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Compiler

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## **Emmanuel**

JESUS existed before he came into this world. He said of himself, “I am from above.” “I am not of this world.” John 8:23. “I came down front heaven.” John 6:38. “I am the living bread which came down from heaven.” John 6:51. “What and if you shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?” John 6:62.

To his Father he prays: And now, O Father, glorify thou me with your own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." "Thou loved me before the foundation of the world." "For I have given unto them the words which thou gave me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou did send me." "These have known that thou has sent me." John 17: 5, 8, 24, 25. Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58.

John the Baptist testified, "He was before me," "and I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." "You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him." "He that comes from above is above all." "He that comes from heaven is above all," "and what he hath seen and heard, that he testifies." John 1:30, 34; John 3:28, 31.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. And he is before all things." Colossians 1:16, 17.

God the Father bears witness, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17; 17:5. "Unto the Son he said, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever," and "Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of your hands. They shall perish; but thou remains. Thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." Hebrews 1:1-12. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8. "Yesterday" means from eternity. "And thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Hebrews, margin, The days of eternity. Micah 5:2.

Jesus made this world and all other worlds, therefore he must have existed before all worlds. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." "He was in the world, and the world was made by him." John 1:3, 10.

Under the name of Michael, Jesus led the armies of heaven against Satan and his angels in heaven, before Satan was cast out into the earth. Revelation 12:7-10. He calls himself, "The first and the last." Revelation 2:8. "The beginning of the creation of God." Revelation 3:14.

John calls him, "That eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us." "That which was from the beginning." Jesus was the invisible leader of Israel. 1 Corinthians 10:4. The Captain of the Lord's host, who was with Joshua. Joshua 5:13-15.

He was with the three Hebrews in the fiery furnace, and recognized by the heathen king as the Son of God. Daniel 3:24, 25.

Jesus was God with us. God manifested in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16. He is our divine sacrifice, our divine Savior, the revelation of God to man, divinity unite with humanity, to lift up humanity.

### **THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST**

#### **Altogether lovely.**

His mouth is most sweet: yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. Songs of Solomon 5:16.

#### **Subject to his Parents.**

And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. Luke 2:51.

#### **Holy.**

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together. Acts 4:27.

#### **Meek and Lowly.**

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29.

#### **Good.**

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? Matthew 19:16.

**Faithful.**

Faithful is he that called you, who also will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

**Just.**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Zechariah 9:9

And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou should know his will, and see that Just One, and should hear the voice of his mouth. Acts 22:14.

**Sinless.**

Which of you convinces me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? John 8:46

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:21.

**Harmless.**

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens. Hebrews 7:26.

**Resist Temptation.**

**1** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. **2** And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. **3** And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. **4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

**5** Then the devil takes him up into the holy city, and sets him on a pinnacle of the temple, **6** And said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. **7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shall not tempt the Lord thy God.

**8** Again, the devil takes him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **9** And said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

**10** Then said Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve. Matthew 4:1-10.

**Obedient to God the Father.**

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. Psalm 40:8

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. John 6:38

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John 15:10.

**Merciful.**

Wherefore in all things it became him to be made like unto [his] brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:17.

**Patient.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. Isaiah 53:7.

**Long-suffering.**

Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. 1 Timothy 1:16.

**Benevolent.**

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38.

### Loving.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. John 13:1

**12** This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. **13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12, 13.

### Self-denying.

And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has not where to lay his head. Matthew 8:20

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9.

### All his people to be like him.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29

And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure. 1 John 3:3.

## **Behold He Comes**

### **1. What promise did Jesus make in reference to returning again to this earth?**

**1** Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3.

### **2. In what manner will he come?**

**9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; **11** Which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:9-11.

### **3. What great events take place on the earth at his coming?**

**16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

### **4. What happens to the wicked?**

**7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Jeremiah 25:33.

### **5. Will the Lord come upon any one unawares, or as a thief in the night?**

**1** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. **2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3.

### **6. Will he come upon all as a thief?**

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 1 Thessalonians 5:4.

### **7. Will there be signs given of this event?**

**25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; **26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Luke 21:25, 26.

### **8. Where were the first signs to be seen?**

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Luke 21:25.

### **9. What were the signs in the sun, moon, and stars to be?**

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: Matthew 24:29

**30** And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. Joel 2:30, 31

And when I shall put you out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. Ezekiel 32:7.

### **10. When was the sun to be darkened?**

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. Matthew 24:29

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, Mark 13:24. The days here referred to are the 1260 days mentioned in Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:6,14; 13:5. They began in AD 538, and ended in 1798. Jesus locates the darkening of the sun and moon "in those days" (Mark 13:24), which would be before 1798, and immediately after the tribulation (Matthew 24:29), which ended in 1773. The tribulation, or persecutions, of those days refers to the terrible persecutions and martyrdom of Rome, which ended about 1773, when the order of the Jesuits was abolished. Immediately, or soon after, the tribulation the sun was to be darkened. It was darkened just at the time predicted, May 19, 1780.

The sun was to be darkened in the morning (Isaiah 13:10), by noon on a clear day. Amos 8:9. Note how all these specifications are met in the following records of the darkening of the sun and moon: J Litch says: "I refer to the dark day of AD 1780, May 19. That was a day of supernatural darkness It was not an eclipse of the sun; for the moon was nearly at the full. It was not owing to a thickness of the atmosphere for the stars were seen. The darkness began about 9 AM, and continued through the day.

Such was the darkness that work was suspended in the field and shop; beasts and fowls retired to their rest; and the houses were illuminated at dinner time. The sun was supernaturally darkened. Milo Bostwick says: "The 19th of May, in the year 1780, I well remember; I was then in my sixteenth year. The morning was clear and pleasant, but somewhere about eight o'clock my father came into the house and said there was an uncommon appearance in the sun. There were not any clouds, but the air was thick, having a smoky appearance, and the sun shone with a pale and yellowish hue, but kept growing darker and darker, until it was hid from sight. At noon we lit a candle, but it did not give light as in the night, and my father could not see to read with two candles. My father and mother, who were pious, thought the day of judgment was near. They sat, tip that night, during the latter part of which they said the darkness disappeared, and then the sky seemed as usual, but the moon, which was at its full, had the appearance of blood. The alarm that it caused, and the frequent talk about it, impressed it deeply on my mind." The poet Whittier writes:-

#### **"THE DARKNESS OVER NEW ENGLAND IN 1780."**

"It was on a May day of the fair old year  
Seventeen hundred eighty, that there fell  
Over the bloom and sweet life of the spring,  
Over the fresh earth and the heaven of noon,  
A horror, of great darkness, like the night  
In day of which the Norland sages tell  
The twilight of the gods,

Birds-ceased to sing, and all the barn-yard fowls  
Roosted; the cattle at the pasture bars  
Lowed, and looked homeward; bats on leather wings  
Flitted abroad; the sounds of labor died;  
Men prayed, and women wept; all ears grew sharp  
To hear the doom-blast of the trumpet shatter The black sky."  
"Facts for the Times," pages 158-164 (new edition)

Webster's Dictionary, article Dark Day, says: May 19, 1780; so-called on account of a remarkable darkness on that day extending over all New England In some places persons could not see to read common print In the open air for several hours together. Birds sang

their evening song, disappeared, and became silent; fowls went to roost; cattle sought the barn-yard; and candles Were lighted in the houses. The obscuration began about ten o'clock in the morning, and continued till the middle of the next night, but with differences of degree and duration in different places For several days previous the wind had been variable, but chiefly from the south-west and the north-east. The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is not known.

### **THE STARS FELL NOVEMBER 13, 1833**

Professor Olmstead, of Yale College, says: "Those who were so fortunate as to witness the exhibition of shooting stars on the morning of November 13, 1833, probably saw the greatest display of celestial fireworks that has ever been since the creation of the world, or at least within the annals covered by the pages of history.

"In nearly all places the meteors began to attract notice by their unusual frequency as early as eleven o'clock, and increased in numbers and splendor until about four o'clock, from which time they gradually declined, but were visible until lost in the light of day. The meteors did not fly at random over all parts of the sky, but appeared to emanate from a point in the constellation Leo, near a star called Gamma Leonid's, in the bend of the sickle."

The extent of the shower of 1833 was such as to cover no inconsiderable part of the earth's surface, from the middle of the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west. And from the northern coast of South America to undefined regions among the British possessions on the north, the exhibition was visible, and everywhere presented nearly the same appearance. This is no longer to be regarded as a terrestrial, but as a celestial, phenomenon. And shooting stars are now to be no more viewed as casual productions of the upper regions of the atmosphere, but as visitants from other worlds, or from the planetary voids.

Henry Dana Ward writes: "No philosopher or scholar has told or recorded an event, I suppose, like that of yesterday morning. A prophet 1800 years ago foretold it exactly, if we will be at the trouble of understanding stars a ling to mean falling stars; or 'hoi asteres ton ouranou epesan teen goon,' in the only sense in which it is possible to be literally true." "Facts For The Times," pages 165, 167.

#### **11. How were the stars to fall?**

And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. Revelation 6:13.

"We Pronounce the raining of fire which we saw on Wednesday morning last an awful type, a sure forerunner a merciful sign of that great and dreadful day which the inhabitants of the earth will witness when the sixth seal shall be opened. The time is just at hand, described not only in the New Testament, but in the Old. A more correct picture of a fig-tree casting its leaves when blown by a mighty wind it is not possible to behold." - Connecticut Observer, in "Facts for the Times." Page 166.

#### **12. When the people should see these things begin to come to, pass, what were they to do?**

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws nigh. Luke 21:28.

#### **13. When they had seen them all come to pass, what were they to know?**

So likewise you, when you see these things come to pass, know you that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Luke 21:31.

#### **14. Were the people to know the day and hour of Christ's coming?**

But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Matthew 24:36.

#### **15. What parable did Jesus give to show the position they should hold at this time?**

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise you, when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Matthew 24:32, 33.

#### **16. What assurance did he give to the generation that should see these signs and learn this parable?**

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matthew 24:34, 35

For proof that the generation living at the time of Christ is not meant, see Luke 11:29, They were not to see these signs. No sign but the sign of Jonas the prophet was to be given them.

#### **17. Will any one be looking for the Lord's coming?**

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Hebrews 9:28

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25:9.

### **18. Does the Lord promise a blessing upon those who look for him?**

Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he comes shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. Luke 12:37.

### **19. What does Jesus exhort us to do at this time?**

**34** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. **35** For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **36** Watch you therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:34-36.

### **20. How should we who look for this event five?**

**11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

Titus 2:11-13.

## **The Worlds History in Prophecy**

### **1. The prophecies can be understood.**

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 2 Peter 1:19.

### **2. Christ's instruction in reference to the book of Daniel.**

When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand). Matthew 24:15.

Prophecy is "history In advance."

And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar he dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Daniel 2:1.

### **3. The remarkable dream of Nebuchadnezzar.**

Daniel 2:1-44

### **4. What did Daniel tell the king that God had made known to him?**

But there is a God in heaven that revealed secrets, and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these. Daniel 2:28.

### **5. What was the dream?**

**31** Thou, O king, saw, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and the form thereof was terrible. **32** This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, **33** His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. **34** Thou saw till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

**35** Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Daniel 2:31-35.

### **6. After relating the dream, what did Daniel immediately proceed to do?**

This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Daniel 2:36.

What does the Lord command those who explain these visions of Daniel and Revelation to do? And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it. Habakkuk 2:2.

### **7. What did he say was represented by the head of gold?**

**37** Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. **38** And where so ever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven has he given into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. Daniel 2:37, 38.

**8. Did he refer to Nebuchadnezzar as an individual, or to his kingdom?**

And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. Daniel 2:39.

