15:23). This confirms that there are indeed more than one harvest. John mentioned these different harvests in Revelation 14, namely:

- The Barley harvest, by winnowing.
- The Wheat harvest, by Tribunal.
- The Wine harvest, by the wine press.

Scriptures on the harvests are meant for the righteous, those who will eventually be harvested, each according to its own order. The **Barley harvest** are those in early spiritual maturity who will be snatched away before the tribulation. The **Wheat harvest** are those who still need further correction and they will go through the tribulation for at least three and a half years. These are the saints who did not worship the beast, nor took the mark of the beast. They are the beheaded saints John saw before the throne in heaven (Revelation 20:4). Clearly, we find two main groups of people in the heavens, those sitting on the throne (Barley harvest saints) and the beheaded saints standing before the throne (Wheat harvest).

No flesh and blood can inherit the Kingdom of God, therefore we will all be transformed (changed). The purpose of the resurrection therefore is *inter alia*, to be transformed, to receive our glorified bodies and to stand on the platform of reward, the Bema Seat, to receive reward for our deeds, whether it is good or bad.



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It is only in the middle of the tribulation that satan will be cast down onto the earth to persecute the women (Revelation 12:13). The women is the nation of Israel, who will be deceived by the antichrist, pretending to be the Messiah. They will go through the wine press and at the end of the seven year tribulation they will accept the Messiah.

Romans 11 will then come into fulfilment when Christ grafts back the original branches into the Olive Tree. Then there will be only one nation with one King. Gentiles and Jews will be one.

## **Judgment**

Judgment follows resurrection. The first resurrected saints, following the first fruits, will appear in front of the Bema Seat Judgment to receive their rewards. Both the Barley and the Wheat harvest will appear before the Bema Seat.

After the seven year tribulation, the Messiah will return with His Bride to judge the earth and to rule and to reign for a thousand years. Satan and his demons will be bound in the bottomless pit. The false prophet and the antichrist will go directly into the lake of fire. Then, the nations will be separated. The goats will be on the left of the Messiah. They are the unrighteous and will also go into the lake of fire.



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The sheep will stand on His right. They are the righteous who will inherit the Kingdom of God. Predominantly they will be the nation of Israel, a small remnant which will still marry, have children and die during the Millennium Reign.

## WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN?

The answer to this question has thoroughly been dealt with in my Booklet “The Snatching Away”. Please download this Booklet from our website.

On the Mount Olives, Yahshua had a private meeting with four of His disciples. He answered their questions about when this age will end, when Israel will be restored and when He will establish His everlasting Kingdom on earth.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Mark 13:3-4 KJV

In Matthew 24 Yahshua explains to His disciples the signs of the end, namely:

### Deception

Take heed that no man deceive you. (Matthew 24:4).





## **Wars**

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. (Matthew 24:5).

## **Famine, Pestilences & Earthquakes**

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (Matthew 24:7).

## **Worldwide Persecution**

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Matthew 24:9).

## **Love shall wax cold**

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (Matthew 24:10-12).

## **Preaching the Gospel**

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (Matthew 24:14).



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When all the nations will have received the message, when we will have witnessed to all the nations of Yahshua's death, burial and resurrection, this age will end and God will deal with Israel during the seven year Tribulation period. Immediately after the Tribulation, Yahshua said, the Son of Man will return with His Bride to judge the earth (Matthew 24:29).

The Doctrine of Christ has now been discussed in full. May the Holy Spirit ignite each heart to earnestly and diligently lay the foundation and build the house. Each of us individually is responsible for our own foundation. You now have received all the necessary information! Apply it to your blood-bought life!

Do not be side-tracked by the ignorant and irresponsible. Prepare yourself to be completely ready and worthy to be raptured and to appear before the Bema seat of Christ!

“The Spirit and the Bride say, COME!!! Let the one who hears say, Come!”





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The Apostle Paul writes that he has much to say, although it is difficult to explain, because we have become too dull and sluggish to understand. For by now we should already have been "**professors instructing**" others. We are supposed to be Rabbi's ourselves, but instead, we need to be taught the basics of God's prophetic oracles! We are like children still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food (Hebrews 5:11-14).

On the 13th of April 2021 a Word of God came to me: "My **servant**, I will make you My **signet ring**; for I have **chosen** you (Haggai 2:23) to **lay the foundation of this house**; your hands shall also complete it" (Zechariah 4:6-7). The message was clear, we have to lay down the foundation to restore His temple. The next Chapter of the Book of Hebrews continues that the foundation to be laid down, is the Doctrine of Christ and it consists of the following:

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works, and of **faith** toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of eternal **judgment**. 3 And this will we do, if God **permit** (Hebrews 6:1-3 KJV).

Any foundation must first be inspected and approved, before the structure of the building can be erected. If the Building Inspector is satisfied, he approves of it using a stamp of authority. Similarly, Adonai first needs to **permit** (to approve) the restoration of the foundation by using this signet ring as His stamp of approval!

Paul gave Timothy the reason why we need a solid foundation:

**Then you will be God's servant - fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment. 2 Timothy 3:17 TPT**

We have confidence that this "**temple**" will stand and last when the storm comes, because of Jesus' promise that: "He who comes to me and hears my words and do it (acts on them) is like a person building a house, who dug a deep hole to lay the foundation on rock. When the storm comes, and pushed against that house but couldn't shake it, because it had been founded on the rock (Luke 6:46-48). The opposite is therefore also true. He who does not **HEAR** and does not **DO** and does not **dig deep**, when the storm comes, his house will surely collapse.

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