**9. What was the name of the kingdom over which Nebuchadnezzar ruled?**

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. Daniel 1:1.

This kingdom, in prophecy, dates from BC 606, because it then became connected with the people of God by the capture of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and his people. It reached the height of its glory under Nebuchadnezzar, to whom this dream was given. The metal used to represent this kingdom is the finest of all metals, and fitly represents the kingdom of Babylon, as it was the grandest of all earthly kingdoms. The city of Babylon, its capital and metropolis, well represents the entire kingdom. This city was laid out in a perfect square, surrounded by a wall 350 feet high, and 87 feet thick, with a moat or ditch, outside, of the same cubic capacity. It had fifty streets, twenty-five running each way, each 150 feet in width and fifteen miles long, paved with polished stones. It contained 225 miles of enclosed surface, laid out in luxuriant pleasure-grounds and gardens interspersed with magnificent dwellings. The River Euphrates running through the center with a wall on either side. Taking thirty miles of river wall. 150 gates of solid brass: and hanging gardens rising terrace above terrace until they equaled in height the walls themselves.

Among the large buildings was the temple of Belus three miles in circumference at the base; also two royal palaces-one three and one-half miles, the other eight miles in circumference-connected with each other by a subterranean tunnel under the River Euphrates. Never before had the earth seen such a city and never since has it seen its equal. See Rollin's Ancient History. Book 3, chapter 1, section 1.

**10. Was this kingdom of Babylon to stand forever?**

And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. Daniel 2:39

**19** And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellence, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. **20** It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. **21** But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. **22** And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged. Isaiah 13:19-22.

Alexander the Great employed 10,000 workmen in an unsuccessful attempt to rebuild Babylon, himself dying in the midst of the work, the project consequently falling through.

**11. How many kingdoms were there to be?**

Four.  
**39** And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. **40** And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdued all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. Daniel 2:39, 40.

The kingdom of Medo-Persia, represented by the breast and arms of silver, succeeded Babylon.

**30** In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. **31** And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old. Daniel 5:30-31.

The third kingdom was Greece.

And the rough goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Daniel 8:21.

**12. What are the legs of iron said to represent?**

And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. Daniel 2:40.

The fourth universal kingdom was Rome

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. Luke 2:1

Also Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," chapter 3, paragraph 37.



**13. What was indicated by the fact that the feet and toes of the image were part of clay and part of iron?** And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.  
Daniel 2:41.

"The kingdom shall be divided."

The Roman Empire was at last divided into ten parts, between the years AD 356 and 483. These divisions were the Alernaul, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, vandals, Suevi, Burgundians. Herull, Anglo-Saxon, and Lombards. These are now known as England, Germany, France. Austria, Prussia, etc. See "Newton on the Prophecies," Machiavelli, Gibbon, etc.

**14. In the first part of verse 43, what is it said that these kingdoms should do?**

Mingle themselves with the seed of men. This probably indicates that they should seek to strengthen their powers by the marriage alliance, which history records has been done. Witness the existing relationship between all the crowned heads and princes and princesses of Europe and England.

**15. Were they to succeed in this attempt?**

And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. Daniel 2:43.

**16. The division of the Roman Empire was completed in AD 483.**

**17. What kingdom was to be set up in the days of these kings?**

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:44.

This cannot refer to the introduction of the gospel, for in the days of Christ's earthly ministry, Rome was in its undivided form. Luke 2:1

**18.** Then since the God of heaven was to set up his kingdom "in the days of these kings," it could not have been set up in the days when Christ was on earth. These kings had not then appeared.

**19. What part of the prayer which the Lord has given for us shows that the kingdom has not yet been set up?** Thy kingdom come."

**9** After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9, 10.

**20. What did the prophet say would be done to the other kingdoms when the kingdom of God should be set up?**

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:44.

**21. By what was this prefigured in the vision?**

**34** Thou saw till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. **35** Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Daniel 2:34, 35.

**22. Has any such great event yet occurred?**

No. There is a kingdom of grace and a kingdom of glory. We are in the kingdom of grace, but the kingdom of glory is not yet set up, for "flesh and blood cannot inherit it." 1 Corinthians 15:50.

God's people are now only heirs of that kingdom.

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love him? James 2:5.

Jesus gives a parable to correct the view that it was set up in his day.

**11** And as they heard these things, he added and spoke a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. **12** He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. Luke 19:11-12.

It will be set up at his second coming.

I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom. 2 Timothy 4:1.

**23. When it is established, how long will it continue?**

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:44.

**24. What is indicated by the words, “The kingdom shall not be left to other people.”?** That the subjects of that kingdom will be immortal.

**35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Luke 20:35-36

**25. Can there be any doubt in regard to the fulfillment of this prophecy?**

Forasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. Daniel 2:45.

**RECAPITULATION**

We see from this prophecy that the four universal kingdoms of earth were to be followed by the everlasting kingdom of God. From history, we learn that there have been four universal kingdoms, - Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome We have passed all these way marks, and are now living, not in the kingdom represented by the head of gold, as was Daniel, but in the days of those kings represented by the feet and toes of the image.

**26. Then what will the next great event in this world’s history be?**

The destruction of all earthly governments, to make room for the everlasting kingdom of God.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:44.

**27. What must we do in order to gain an entrance into that kingdom?**

**2** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, **3** According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue: **4** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. **5** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** But he that lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. **10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall: **11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:2 -11.

The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom. “This gospel of the kingdom” was the theme of Christ and his apostles. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” was the burden of their preaching. How much more should it now be ours, as the signs indicate the kingdom near. With the penitent thief let us pray, “Lord Jesus, remember me when thou comes in thy kingdom.”

## **The Kingdom of Christ**

**1. For what purpose did God make the earth?**

For thus said the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else. Isaiah 45:18.

**2. Did the Lord design that the wicked should inhabit the earth?**

The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. Proverbs 10:30.

**3. To whom did the Lord give the earth?**

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth has he given to the children of men. Psalm 115:16.

**4. To what man did God especially promise the earth?**

**14** And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now your eyes, and look from the place where you art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: **15** For all the land which you sees, to you will I give it, and to your seed for ever. Genesis 13:14, 15.

**5. This promise includes the whole earth.**

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. Romans 4:13.

**6. Did the Lord fulfill his promise to Abraham before his death?**

**2** And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, **3** And said unto him, Get you out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show you. **4** Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein you now dwell. **5** And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child. Acts 7:2-5.

**7. Did his children receive the fulfillment of, this promise?**

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Hebrews 11:13.

**8. For what did Abraham look?**

For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:10.

**9. Christ was the seed spoken of in the promise to Abraham.**

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He said not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Galatians 3:16.

**10. Who are included among the children of Abraham?**

And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29.

**11. Then are not all Christians interested in this promise made to Abraham?**

**12. If those to whom these promises were made died without having received them, how will God keep his promise to them?**

**12** Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus said the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. **13** And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, **14** And shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall you know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, said the LORD. Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**13. What has God promised to do with the earth, before giving it to his people?**

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. Isaiah 65:17.

**14. For what did the early Christians look?**

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13.

**15. Seeing we look for such things, what kind of persons ought we to be?**

**11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. **14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Peter 3:11-14.

**16. John, the beloved disciple, was shown the new heavens and the new earth.**

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

**17. Isaiah gives a description of the beauties of the new earth.**

**1** The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. **2** It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellence of our God. **3** Strengthen you the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. **4** Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you. **5** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. **6** Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. **7** And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. **8** And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. **9** No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: **10** And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35:1-10.

**18. What besides the new heaven and new earth did he see?**

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

**19. This is the capital city of Christ's kingdom.**

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: Revelation 22:3.

**20. What is the size of this city?**

**15** And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. **16** And the city lies foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. Revelation 21:15, 16.

Dividing twelve thousand furlongs by eight, the number of furlongs in one mile, we learn that the city measured fifteen hundred miles, or three hundred and seventy-five miles on each side. The custom of measuring cities in Bible times was to measure all around them; for example the city of Babylon was said to be sixty miles in measurement; it was actually fifteen miles on each side, sixty miles in circumference.

**21. What description is given of the walls and gates of the city?**

**10** And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, **11** Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; **12** And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: **13** On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. **14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Revelation 21:10-14.

**22. Of what was the wall made?**

**18** And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. **19** And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; **20** The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. Revelation 21:18-20.

**23. Of what were the gates made?**

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. Revelation 21:21.

**24. What is said of the light of the city?**

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Revelation 21:23.

**25. Does it say there was no sun or moon, or that the city had no need of them?**

**26. Will there be a Sun and a Moon in the new earth?**

Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the breach of his people, and heals the stroke of their wound. Isaiah 30:26.

**27. What will God do for those to whom he gives the new earth?**

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4.

**28. Will there be regular seasons of worship in the new earth?**

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, said the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, said the LORD. Isaiah 66:22-23.

**29. Who will have a part in the new earth?**

7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:7, 27

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5.

**30. Who does Jesus himself say may enter this city?**

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and who so ever loves and makes a lie. 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:12-17.

## **Knowledge Increases**

**1. What does the prophecy of Daniel foretell in reference to the increase of knowledge in the time of the end?** Daniel 12:4. "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

**2. What kind of knowledge is here referred to?**

Doubtless (1) religious knowledge; and (2) a corresponding increase in scientific knowledge.

**3. Has there been an increase in knowledge within this century sufficiently marked to indicate that we have reached the time of the end?**

There has.

### **RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

The Bible, only a little more than one hundred years ago, was so expensive that but few could possess a copy of their own: and those who did purchase it, at very high rates, were likely to have their Bibles taken from them. Nicholas Belwara, in 1429, paid £45 for a New Testament, and was arraigned for teaching a neighbor and his wife to study it. People felt grateful in those days for a single chapter, gospel, or epistle. Since the beginning of this century there has been a wonderful increase in Bible knowledge.

In 1780, the Naval and Military Bible Society was established in England.

In 1799, the London Religious Tract Society was established.

May 7, 1804, three hundred gentlemen of all denominations organized the British and Foreign Bible Society in London.

May 8, 1816, the American Bible Society was organized in New York.

In 1825, the American Tract Society was organized.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has issued, up to 1912, some 244,399,562 copies of the Scriptures in whole or in part, since its establishment; representing 450 different languages and dialects; spending about £161,000,000. The average issue of the Society during 1912 was almost 21,700 volumes a day.

The American Bible Societies claim a distribution of several hundred millions of copies during the same period. The estimate of total distribution by all societies and publishing houses for the century is far more than 1,500,000,000 copies of the Bible. These Bibles have penetrated everywhere, China and Japan not excepted. A New Testament can now be bought for a penny, and a complete copy of the Bible for less than one shilling.

4. When was the first religious newspaper issued? In the year 1808.

September 1, 1808, Elias Smith, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, started The Herald of Gospel Liberty, the first religious paper ever published. Millions of copies of religious papers are now going forth weekly to enlighten the world.

### **SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE**

With the increase of scriptural knowledge, has there been a corresponding advance in the arts and sciences? The following table, gleaned from various sources, presents a large number of useful, and what we now consider indispensable, inventions, the most of which have been discovered within the present century:-

1758. The first balloon.

1798. Gas, to light a manufacturing house in Birmingham, Eng.

1800. Cast-iron plough, first used in America, in New York City.

1803. Steel pen, by Mr. Wise, England.

1807. Steam-boat, by Robert Fulton, American.

1811. Steam printing-press, printed the London Times, November 28.

1818. Revolver, Elisha S. Collier.

1818. Britannia Bridge, Menal Straits by Telford. Completed 1825. Length, 1,710 feet; span, 579 feet 10 inches.

Brooklyn Bridge, span, 1,595 feet Total length, 5,989 feet. Considerably over one mile.

1823. Gold pen, John P. Hawkins, American.

1825. Railroad cars.

1825. Furnace for heating houses, Prof. Johnson, Philadelphia.

1825. Kerosene first used for lighting.

1827. Aluminium, Oersted, improved by Wohler. Perfected Process by Deville, 1854.

1829. Lucifer match, John Walker, England

1830. Steam fire-engine, Ericson, Swedish-American.

1833. Reaper and mower. Obed Hussey, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1834. Electric motor, Prof. Jacobi, St. Petersburg, applied to paddle boat.

1837. Telegraph, Pr E Morse.

1837. Electrotpe, Spencer and Jacobi.

1837. Vulcanized gutta percha, Goodyear. American.

1837. Phonography, Pitman, England.

1838. Stereoscope, Chas. Wheatstone.

1839. Photography, Daguerre, France.

1846. Electric light, Sir Humphrey Davy. apparatus for regulating.

1846. First complete sewing-machine, Elias Howe, Jr.

1850. Electric motors, horse power, Mr Page, American.

1851. Submarine cable.

1858. Shoe-pegging machine, Gallahue.

1866. Velocipede, Edward Gilman, England.

1868. C. K. Bradford, U S.A., first introduced rubber tyres, perfected by Dunlop.

1869. Opening Suez Canal, M. de Lesseps.

1869. Bicycle, first patent, J. S. Strassen, England.

1876. Telephone, Elisha Gray, A. G. Bell, A. C. Dolbear, and Thos. A. Edison.

1877. Phonograph. Thomas A. Edison.

1881. Audio phone, Richard S Rhodes. American.

1889. Eiffel Tower, Paris, 1,000 feet high

1893. "Great Wheel," Chicago Exhibition. 250 feet in diameter, carrying 1,440 people at each revolution

1895. "The Gigantic Wheel," Earls' Court, England, 300 feet diameter.

1895. The X Rays Dr. W. K Roentgen, Winzburg.  
Destructive firearms-Breech loading guns, Krupp, Armitage, Frazer,  
Gatling, torpedoes, etc. Smokeless powder.  
Incandescent gas light, Welsbach, Germany.  
Lofty buildings -American Tract Society, New York, 23 stories, 280 feet high  
1896. St. Paul's Building, New York, 30 feet frontage, 39 feet deep, 25 stories  
312 feet high;  
Manhattan Life Insurance Company 330 feet. Walter and Hoe's perfected cylinder presses. Pattern printing.  
Dress prints and wall paper.  
1899. Wireless telegraphy, by Marconi, Italian.  
Liquid air, by Charles E. Tripler, N. Y, City, American.  
Cinematograph and Blograph, America, for reproducing on canvas, by electricity, events in living reality. Telescope, or "Distance-seer." "Seeing by wire." Jan Szczeparak, Poland. Transmits forms, features, and colors, great distances, accurate to life. First Exhibited at Paris Exhibition, 1900.

What would people now think they could do without matches, steel pens, cooking-stoves, oil lamps, railroads, telegraph, sewing-machines, farm machine", etc.? And yet our grandparents had none of these.

6. Why should the world have stood for six thousand years, and then these inventions all come up in so short a time? The only reason that can be assigned is that the providence of God so ordered it, and gave it as an unmistakable sign of the approaching end. What invention of world-wide utility was to be seen in the time of God's preparation for the end? Nahum 2:3-5. The railway train as described by the prophet.

The flaming torch, referring to the head-light, the raging in the streets, to the noise caused by the steam and the immense weight of the engines and trains; and their running like the lightning, to the " Lightning Express" and " Cannon-ball Trains." The guards recounting the passengers, re-punching tickets, "stumbling in their walk," are all too manifestly applicable to the railway trains of today to be made more so by further explanation. We have reached the time of the end.

## **The Millennium**

### **1. To what extent is the gospel to be preached?**

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.

### **2. Is this to result in the conversion of the nations, or simply to be for a witness to them?**

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

### **3. How long is it after this before the end comes?**

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.

### **4. To what does Christ liken the end of the world?**

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. Matthew 13:38, 39.

### **5. What does Jesus say will occur when the end comes?**

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who has ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 13:40-43.

### **6. Will there be any wicked ones then?**

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity. Matthew 13:41.

**7. What will become of the wicked?**

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13:42.

**8. Is the world to grow better or worse toward the end?**

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13.

**9. What will be its moral condition when the Lord comes?**

**26** And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. **27** They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. **28** Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **29** But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. **30** Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Luke 17:26-30.

**10. How does Paul describe the condition of the world in the last days?**

**1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **4** Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. **6** For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, **7** Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **8** Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 2 Timothy 3:1-8.

**11. Will the time ever come when any can live godly lives without suffering persecution?**

Yes, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12.

12. If “all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution,” can there be a thousand years of universal peace and righteousness while probation lasts?

**13. But does not Micah 4:2-5 foretell such a time?**

**2** And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **3** And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **4** But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken it. **5** For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

**14. Who is to say this? The people. First clause of verse 2.**

**15. What does the Lord say? Verses 6, 7.**

**6** In that day, said the LORD, will I assemble her that halted, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; **7** And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

**16. Will some be driven out and afflicted then?**

In that day, said the LORD, will I assemble her that halted, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted. Micah 4:6.

There can be no universal peace and righteousness when some are driven out and afflicted.

**17. When is it that many nations shall be saying peace and safety?**

**1** But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. **2** And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **3** And he shall judge among many people, and



rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **4** But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken it. Micah 4:1-4.

**18. Will not this statement itself be a sign that the last days have come?**

**1** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write unto you. **2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4.

**19. Besides crying peace and safety, what are scoffers in the last days to say?**

**3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, **4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

**20. When many are saying peace and safety, what does the Lord say?**

**9** Proclaim you this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: **10** Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. **11** Assemble yourselves, and come, all you heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause your mighty ones to come down, O LORD. **12** Let the heathen be weakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. **13** Put you in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great. **14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. Joel 3:9-14.

In these great preparations for war the nations are fulfilling prophecy.

**21. What will come upon those who are prophesying peace and safety?**

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

**22. Will the time ever come when the earth will be free from sin?**

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, said the LORD. Isaiah 66:23.

**23. What great change must take place before this can come to pass?**

**10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

**11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. 2 Peter 3:10-13

**17** For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

**18** But be you glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. **19** And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. Isaiah 65:17-19.

**24. Instead of proclaiming peace and safety, what should we do?**

Blow you the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD comes, for it is nigh at hand. Joel 2:1.

**25. What wonderful signs in the heavens are mentioned in connection with this warning?**

**14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. **15** The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. Joel 3:14, 15.

**26. What momentous event do these signs precede? The advent Of Jesus.**

**29** 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: **30** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 24:29, 30.

### **27. What takes place on the earth at his coming?**

**16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.

The righteous, both living and dead, at that time are caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, to be ever with the Lord.

**1** Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3

### **28. What happens to the wicked?**

**7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Jeremiah 25:33.

This leaves the wicked lying in all parts of the earth, unburied. Thus the removal of the righteous from the earth, and the destruction of all the wicked completely depopulates the earth.

### **29. Has the Lord said the earth should be emptied?**

**1** Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad the inhabitants thereof. **2** And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. **3** The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD has spoken this word. Isaiah 24:1-3

**23** I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. **24** I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. **25** I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. **26** I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. **27** For thus has the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. Jeremiah 4:23-27.

### **30. When did Jeremiah say the cities would be broken down, and the earth made empty?**

At the Presence of the Lord, at his second coming.

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. Jeremiah 4:26.

### **31. How long is it after this before the wicked are raised?**

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Revelation 20:5.

### **32. Where are the righteous during this one thousand years?** In heaven.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4

Father, I will that they also, whom you has given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which you has given me: for you loved me before the foundation of the world. John 17:24.

**33. If all the righteous spend one thousand years in heaven, and the wicked are not raised until the one thousand years are finished, then is not the earth desolate one thousand years?**

**34. What is said of Satan during this time?**

**1** And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Revelation 20:1-3.

**35. Where is the bottomless pit?**

It is the earth when it returns to its chaotic state.

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. Jeremiah 4:23. Compare with

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2.

**36. How will Satan be bound?**

By circumstances: the righteous are in heaven, the wicked are all dead, the earth is empty, and so there is no one to tempt. And he is made a prisoner, in solitary confinement, for one thousand years.

**37. How is he loosed?**

By the resurrection of the wicked.

**5** 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 has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. **7** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison. Revelation 20:5-7.

**38. For how long will he be loosed?**

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Revelation 20:3

Last clause.

**39. How will he spend this time?**

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. Revelation 20:8.

**40. What will this wicked host attempt?** To take the city of God.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Revelation 20:9.

**41. Will they succeed?**

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. Revelation 20:9.

This earth becomes a lake of fire into which Satan and his host are cast.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10.

**42. After the fire, what do we look for?**

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

**10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

**11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. 2 Peter 3:10-13.

## **Ministering Angels**

### **1. Were any beings in existence before man was created?**

**4** Where was you when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if you has understanding. **5** Who has laid the measures thereof, if you know? Or who has stretched the line upon it? **6** Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **7** When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38:4-7.

### **2. Who guarded the entrance to paradise when Adam was driven out?**

So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. Genesis 3:24.

The cherubim are one of the orders of angels; none of the human family had yet died.

### **3. In their creation, how do angels compare with man?**

**4** What is man, that you art mindful of him? and the son of man, that you visits him? **5** For you has made him a little lower than the angels, and has crowned him with glory and honor. Psalm 8:4-5.

### **4. What is the appearance of the angels when their glory is unveiled?**

**2** And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. **3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: **4** And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. Matthew 28:2-4.

### **5. What is the employment of the angels?**

**13** But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies thy footstool? **14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Hebrews 1:13-14.

### **6. Who has charge over God's children, to keep them?**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11.

### **7. Are they interested in man's salvation?**

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents. Luke 15:10.

### **8. Does each child of God have an attending angel?**

Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 18:10

**13** And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. **14** And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. **15** And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. Acts 12:13-15.

### **9. What does Daniel say of the number of the angels?**

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:10.

### **10. How is their number stated in the book of Revelation?**

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Revelation 5:11.

### **11. How does Paul speak of their number?**

But you are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. Hebrews 12:22.

### **12. What are they sometimes called?**

1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. Genesis 32:1, 2

And he said, Hear you therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 1 Kings 22:19.

### **13. How many of this heavenly host appeared to herald the birth of our Savior?**

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us. Luke 2:13-15.

### **14. How was Elijah taken to heaven?**

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 2 Kings 2:11.

### **15. Of what was this chariot composed?**

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. Psalm 68:17

### **16. Are angels real beings?**

1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, 3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, pass not away, I pray you, from your servant: 4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: Genesis 18:1-4

1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. 10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. Genesis 19:1-3, 10.

### **17. Do the angels eat?**

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, 24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. 25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. Psalm 78:23-25.

### **18. Is it possible for them to be entertained unawares now?**

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2.

Abraham did this.

### **19. Then why can we not see and know them always?**

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were held that they should not know him. 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. Luke 24:15, 16, 30, 31.

This shows that it is possible to meet and converse with heavenly beings without recognizing their sacred character.

### **20. Who was once met by an angel of the Lord?**

And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. Numbers 22:22.

### **21. Could Balaam see the angel?**

And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

Numbers 22:23.

**22. How was he enabled to see the angel?**

Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. Numbers 22:31.

**23. What complaint did Satan make to the Lord concerning Job?**

**9** Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for naught? **10** Hast not you made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side? You has blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. Job 1:9-10.

**24. How does the Lord make a hedge around his people?**

The angel of the LORD encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them. Psalm 34:7.

**25. Where have we an interesting case illustrating this?**

**14** Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. **15** And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! How hall we do? **16** And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. **17** And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray you, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 2 Kings 6:14-17.

**26. How is God represented as ruling over his kingdom?**

**19** The LORD has prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom rules over all. **20** Bless the LORD, you his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Psalm 103:19, 20.

**27. What brings the angels to our assistance?**

And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and has brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of your border: Numbers 20:16.

**28. Give an illustration of such deliverance.**

**21** Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. **22** My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no hurt. Daniel 6:21, 22.

**29. Another instance.**

Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. Daniel 3:28.

**30. Who was sent to answer Daniel's prayer?**

**21** Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. **22** And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and understanding. **23** At the beginning of your supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show you; for you art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. Daniel 9:21-23.

**31. Who executes God's judgments upon the wicked?**

For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD has sent us to destroy it. Genesis 19:13.

**32. How many were destroyed at one time by an angel?**

Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. Isaiah 37:36.

**33. How many of the angels will come with the Savior at his Second Advent?**

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: Matthew 25:31.

**34. What part will they act in the closing work of redemption?**

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 24:31.

### **35. What song will be sung by the angels as they escort the redeemed throng to the holy city?**

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be you lift up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates; even lift them up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah. Psalm 24:7-10

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open you the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. Isaiah 26:1-2.

The holy angels always refuse worship. Revelation 19:10. They are ministering servants of Jesus to his people, and always direct worship to God only. They worship God and Christ. "And let all the angels of God worship him." Hebrews 1:6.

## **Satan, His Origin, Work, and Destiny**

### **1. Have any of the angels sinned?**

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment. 2 Peter 2:4.

### **2. Had they a leader in their rebellion?**

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. Revelation 12:7, 8.

### **3. Where were Satan and his angels cast when expelled from heaven?**

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time. Revelation 12:9, 12.

### **4. Do angels occupy important positions in connection with the throne of God?**

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. Psalm 68:17

The LORD reigns; let the people tremble: he sits between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. Psalm 99:1.

### **5. Did Satan ever fill this position in heaven?**

Thou art the anointed cherub that covered; and I have set you so: you was upon the holy mountain of God; you has walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Ezekiel 28:14.

### **6. What is said of his appearance before his fall?**

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus said the Lord GOD; Thou sealed up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Ezekiel 28:12.

Satan is represented under the symbol of the king of Tyrus, who never occupied the position of covering cherub, not was in Eden.

Thou has been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you was created. Ezekiel 28:13.

### **7. What is said of his wisdom?**

3 Behold, you art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you: 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus said the Lord GOD; Thou sealed up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Ezekiel 28:3, 12.

### **8. Did God create any evil propensity in him? Or was evil an intruder?**

Thou was perfect in your ways from the day that you was created, till iniquity was found in you. Ezekiel 28:15.

**9. How did he pervert his perfect faculties?**

**16** By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you has sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **17** Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you has corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you. Ezekiel 28:16, 17.

**10. What presumptuous ambition took possession of him?**

**12** How art you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art you cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **13** For you has said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:12-14.

Lucifer, Satan, aspired to a position above Christ, the leader of the heavenly host, “the bright and morning star” Revelation 22:16.

**11. What is a probable reason why God did not destroy Satan and his rebellious host at the time of their fall?**

God alone knew the dreadful consequences of sin. The hosts of loyal angels, not knowing that sorrow, disease, and death are the inevitable consequences of sin, might have been in doubt of the love and justice of God, had Satan, one. Of their number, been immediately destroyed. The true character of sin must be developed before the universe, and the character of Satan and his angels made manifest to all as it was to God, so that when God should finally destroy him, all would consent that it was just and right.

**12. What is Christ’s description of the character of Satan?**

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44.

**13. With what subtle temptation did Satan approach Eve?**

**1** Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. **4** And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: **5** For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Genesis 3:1-5.

**14. Was Eve overcome by the temptation to become wise and exalted?**

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:6.

**15. Did Satan gain subjects and a dominion by thus seducing man?**

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 2 Peter 2:19

**8** Again, the devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain, and shows him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **9** And said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you wilt fall down and worship me. Matthew 4:8, 9.

Christ did not deny Satan’s claim to his usurped ruler ship of the earth, bat calls him the prince of this world. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. John 12:31.

**16. How extensive is Satan’s work of deception?**

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9.

**17. In the heathen service of idols, who are really worshipped?**

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that you should have fellowship with devils. 1 Corinthians 10:20.

**18. Do devils sometimes possess men, and speak through them?**



**28** And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. **29** And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with you, Jesus, you Son of God? art you come hither to torment us before the time? **30** And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. **31** So the devils besought him, saying, If you cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. Matthew 8:28-31.

**19. Whose mediums are sorcerers, diviners, wizards, and the like?**

**6** And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: **7** Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. **8** But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. **9** Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, **10** And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, you child of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, wilt you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? Acts 13:6-10.

**20. Does the Bible foretell a special work of the devil in the last days?**

Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. 1 Timothy 4:1.

**21. How will they come, and who will they claim to be?**

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead? Isaiah 8:19.

**22. Will Satan then work wonders?**

**8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: **9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 2 Thessalonians 2:8, 9.

**23. How great will these signs be?**

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Matthew 24:24.

**24. Can devils work miracles?**

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:14.

**25. When will they do this?**

**14** For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. **15** Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. Revelation 16:14, 15.

**26. Will the righteous be specially kept during this time of temptation?**

**10** Because you has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. **11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you has, that no man take thy crown. Revelation 3:10, 11.

**27. In his work of deceiving men, how does Satan try to represent himself?**

**14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15.

**28. What are the most effective weapons with which we may resist the assaults of Satan?**

**11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Ephesians 6:11-16.

**29. The following are a few of the promises to us in our conflicts with Satan?** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. Romans 16:20

And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke you, O Satan; even the LORD that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Zechariah 3:2

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19.

### **30. Will the devil finally be destroyed?**

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Hebrews 2:14

**8** They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. **9** Wilt you yet say before him that shall slay you, I am God? but you shall be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slays you. **10** Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, said the Lord GOD. **16** By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you has sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Ezekiel 28:8-10, 16.

### **31. How complete will be Satan's destruction?**

**18** Thou has defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you. **19** All they that know you among the people shall be astonished at you: you shall be a terror, and never shall you be any more. Ezekiel 28:18, 19.

Falling from his high estate as covering cherub in the presence of God, Lucifer descends lower and lower, until he is finally burned to ashes on this fallen earth never to be any more Sin and Satan are riot immortal. They will come to a perpetual end Malachi 4:1, 3.

## **NAMES AND TITLES OF THE DEVIL**

### **Apollyon.**

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue has his name Apollyon. Revelation 9:11.

### **Accuser of Brethren.**

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:10.

### **Adversary.**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8.

### **Beelzebub.**

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow does not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. Matthew 12:24.

### **The Enemy.**

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. Matthew 13:39.

### **Father of Lies.**

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44.

### **Murderer.**

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and

abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44.

### **That Old Serpent.**

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9.

### **Dragon.**

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. Revelation 20:2.

### **Prince of this World.**

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world comes, and has nothing in me. John 14:30.

### **God of this World.**

In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:4.

### **Satan.**

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. 1 Chronicles 21:1

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. Job 1:6

**1** And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. **2** And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke you, O Satan; even the LORD that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Zechariah 3:1-2.

### **Wicked One.**

**19** When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then comes the wicked one, and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. **38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one. Matthew 13:19,38

**11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Ephesians 6:11, 16.

## **Where are the Dead?**

### **1. Should we seek to understand our condition after death?**

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

### **2. Is sleep a figure of speech or a real condition?**

Paul affirms that "they are asleep." With a resurrection, death can only be a temporary state.

### **3. Did Christ teach that the dead sleep?**

**11** These things said he: and after that he said unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. **12** Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. **13** Howbeit Jesus spoke of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. **14** Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. John 11:11-14.

"Our friend Lazarus sleeps."

### **4. Where are they sleeping?**

And why dost you not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? For now shall I sleep in the dust; and you shall seek me in the morning, but I shall not be. Job 7:21

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2.

**5. How long will they sleep?**

So man lies down, and rises not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. Job 14:12.

**6. When will the heavens be no more?**

**10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

**11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

**12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 2 Peter 3:10-12.

This event occurs at the Second Advent.

**7. Was Job in harmony with this plan?**

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Job 14:14.

**8. Where do they await the awakening?**

If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. Job 17:13.

**9. Is the mind active while in this state?**

His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Psalm 146:4.

**10. Do they know anything?**

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Ecclesiastes 9:5.

**11. What part do they take in earthly things?**

**6** Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. **12** For man also knows not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it fallen suddenly upon them. Ecclesiastes 9:6, 12.

**12. Do they behold those left behind?**

His sons come to honor, and he knows it not; and they are brought low, but he perceives it not of them. Job 14:21.

**13. Can they engage in praising God?**

The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. Psalm 115:17.

**14. Why is this?**

For in death there is no remembrance of you: in the grave who shall give you thanks? Psalm 6:5.

**15. Without a resurrection, what would be the condition of the dead in Christ?**

**16** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins. **18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 1 Corinthians 15:16-18.

If the dead were in heaven, as some affirm, Paul could not have written that if the dead rise not, then they were perished. People do not perish in heaven, therefore the dead are asleep in their graves, and without a resurrection they would perish.

**16. What is necessary to make them live?**

**21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:21-22.

**17. Will they praise God then?**

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, you that dwell in dust: for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Isaiah 26:19.

**18. But are they not now in heaven?**

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he said himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on my right hand. Acts 2:34.

If David, the accepted of God, after five hundred years time had not reached heaven, how can men say that others are there?

**19. What did David hope for?**

As for me, I will behold your face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with your likeness. Psalm 17:15.

**20. What is death?**

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:26.

Could death be called an enemy if it introduced us into the presence of God?

**21. Do all sleep in death?**

**59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. **60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. Acts 7:59-60

And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. 2 Kings 16:20.

**22. Was Lazarus brought from heaven?**

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. John 11:43.

**23. Who will awake the sleeping saints?**

**16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **17** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

**24. What change is wrought in the saints at this time?**

**51** Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.

**25. After whose body will ours be fashioned?**

**20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Philippians 3:20-21.

**26. With whom do we then appear?**

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:4.

**27. What reward is then received?**

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away. 1 Peter 5:4.

**28. When do all the righteous receive their reward?**

**13** But when you makes a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: **14** And you shall be blessed; for they cannot recompense you: for you shall be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. Luke 14:13-14

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Revelation 22:12.

**29. Did Paul hold this view?**

**7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: **8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

**30. What does Jesus say is the will of God?**

**39** And this is the Father's will which has sent me, that of all which he has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. **40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which sees the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:39-40.

At death the spirit returns to God, from whom it came, and the, body returns to dust.

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

The spirit is not an entity, not the real man. The man returns to the earth with the body.

**3** Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. **4** His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Psalm 146:3-4

**59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. **60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. Acts 7:59-60.

Men and animals all have the same spirit of life from God.

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

**15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. **21** And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, and every man: **22** All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. Genesis 7:15, 21, 22

**19** For that which befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; even one thing befalls them: as the one dies, so dies the other; yes, they have all one breath; so that a man has no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. **20** All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

## **Repentance and Conversion**

### **1. What is said of the condition of the natural heart?**

**9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **10** I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 17:9-10.

### **2. Where do the sins that men commit have their origin?**

**21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Mark 7:21-23.

**3. When is it possible for man in his own strength to cease to commit sin, and do that which is right and good?** Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may you also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. Jeremiah 13:23.

**4. Can anything better be got out of the natural heart than that which is in it?** Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one. Job 14:4.

### **5. Can a man do any better than, he is?**

O generation of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Matthew 12:34.

### **6. How many of the human family are evil?**

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Ephesians 2:3

**9** What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; **10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **11** There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. **12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one. **23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:9-12, 23

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Romans 5:12.

Then before any man can do good, he must be made good.

**7. What change does the Savior say must take place in every one before he can enter the kingdom of God?** **2** And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, **3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:2-3

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3.

**8. Does God graciously promise to make this change in the heart of all who believe?**

**25** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them. **28** And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:25-28

**2** For he said, I have heard you in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored you: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, said the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, said the Lord Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:2, 17-18.

**9. What does God command all men everywhere to do?**

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men every where to repent. Acts 17:30.

**10. What does Christ say will be the fate of all those who refuse to repent?**

**3** I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. **4** Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think you that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:1-5.

**11. What leads to true repentance?**

Or despise you the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? Romans 2:4

**9** Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly manner, that you might receive damage by us in nothing. **10** For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death. 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.

**12. Of what are we to repent?** Sin.

Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19.

**13. What is sin?**

Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4.

**14. Of what law is sin the transgression?**

**9** But if you have respect to persons, you commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. **10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. **11** For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if you commit no adultery, yet if you kill, you art become a transgressor of the law. **12** So speak you, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. James 2:9-12.

**15. What means does God use to convert, or turn, the soul from sin?**

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

**7** What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shall not covet. **8** But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. **9** For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. **10** And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. **11** For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. **12** Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. **13** Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. Romans 7:7-13

**7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. John 16:7-8.

The Spirit of God uses the law of God as we use a mirror. James 1:22-25. The mirror reveals our personal defects, but is powerless to remedy them. Application must be made to water and soap. So the law of God reveals our moral defects, but is also powerless to remedy them. The blood of Christ, the grace of God as revealed in the gospel, will work the transformation required by the law. Then as we return to the mirror, after we have washed, to see if we are all right, so the sinner, after coming to Christ, returns to the law that once condemned him, for witness of the righteousness obtained by faith in Christ. Romans 3:21.

**16. Is it necessary to both confess and forsake our sin in order to find mercy?**

He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28:13.

**17. Does God require sinners to make restoration as far as lies in their power to those whom they have wronged?**

If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. Ezekiel 33:15.

**18. Is there any example of a conversion of this kind in the time of Christ?**

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. Luke 19:8.

**19. What did Jesus say to Zaccheus when he had decided to take this course?**

**9** And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:9-10.

**20. What has God promised to those who confess their sins?**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

**21. Can we deceive God in reference to our true condition?**

**1** To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. O LORD, you has searched me, and known me. **2** Thou know my down sitting and mine uprising, you understand my thoughts afar off. **3** Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. **4** For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, you know it altogether. Psalm 139:1-4

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:13.

**22. What is the penalty, or wages, of sin?**

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die. Ezekiel 18:4.

**23. Are all men under sentence of death because of sin?**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Romans 5:12.

**24. What means has God provided that we might have life?**

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



**25. What does Paul say that God had done for those who had been converted under his preaching?**

**1** And you has he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: **2** Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: **3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **5** Even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, by grace you are saved. Ephesians 2:1-5.

**26. What is said of the person who is in Christ?**

**17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **18** And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18.

**27. To whom does Jesus give the power to become the sons of God?**

**12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13

**28. Of what are we said to be born?**

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5

**23** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever. **24** For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away: **25** But the word of the Lord endures for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. 1 Peter 1:23-25.

**29. How do we know when we have passed from death unto life?**

**10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother. **14** We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death. 1 John 3:10, 14.

**30. Which comes first, our believing in the promise of God that he does forgive and accept us, or the evidence of the Spirit that he accepts us?**

He that believeth on the Son of God has the witness in himself: he that believeth not God has made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 1 John 5:10

Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. Mark 11:24

**5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him. **6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. James 1:5-7.

**31. What would be an appropriate prayer for a person desiring conversion to make to God?**

**1** To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness: according unto the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. **4** Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight: that you might be justified when you speak, and be clear when you judge. **5** Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. **6** Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part you shall make me to know wisdom. **7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **8** Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which you has broken may rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:1-10.

**32. What promise has God made to those who seek him with the whole heart?**

**12** Then shall you call upon me, and you shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. **13** And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13.

**33. What instruction should he given to those who have believed and have been converted?** This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that you affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. Titus 3:8.

**34. Upon what conditions are we made partakers of Christ?**

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Hebrews 3:14.

**35. What will happen to a Christian who turns back to sin?**

But when the righteous turned away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die. Ezekiel 18:24.

**36. Is Christ able to keep us from falling?**

**24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **25** To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25.

**GOLDEN PROMISES**

**16** Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; **17** Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. **18** Come now, and let us reason together, said the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **19** If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: **20** But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it. Isaiah 1:16-20

**8** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. **9** He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. **10** He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. **11** For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. **12** As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **13** Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pities them that fear him. **14** For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. **15** As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. **16** For the wind passed over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. **17** But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; **18** To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. Psalm 103:8-18

I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember your sins. **26** Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare you, that you may be justified. Isaiah 43:25-26

**18** Who is a God like unto you, that pardons iniquity, and passed by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retains not his anger for ever, because he delights in mercy. **19** He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and you wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19

In those days, and in that time, said the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jeremiah 50:20.

“Come now and let us reason together, said the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.” Isaiah 1:16

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12

“I, even I, am he that blots out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.” Isaiah 43:25

## **Baptism**

**1. What commission did Christ give his disciples?**

Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matthew 28:19.

**2. To what point of time was this commission to extend?**

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:20.

**3. Did the apostles teach that all men should be baptized as one of the means by which they were to be saved?** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

**4. With what did John say he baptized?**

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there stands one among you, whom you know not. John 1:26.

**5. Where did John usually baptize?**

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, 6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. Matthew 3:5-6.

**6. Why did John at times baptize at Aenon?**

And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. John 3:23.

The water in the Jordan at some seasons of the year was quite low. See history of Palestine,

**7. From this we would suppose that much water is necessary for Christian baptism.**

**8. Would it require MUCH water to sprinkle or pour a person?** No.

**9. What is the meaning of the word baptize?**

To Plunge, or dip, a person or garment under water; to immerse. The Greeks used the word Baptizo when referring to immersion, Ranlizo for sprinkle, and ekchao for Pouring. The New Testament always uses the word Baptismo when referring to baptism. "Sprinkle" and "pour" are entirely different words, with altogether different meanings.

**10. How many kinds of baptisms are there?** One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Ephesians 4:5.

**11. Does the baptism take place in the water?**

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. Matthew 3:16.

**12. In the examples recorded of Christian baptism, do the candidate and administrator both go into the water?**

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what does hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. Acts 8:36-38.

**13. What was promised to those who would repent and be baptized?**

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

**14. Was this Spirit given after baptism?**

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased. Luke 3:21-22

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:12-17.

**15. Was it ever given before baptism?**

44 While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, **47** Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? Acts 10:44-47.

**16. Was it sufficient for them to be baptized with the Spirit?**

**46** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, **47** Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. Acts 10:46-48

**17. What did John the Baptist teach should precede baptism?**

**1** In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, **2** And saying, Repent you: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: Matthew 3:1-2, 7-8.

**18. Did the apostles teach the same?**

**37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:37-38

**19. Must faith also precede baptism?**

**15** And he said unto them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:15-16

**35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. **36** And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what does hinder me to be baptized? **37** And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Acts 8:35-37.

**20. How do we get faith?**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17.

**21. Are infants capable of hearing and understanding the word of God, and of exercising faith?** Moreover your little ones, which you said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it. Deuteronomy 1:39.

**22. Of what is baptism a memorial, or likeness?**

**3** Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** 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. **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Romans 6:3-5

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

**23. What is the only mode of baptism which fully represents Christ's burial and resurrection?**

Immersion. To be buried beneath the water, out of sight of the world, with the eyes closed, and breath held, a complete representation, or likeness, of a burial; then to be raised out of the water, opening the eyes, catching the breath, and mingling again with friends, a complete likeness of a resurrection.

Reader have you followed the Savior in this ordinance of his own appointment, which he honored by his example? Have you died to transgression, and been buried with your dying Lord In baptism? Is not, then we inquire, "Why tarries thou?" Some say they tremble and hesitate because it is a very solemn thing to obey this ordinance. True, but is it not a very solemn thing to disregard and neglect it? If we should tremble at the thought of obedience to the vine requirements, much more should we tremble at the thought of disobedience.

**24. How long after conversion does one need to wait to be baptized?**

**25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. **26** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. **27** And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. **28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do

thyself no harm: for we are all here. **29** Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, **30** And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? **31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and thy house. **32** And they spoke unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. **33** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. Acts 16:25-33

**17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto you in the way as you came, has sent me, that you might receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. Acts 9:17-18

And now why tarry you? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16

**25. What did those reject who refused John's baptism?**

**29** And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. **30** But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him. Luke 7:29-30.

**26. What are those who have been baptized said to have put on?** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27.

**27. How should those walk who have thus publicly put on Christ?**

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

He that said he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John 2:6.

**LIGHT**

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6.

“Light is sown for the righteous.” Psalm 97:11.

“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day.” Proverbs 4:18.

“Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light.” John 12:35, 36.

“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7.

“Walk in the light! So shall thou know  
That fellowship of love  
His Spirit only can bestow  
Who reigns in light above.”

**The Law of God**

**1. By whom were the Ten Commandments spoken?**

**12** And the LORD spoke unto you out of the midst of the fire: you heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only you heard a voice. **13** And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. Deuteronomy 4:12-13.

**2. By whom were they written?**

And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give you tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that you may teach them. Exodus 24:12

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. Exodus 31:18

15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. **16** And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. Exodus 32:15-16.

### **3. What did David say of this law?**

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7.

### **4. Is God particular that his law be observed exactly as he gave it?**

You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish ought from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. Deuteronomy 4:2

What thing so ever I command you, observe to do it: you shall not add thereto, nor diminish from it. Deuteronomy 12:32.

### **5. How long was it to remain in force?**

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. **8** They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. **9** He sent redemption unto his people: he has commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. Psalm 111:7-9.

### **6. What did the prophet say Christ would do with this law?** Magnify it.

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable. Isaiah 42:21.

### **7. Did Jesus fulfill this prediction?**

**17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. **18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:17-19

**21** You have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shall not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Matthew 5:21-22

**27** You have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shall not commit adultery: **28** But I say unto you, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. Matthew 5:27-28.

### **8. Does faith in Jesus make void the law?**

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. Romans 3:31.

### **9. Is every part of this law to be kept by Christians?**

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:19

Not every one that said unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matthew 7:21

**8** If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself, you do well: **9** But if you have respect to persons, you commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. **10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. **11** For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if you commit no adultery, yet if you kill, you art become a transgressor of the law. **12** So speak you, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. James 2:8-12.

Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone. James 2:17.

### **10. What does the Lord say of those who profess to know and serve him, and yet refuse to keep his commandments?**

**8** This people draws nigh unto me with their mouth, and honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:8-9

He that said, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 1 John 2:4.

**11. Will the Lord hear the prayers of those who turn away their ears from hearing his law?** He that turned away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination. Proverbs 28:9.

**12. What is the love of God defined to be?**

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5:3.

**13. How are the remnant people of God described in Bible?**

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12

**14. Upon whom does Jesus pronounce a blessing, and promise an entrance into the city of God?**

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

**15. What is said to be the whole duty of man?**

**13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. **14** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13.

**16. What is required by the fourth commandment?**

**8** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9** Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: **10** But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: **11** For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. Exodus 20:8-11.

**17. When was this day blessed and sanctified?**

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Genesis 2:3.

Twenty-three hundred years before there was a Jew on earth.

**18. For whom was the Sabbath made?**

Man.

**27** And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: **28** Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath. Mark 2:27-28.

By whom? Christ.

Compare

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. John 1:1-3, 10

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**27** And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: **28** Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath. Mark 2:27-28.

**19. Then if the Sabbath was made for all mankind, would it seem necessary ever to change it or make a new Sabbath for Christians?**

**20. Did Christ change or abolish the Sabbath, or fourth commandment?**

**17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. **18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:17-19

**21. Did Jesus make provision for the observance of the Sabbath for forty years after his resurrection?**

**15** When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand;) **16** Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: **20** But pray you that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: Matthew 24:15-16, 20.

Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70

**22. Were the disciples to instruct others to observe all things commanded them?**

**18** And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20.

**23. Did the disciples keep the Sabbath after the crucifixion?**

And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment. Luke 23:56.

**24. Was it Paul's custom to preach on that day?**

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures. Acts 17:2.

**25. Did the Jews keep the same day?**

And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. Acts 18:4.

**26. Did the Gentiles meet on the same day?**

And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. Acts 13:42.

**27. How long did Paul remain at Corinth reasoning from the Scriptures every Sabbath?**

**4** And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. **11** And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. Acts 18:4, 11.

**28. Did they observe the Sabbath anywhere besides in the synagogue?**

And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spoke unto the women which resorted thither. Acts 16:13.

**29. After resting upon the Sabbath day according to the commandment, did they observe the first day, or Sunday?**

And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment. Luke 23:56.

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. Luke 24:1.

**30. Which day, then, is the Sabbath of the New Testament, the first day or the day preceding it?**

**1** And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. **2** And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. Mark 16:1-2.

**31. Will the Sabbath be observed by the redeemed in the New Earth?**

**22** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, said the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. **23** And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, said the LORD. Isaiah 66:22-23.

The Sabbath is the memorial of the work of creation wrought by Christ. It was made for mankind by Christ. So it, and it only, is the Christian Sabbath. It was observed by him during his life upon earth as an example for all his disciples to follow. His immediate followers all observed it. No mention is made in the New Testament of any change, and no record of a change is found in profane history until the time of the general apostasy in the third and fourth centuries AD.



The ancient Hebrews departed from the observance of the Sabbath while in Egyptian bondage, but Christ led them back to its observance preparatory to their entering the land of Canaan. Exodus 16:4-5, 22-30. 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. In like manner will the followers of Christ, who have unwittingly departed from the Sabbath be led by Christ back to its observance, now in these last days, previous to entering the heavenly Canaan. I Corinthians 10:9-12.

## **Sunday and the Disciples**

**1. What is said of the disciples being together on the evening of the resurrection day?** John 20:19.

**2. Did the disciples have one common abode?** Acts 1:13.

**3. Did the disciples at this time believe that Jesus had risen from the dead?** Mark 16:9-13.

**4. What did Jesus say to the disciples when he met with them?** Mark 16:14.

**5. Could the disciples be assembled together to celebrate an event which they did not believe had then taken place?**

Certainly not.

**6. Was Thomas willing to receive the testimony of all the disciples, that Jesus was risen?** John 20:24-25.

**7. When did Jesus again meet with the disciples?** John 20:26.

**8. How long a time would AFTER eight days be?** Compare Matthew 17:1 With Luke 9:28.

**9. Could this meeting, then, have been the next Sunday, as some claim?**

**10. When did Paul once preach at Troas?** Acts 20:6-8.

**11. Was it a day or a night meeting?** Acts 20:7-8.

**12. According to God's reckoning of time, what part of the day comes first?** Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, etc.

**13.** When does the day begin and end? Leviticus 23:32.

**14. What definitely marks the evening?** Deuteronomy 16:6

Mark 1:32.

**15. According to the above scriptures, when was this meeting held by Paul?** On what we now call Saturday night.

**16. How long did he preach?** Acts 20:7-11.

**17. While he was preaching, what were his companions doing by his appointment?**

Acts 20:13.

The names of seven companions are given in Acts 20:4 besides Luke, who wrote the book of Acts, who includes himself in "we." Verse 13.

**18. What did Paul do on Sunday morning as soon as it was light?** He walked from Troas to Assos, a distance of nearly twenty miles. Acts 20: 11-13.

**19. What led Paul to make the appointment to preach to these people all night, and break bread with them, and then walk so far the next day?**

The fact that he never expected to see them again.

Acts 20:25.

**20. What did the apostles instruct the early Christians to do upon the first day of the week?** 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2.

**21. Does the command “LAY BY HIM IN STORE” indicate a public gathering or private?**

Other translations read: “In his own presence.” “In his own house, at home.” “BY himself at home.” This, evidently, refers to the systematic laying aside of a weekly thank-offering, kept in store ready to assist the worthy poor, or similar object.

**22. Has the Lord a day in the Christian dispensation?** Revelation 1:10.

**23. Does this text specify what day the Lord’s day is?** No.

**24. Which day does the Lord, through Isaiah, say, is his holy day?** Isaiah 58:13, 4.

**25. What does the Lord say of the seventh day?** Exodus 20:9, 10.

**26. Of what did Christ claim to be Lord?**

Mark 2:28.

**27. Have we any record that the Lord ever claimed any other day as his own?** No.

**28. What day, then, would the Lord have all observe?** Isaiah 56:1-7.

## **The Great Apostasy**

1. When was Daniel’s great vision of the future given? Daniel 7:1.

2. What did Daniel see in his vision? Daniel 7:2-3.

3. What is denoted by the winds? War.

Jeremiah 4:11-13, 19-21.

4. What by the sea? People.

Revelation 17:18.

5. What did the beasts represent? Daniel 7:17.

6. What does the word “king” denote?

The kingdom. Daniel 7:23.

7. If the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom on earth, what must the first beast represent? The first of the four kingdoms on earth. This, according to history, was Babylon.

8. By what symbol is Babylon represented in this prophecy? Daniel 7:4.

The lion, the king of beasts, represents the kingly character of Babylon, and the wings upon its back, the rapidity of its conquests. See Habakkuk 1:6-8. The Babylonians spoke the Chaldean language, and were known by either term, Babylonians or Chaldeans. Isaiah 13:19. The plucking of the wings denoted the cessation of conquests under the reign of Belshazzar. See “Rollin’s Ancient History.” Book 4, Chapter 1, Section 2. The second universal kingdom was Medo-Persia.

9. How was Medo-Persia represented to the prophet? Daniel 7:5.

The bear, being inferior to the lion, represents Medo-Persia as inferior to Babylon; this was true in point of grandeur, but not in power or extent of territory. Its raising itself up on one side was fulfilled when the Persian side of the kingdom became the stronger of the two. The three ribs probably denoted Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt, the three provinces which were especially oppressed by this power;

and they, being the strongest opposing powers, when conquered, stimulated this kingdom to conquer others. See “Rollin’s Ancient History.” The third universal kingdom was Greece.

10. How is Greece represented? Daniel 7:6.

The four wings upon the leopard, a swifter-footed beast than the lion, fitly represent the unparalleled conquests of Alexander, king of Greece. The four heads are explained in Daniel 8:21-22, to refer to the division of this kingdom into four parts after the death of Alexander, which was fulfilled by his four generals Cassander, Ptolemy, Seleueus, and Lysimachus,-each securing a portion of the kingdom for himself. See “Rollin’s Ancient History.” The fourth universal kingdom was Rome.

11. How is Rome represented? Daniel 7:7.

12. What request did Daniel make in reference to the fourth beast? Daniel 7:19-22.

13. What explanation was given him? Daniel 7:23.

14. What did the ten horns represent? Daniel 7:24

First clause.

This was fulfilled by the division of the Roman Empire into ten parts between the years AD 35, and 483.

15. What change did Daniel see take place among the ten horns? Daniel 7:8.

16. What was this said to denote? Daniel 7:24

Last clause.

This was fulfilled in the rise of the Papacy, AD 338, a few years after the ten kingdoms arose. The Papacy was diverse from the others in its being an ecclesiastical power. The subduing of three kings was accomplished in the subjection of three kingdoms, the Heruli, Vandals, an Ostrogoths, who opposed the decree of Justinian, emperor of Rome, AD 533, making the Bishop of Rome, John II “HEAD OF ALL THE HOLY CHURCHES.” – “Daniel and Revelation” page 266. The pope bears a standing testimony that this subduing three kings applies to him, by wearing a triple crown, indicating that three crowns gave way that one might be placed upon him.

17. What further description is given of the same power? Daniel 7:25.

In fulfillment of this, no power on earth has spoken so great words as the Papacy. It has worn out the saints of the Most High by putting to death over one hundred millions of the people of God. The following are some of the titles assumed by the Pope of Rome by the secretary to Pope Pius IX.

“Most Divine Head of all Heads.”  
“Holy Father of Fathers,  
“Pontiff Supreme over all Prelates.”  
“The Chief Pastor; Pastor of Pastors.”  
“Christ by Unction,”  
“Melchizedek in Order.”  
“High Priest, Supreme Bishop.”  
“Key-Bearer of the Kingdom of Heaven”  
“Supreme Chief, Most Powerful Word”  
“Vicar of Christ.”  
“Sovereign Bishop of Bishops.”  
“Ruler of the House of the Lord.”  
“Apostolic Lord and Father of Fathers.”  
“Chief Pastor and Teacher and Physician of Souls”  
“Rock, against which the proud Gates Of Hell prevail not.”  
“Infallible Pope.”  
“Head Of all the Holy Priests of God.”  
“Chief of the Universal Church.”  
“Bishop of Bishops, that is, Sovereign Pontiff.”

18. What is said of the change which the Papacy would make in the law of God? Daniel 7:25.

19. What part of God's law relates to time? Exodus 20:8-11.

20. Has the Papacy thought to change the Sabbath? Yes.

#### HISTORICAL EVIDENCES:

Sir W M. Domville says:-

"Centuries of the Christian era Passed away before the Sunday was observed by the Christian Church as a Sabbath. History does not furnish us with a single Proof or indication that it was at any time so observed, previous to Sabbatical edict of Constantine, AD 321 "Examination Of Six Texts," Page 291.

A high authority speaks of it as follows:-

"It was Constantine the Great who first made a law for the proper observance of Sunday, and who, according to Eusebius -appointed that it should be regularly celebrated throughout the Roman Empire." Encyclopedia Britannica, art., Sunday.

The Encyclopedia Americana, art., Sabbath, says:-

"Constantine the Great made a law for the whole empire (AD 321) that Sunday should be kept as a day of rest in all cities and towns; but he allowed the country people to follow their work."

Chambers' Encyclopedia says:-

"At what date the Sunday, or first day of the week, began to be generally used by Christians as a stated time for religious meetings, we have no definite infer nation either in the New Testament or writings of the Fathers of the Church. By none of the Fathers before the fourth century is it identified with the Sabbath, or is the duty of observing it grounded by them, either on the fourth commandment or on the precept or example of Jesus or his apostles. Unquestionably, the first law, either ecclesiastical or civil, by which the Sabbatical observance of that day (Sunday) is known to have been ordained, is the edict of Constantine, 321 AD," which reads as follows:-

"Let all judges and townspeople, and all artisans, rest on the venerable day of the sun. But let those who are situated in the country, freely, and at full liberty attend to the cultivation of their fields. Because it often happens that no other day is so fit for sowing corn or planting vines; lest, by neglecting the proper occasion, they should lose the benefits granted by divine bounty." (Given the seventh day of March, 321, Crispus and Constantine being consuls for the second time.)

"But it was not until the year 538 that abstinence from agricultural labor on Sunday was recommended rather than enjoined by an ecclesiastical authority, the third Council of Orleans." "The exemption of Constantine's law was not repealed until the ninth century by the Emperor Leo."

Prynne says-

"The seventh-day Sabbath was solemnized by Christ, the apostles, and primitive Christians, till the Laodicean Council did, in a manner, quite abolish the observation of it. The Council of Laodicea (AD 364) . . . first settled the observation of the Lord's day."-Dissertation on the Lord's Day, 1633, p. 163.

#### CATHOLIC DECREES:-

Leo, Pope of Rome, AD 459, made the following decree:-

We ordain, according to the true meaning the Holy Ghost and the apostles a, thereby directed that on the sacred day wherein our own integrity was restored, all do rest and cease from labor." Dr. Justin Edward's "Sabbath Manual," Page 123.

Soon after the edict Of the pope, AD 459, Emperor Leo put forth the following decree. It is our will and pleasure that the 'holy days' dedicated to the Most High Cod, should not be spent in sensual recreation, or otherwise profaned by suits of law, especially the Lord's day, which we decree to be a venerable day, and, therefore, free from all citations, executions, pleadings, and the like avocations. Let not the circus or theatre be opened, nor combating with wild beasts be seen on it. If any will presume to offend in the premises, if he be a military man, let him lose his commission; or, if other, let his estate or goods be confiscated."-Dialogues on the Lord's Day, Chapter 259.

"Labor in the country (on Sunday) was not prohibited till the Council of Orleans, AD 538. IT WAS THUS AN INSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH, as Dr. Paley has remarked. The earlier Christians met in the morning of that day for prayer and the singing of hymns in commemoration of Christ's resurrection, and then went about their usual duties." - Dictionary of Chronology, p. 813, art., Sunday.

#### PAPISTS AFFIRM THAT THEY MADE THE CHANGE:-

The pope has power to change, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ. Catholic Decretalia. (A collection of the decrees of popes endorsed by every new pope.)

"Question. Have you any other way or proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?"

"Answer. Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her, she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, A CHANGE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY." Doctrinal Catechism, page 101.

"Question. How prove you that the Church has power to institute feasts and y days?"

"Answer. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of."-Abridgment Of Christian Doctrine, Page 57.

21.How long was the Papacy to have power over the law of God? Daniel 7:25.

22. How many days are represented by a time, times, and half a time? Revelation 13:5; 12:14,6.

A time represents a year. Daniel 11:13

Margin.

Three and one-half years equal forty-two months, which, counting thirty days to the month (Bible reckoning, Genesis 7:11, 24; 8:3, 4), would make 1260 days, as stated in Revelation 12:6. Thus it will be seen that all these statements referring to the period of papal supremacy are the same.

23. In prophecy, how long a time does each day represent? Numbers 14:34

Ezekiel 4:6.

Reckoning 1260 years from the date of papal supremacy in AD 538 (see Gibbon's Rome," chapter 41, pp. 528, 529, five volume edition: and "Catholic History" by Liberatus, chapter 22, Page 224), this period would end in 1798.

24. What was to take place in 1798?

Daniel 7:26

Revelation 13:10.

In February, 1798, Berthier, a French general, entered the city of Rome and taking Pope Pius VI. prisoner, abolished the papal government at Rome and established a consular one. The pope died in exile. See Encyclopedia, art. Pius or Berthier. Since this first blow, the temporal dominions of the pope have been consumed, until, in 1870 the last remaining territory in Italy was taken from him by Victor Emanuel, king of Italy.

25. What was to follow the consuming of the Papacy? Daniel 7:27.

26. Where do we live in this line of prophecy?

27. How is the Papacy itself to be finally disposed of? Daniel 7:11

2 Thessalonians 2:8.

28. How long is the kingdom of God to stand? Daniel 7:18.

29. Who is to be the king and ruler in this kingdom? Daniel 7:13-14

"The Son of Man."

30. Who may hope to have a part in this kingdom? Galatians 3:29

Revelation 21:7.

## **Repairing the Breach**

1. In what language was the forerunner of Christ commissioned to prepare the way for his first advent Isaiah 40:3.

2. How was this fulfilled? John 1:19-27

Luke 1:13, 16-17.

3. In similar language the servants of God are commanded to announce his Second Advent, and to prepare the way before him. Isaiah 62:10-11.

4. What expressions show that this commission refers to Christ's Second Advent, and not to his first? "In the end of the world," and "His reward is with him." Christ will reward His People at his Second Coming. Revelation 22:12.

5. To what paths, or ways, would the Lord have his people directed now? Jeremiah 6:16.

6. What is this old way? David says the way is the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1, 3.

7. Is God's law called a path in which we may walk? Psalm 119:35.

8. When the people refuse to walk in these old paths, have they rejected God's law? Jeremiah 6:19.

9. To what does the Lord exhort this same people to hearken? Verse 17.

The trumpet announces the day of the Lord at hand. The people refuse to bear this. Joel 2:1.

10. What does the Lord tell the prophet to write for the people who live in the latter day? Isaiah 30:8, 9. See margin, verse 8.

11. From what does he say this people "who will not hear the law of the Lord," wish to turn aside? Isaiah 30:10, 11.

12. To what does the Lord compare this departure from his law? Isaiah 30:13.

13. How does the Lord say he will show his displeasure toward this wall in which is the breach? Verse 14.

14. What does the Lord say those who have departed from his law must do in order to be saved? Isaiah 30:15.

15. Does the Bible mention a class who refuse to make up the breach, to prepare the people of God to stand in the day of the Lord? Ezekiel 13:4, 5.

16. What reason does the Lord give for deciding to blot the names of these men from among his people? Ezekiel 13: 9-10.

The law of God is represented as a perfect wall about his people, to keep sin without. A wall with a breach in it would be an imperfect law, giving the people of God liberty to transgress at least one of his requirements.

17. What kind of wall was this with which God was displeased? Ezekiel 13:10, margin.

18. How many built this slight wall? One. Ezekiel 13:10.

19. Who daubed it? Others. More than one.

20. Who is the one who built this wall? Daniel 7:25.

2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.

See reading on the Great Apostasy.

21. What commandment would it be necessary for the man of sin to change, to fulfill the statement that he would change times and laws?

The fourth, because it alone refers to time.

22. Is there a plain statement that it is the Sabbath of the Lord that is disregarded? Ezekiel 22:26.

23. Is there proof that the same subject that was introduced in Ezekiel 13 is here resumed? Yes; in verses 26-28, untempered mortar is again introduced and explained.

24. What is untempered mortar explained to be?

Ezekiel 22:28-It is saying, "Thus said the Lord," when "the Lord hath not spoken." The others, who daub it are those who try to support and hold up this wall as made by the man of sin, with unscriptural arguments for Sunday observance.

25. Upon what condition may we be numbered with those who make up the breach, and restore the old paths? That we cease our worldly business, and observe God's Sabbath.  
Isaiah 58:12-14.
26. Upon whom does God pronounce his special blessing when his salvation is near to come? Isaiah 56:1-2.
27. Does this prophecy include the Gentiles and all people? Verses 3, 6-7.
28. What is commanded to be lifted up for the people in the last days? Isaiah 62:10, last clause.
29. What would be a standard among the people of God?  
That which the Bible uses as a measure or test of true Christianity. A standard is "a staff with flag or colors; a banner established as a rule or model. Psalm 60:10. Webster.
30. What was the standard by which God measured faithful Abraham's character? Genesis 26:5.
31. What is said to be the whole duty of every man? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.
32. Which did Jesus make the test of a man's Christianity, professed allegiance to him, or doing the will of God? Matthew 7:21.
33. What did Christ, in setting us an example of doing his Father's will, make the standard of his own life?  
Psalm 40:7-8 John 15:10.
34. How does the Bible say we may be assured that we really know God? 1 John 2:3-6.
35. How are the remnant people of God described? Revelation 12:17.
36. Is there a message just prior to the coming of Jesus, which brings the people of God to the Bible standard? Revelation 14:9-12, 14.
37. What is the final test for entrance into the city of God? Revelation 22:14. The Sabbath is the sign, or test, of loyalty to the whole law.  
Exodus 16: 4-5, 27-30 Ezekiel 20:12-13, 20.
38. "This is the love of God that we keep his commandments." 1 John 5:3.
- The Sabbath is the standard given to God's people. To trample under foot the flag, the standard of any nation, or to in any way show it disrespect, is considered by men a grave offence against the nation, and is punishable by heavy penalties. Apologies and reparation are demanded at once. So God calls upon all men everywhere to take from under their feet his royal standard---the standard of the King of kings-and call it the holy of the Lord, and honorable; and honor him by observing it, and lifting it high among the nations.

## **The Great Messianic Prophecy**

1. What symbols are brought to view in Daniel 8? Daniel 8:3, 5, 8-14?
2. Who was commissioned to make Daniel understand the vision? Daniel 8:16.
3. What did he say the ram represented? Daniel 8:20.
4. The rough goat? Daniel 8:21-22.
5. The little horn? Daniel 8:23-25.

The little horn represents Rome in both its phases, pagan and papal, the same as do the legs of iron in chapter 2, and the fourth beast of chapter 7.

6. Did the angel at this time make Daniel fully understand the vision? Daniel 8:27.

7. What portion of the vision remained unexplained? Daniel 8:13-14.
8. While Daniel, at a subsequent time, was engaged in prayer, who appeared to him? Daniel 9:21.
9. For what purpose did the angel say he had come? Daniel 9:22.
10. What did he tell Daniel to do? Daniel 9:23.

The word “consider” means recall; and as Daniel obeyed the command of the angel, he doubtless recalled to mind the whole of the vision of chapter 8, remembering that the angel had explained to him the meaning of the ram, the rough goat, and the little horn, and that as he at this point, fainted, the long time period of 2300 days had been left unexplained. The angel now states that he had returned to make him understand the vision, and begins his explanation just where it had been left in the eighth chapter.

How much of the 2300 days did the angel say belonged to the Jews?

Daniel 9:24.

The word translated “determined” means cut off. Gesenius, In his Hebrew Lexicon, defines it: “Properly, to cut off; tropically, to divide, and so to deter’ mine or decree.” Thus the text is most properly rendered: “Seventy weeks have been cut off upon thy people, and upon thy holy city.”- Whiting’s Translation.

12. How long a period do the seventy weeks cover?  
Seventy weeks equal 490 days. These days being Prophetic, represent 490 literal years. See Numbers 14:34.

13. Where did the- angel tell Daniel to begin to date this time? Verse 25.

14. When was the commandment given to restore and rebuild Jerusalem?

Ezra 7:11-26.

(Date 457 BC)

The city was built in troublous times. The nations around were determined to hinder the restoration of the city, and the Jews worked and fought by turns. See Josephus.

15. How does the angel divide the seventy weeks? Daniel 9:25.
16. How long were the Jews in restoring Jerusalem? Just 49 years, seven Prophetic week.
17. How long was it to be to the Messiah the Prince? Sixty-nine weeks, or 483 years, front the commandment to restore Jerusalem. Verse 25.

18. What is the meaning of the word “Messiah”?. John 1:41, margin.

19. With what was Christ anointed? Acts 10:38.

20. Where was he anointed?

Mark 1:9-11 Luke 3:21-22.

21. In what year was this?

Luke 3:21, margin.

Reckoning 483 full years from the seventh month of the year 457 BC would bring us to the seventh month of the year AD 27.

22. What expression shows that Christ recognized that a prophetic period terminated at the beginning of his ministry?

Mark 1:14-15.

23. What was the only prophetic period that reached to this time? The 483 years.

24. What was to take place in the midst of the seventieth week? He was to cause the sacrifice, or offering of sacrifices, to cease. Daniel 9:27.

25. What was the antitype of all the typical feasts and offerings? John 1:29.



26. What was to happen to Jesus, the Messiah, after the 69 weeks were passed? Daniel 9:26.

27. How long was it after his baptism until Jesus was crucified? In the middle of the prophetic week, three and one-half years, in AD 31.

28. How did he confirm the covenant, with the people for one week?

By his own ministry for three and one-half years, and by the mouth of his disciples the remaining three and one-half years. Hebrews 2:3.

29. When the 490 years ended, what events took place in the history of the Jews?

The stoning of Stephen, the rejection of the gospel by the Sanhedrin, and the conversion of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

30. How much time is left of the 2300 years after the 490 years are subtracted? 1810 years.

31. The 490 years bring us down to AD 34. Adding 1810 to AD 34, to what date does it bring us? 1844.

32. What did the angel say should occur at the end of the 2300 years? Daniel 8:14.

## **The Great Day of Atonement**

1. How is the earthly sanctuary described? Hebrews 9:1-7.

2. For what purpose did God command Moses to make this sanctuary? Exodus 25:8.

3. Did the Lord give Moses a pattern of the tabernacle and of all the instruments that he might know just how he would have them made?

Exodus 25:9.

4. What further charge did he give Moses? Verse 40.

5. Of what was this earthly sanctuary itself a pattern? Hebrews 8:5.

6. Was the work of the priest, also, an example and a shadow of the work of Christ? Hebrews 8:4-5.

7. Is Christ now ministering for man in the heavenly sanctuary? Hebrews 8:1-2.

8. How many apartments had the earthly sanctuary? Two.

Hebrews 9:7.

9. Has the heavenly sanctuary two apartments, "holy places," of which the earthly was an exact figure? Hebrews 9:24.

10. How were these apartments divided? Hebrews 9:3.

11. What did the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary contain? Hebrews 9:2, margin.

12. What did the second contain? Hebrews 9:3-5.

13. What was placed in the ark? Deuteronomy 10:1-5.

14. Did the apostle John see the seven lamps of fire and altar of incense in a vision of the heavenly sanctuary? Revelation 4:5  
Revelation 8:3-4.

15. What was seen in the second apartment? Revelation 11:19.

16. What must the ark in the heavenly sanctuary contain? The Ten Commandments.

17. What was the service in the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary?

And how much of each year did it occupy? The ministrations in the first apartment occupied the entire year with the exception of one day, and were on this wise: When a man repented of his sin, he brought a sin-offering to the priest, at the door of the sanctuary. Then he confessed his sin to the priest, and put his hand upon the head of his offering, to indicate the transfer of the guilt from himself to his offering. The victim was slain because of that guilt thus transferred to it; and the blood, representing the life of the victim, was taken by the priest and carried into the sanctuary, and sprinkled there before God. This act was the offering of the life of an innocent victim in the Place of the life of him who had broken the law of God, and it was the transfer of that man's guilt from himself to the sanctuary of God. See Leviticus 4 and the parallel scriptures.

18. How often did the priest minister in the second apartment? Hebrews 9:7  
Leviticus 16:2, 34.

19. Upon what day of the year was this service to be performed? Leviticus 16:29-30.

20. What was the high priest to do before entering this place? Leviticus 16:5-16.

21. After accomplishing the service inside the sanctuary, what was the priest to do with the live goat? Leviticus 16:20-21.

22. What was the goat to do? Leviticus 16:22.

23. Whom did the Lord's goat represent? Christ.

24. Whom did the scape-goat represent?

Satan. See margin of verse 8.

The Hebrews define the word "Azazel" to be a proper name and it was understood by them to apply to Satan.

25. What was the object of this work in the second apartment?

To remove the sins of the people from the sanctuary itself (see Leviticus 16:16) to the scape-goat, thus completing the round of service for the year. The sins of the people had been transferred by figure during the entire year to the sanctuary. The sanctuary itself was to be cleansed from these sins in order that a new round of service might begin. Each year's complete service was a type of the complete work of Christ, showing that our sins, by repentance and faith, are transferred from us to Jesus, and thus to the heavenly sanctuary, where he ministers. Also that the time will come when the heavenly sanctuary must be cleansed, and the sins all put upon the head of Satan himself, the instigator of sin, the anti typical scape-goat, and by him borne into eternal oblivion

26. Do the Scriptures state that the heavenly sanctuary is to be cleansed? Hebrews 9:23.

27. From what is the heavenly sanctuary to be cleansed?

Sin, transferred from the repentant sinner to Christ the sin bearer. Doubtless this includes the record of sins which have been kept by the angels, which are also to be blotted out.

## **The Judgment**

1. What event marked the close of the ministry in the earthly sanctuary? The rending of the veil of the temple by invisible hands  
Matthew 27:50-51.

2. When was the Jewish temple itself destroyed? AD 70.

3. When was the sanctuary spoken of in Daniel 8:14 to be cleansed? At the close of the 2300 days.

4. When did the 2300 days end? In 1844.

5. Since the earthly sanctuary was destroyed in AD 70, what sanctuary was to be cleansed in 1844?

6. Does Paul connect the work of cleansing the heavenly sanctuary with the judgment? Hebrews 9:23-27.

7. Does John do the same? Revelation 11:18-19.

8. Does the judgment come while men are living upon the earth? Revelation 11:18

Revelation 14:6-7 Daniel 7:10-11.

9. Will both the righteous and the wicked be judged? Ecclesiastes 3:17.

10. Will any besides the human family be judged? 2 Peter 2:4.

11. With what class does the judgment begin? 1 Peter 4:17.

12. Out of what are the dead judged? Revelation 20:12.

13. What would a judgment out of things recorded in books properly be called? An investigative judgment.

14. What is that part of the judgment called which follows this investigation? The executive judgment.  
John 5:26-27

Jude 1:14-15

Matthew 25:31-34.

15. In what book are the names of candidates for eternal life recorded? Philippians 4:3.

16. Does the fact that our names are once recorded in the book of life insure their being always retained there? Revelation 3:5.

17. What is meant by “overcoming”? 2 Peter 1:3-13

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Galatians 5:24;

Colossians 3:1-17.

18. Whose names will be blotted out? Exodus 32:33

Ezekiel 18:24.

19. Do the Scriptures teach that one may have known the way of life, and afterwards turn from it?  
2 Peter 2:20-22

Hebrews 6:1-12 Matthew 12:43-45.

20. Upon what condition are all made partakers of Christ? Hebrews 3:14

John 8:30-32 Luke 8:19-21.

21. What does Jesus promise to do with each name that is retained in the book of life? Revelation 3:5.

22. With whom will the investigative judgment commence, the dead or the living? The dead.  
Revelation 11:18.

23. With whom will it close?  
Those who shall be living when Christ comes.  
Revelation 14:6-7 Revelation 11:18.

24. What is to be the rule of the judgment? James 2:10-12

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

25. What solemn decree goes forth at the close of this judgment? Revelation 22:11-12.

26. In view of this, what are we exhorted to do? Zephaniah 2:1-3.

## **CHRIST'S RELATIVES**

My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Matthew 12:46-50.

## **A Worldwide Message**

1. Under what symbol is the judgment announced? An angel delivering a message.  
Revelation 14:6-7.

The word "angel" is from the Greek word for "messenger." and sometimes, as in this instance, symbolizes men sent of God with a special message. See note on "Angels," in "S. S. Teachers' Bible Helps, Page 96

2. How many angels, or messages, are brought to view in this line of prophecy? Verses 8, 9.

3. What great event immediately follows the third angel's message? Revelation 14:14.

Thus it is evident that these messages are given in connection with the cleansing of the sanctuary and the judgment in 1844, and immediately preceding the second coming of Christ.

4. To how many nations does the first angel announce the judgment? Revelation 14:6.

5. How is this same message brought to view in Revelation 10:1-3?

The following points clearly prove the angel of chapter 10 to be the same as that of chapter 14:6,7:-

(1) In both, the angel cries with a loud voice (Revelation 10:3; 14:7).

(2) Calls attention to the God who made heaven and earth (Revelation 14:7; 10:6).

(3) Bases his message on time (Revelation 10:6; 14:7).

(4) Announces the closing work of the gospel-the judgment and the finishing of the mystery (Revelation 10:7; 14:7) (The mystery is the gospel. Ephesians 3:3-6; Galatians 1:11,12; 1 Timothy 3:16.)

(5) It is world-wide. Revelation 14:6; 10:2.

6. How is the angel described in Revelation 10:1-3? Light and fire in the Bible represent the Spirit of God. Revelation 4:5. Thus this angel is represented as having much of God's Spirit.

7. What did the angel have open in his hand? Revelation 10:2.

8. What prophet was told to shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end? Daniel 12:4.

9. Are the wise then to understand? Verses 9, 10.

10. To what did the angel take a solemn oath?

Revelation 10:6.

Time as reckoned in the Bible is either probationary, literal, or prophetic.

11. Was there another message to be given after this? Revelation 10:11.

(Then the time referred to must be prophetic.)

12. What is the most important and longest period of time brought to view in the Bible? The 2300 days, or years.  
Daniel 8:14.

13. What important event takes place at its close? Daniel 8:14.

14. When did this period close? AD 1844.

15. Then since the investigative judgment began in 1844, when this prophetic time closed, should not this message in Revelation 14:6, 7 have been given before this judgment began?

It should.

16. Has there ever been a world-wide proclamation given based upon the prophetic periods of the book of Daniel? There has, the great Advent movement Preceding 1844.

17. How extensive was this proclamation?

Joseph Wolf of Asia, from 1821 to 1845, Irving and 700 ministers Of England, and Miller of America, and 300 ministers from 1831 to 1845 all proclaimed the same message at about the same time. It must have been an angel guiding their minds. Their preaching and writings were known throughout the world. The writings of Bengel in Germany on the Second Advent, and Lacunzas' Rabbi Ben Israel in South America, and the personal labors of Prof. Gaussen of Geneva University in France, carried the message in these countries. In Scandinavia, where the clergy of the State Church opposed the movement, God was pleased to send the message in a miraculous manner through little children, afterwards known as "child-preachers." Some of these were not more than six or eight years of age. When standing before the People, tone and manner changed, and with solemn Power they gave the warning of the judgment, employing the very words of the Scripture, "Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of his judgment is come." See "Great Controversy," Page 366.

The Voice of Truth for January 1845, says of the extent of the proclamation of this message. "No case can be more clearly demonstrated with facts than that this message has been borne to every nation and tongue under heaven within the past few years, in the preaching of the coming of Christ in 1843, or near at hand. Through the medium of lectures and publications, the sound has gone into all the earth, and the words unto the ends of the world. For further historical statements, see "Daniel and Revelation," by U. Smith. Published by the Signs Publishing Company Ltd., Warburton, Victoria.

18. What was the prophet told to do with the book? Revelation 10:8, 9.

19. How is the disappointment which was experienced in 1844 symbolized in the prophecy of Revelation 10:10?

20. Were the disciples disappointed when Christ was crucified a few days after his triumphal entry into Jerusalem? Luke 24:19-21.

21. Then does a disappointment necessarily prove a message untrue?

22. What work did the Lord still have for his people to do after their disappointment in 1844?

To announce the second and third angel's messages to the world.

Revelation 10:11 Revelation 14:8-12.

What led to the disappointment in 1844 was the view entertained that when the prophetic period ended in 1844, probation would close, and that the cleansing of the sanctuary (Daniel 8:14) referred to the cleansing of this earth by fire, at the second coming of Christ. The Bible does not call the earth the sanctuary.

23. What scripture seems to have a special application to the work and disappointment of this people? Hebrews 10:32-34.

24. What were they exhorted not to do? Verses 35, 36.

25. Of what were they assured? Verse 37.

"Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

## **The Church and the World**

1. What proclamation is made in Revelation 14:8 concerning Babylon?

2. By what symbol is Babylon represented in Revelation 17:3-5.

3. In what other chapter of this book is the symbol of a woman used? Chapter 12.

4. What does the woman of the twelfth chapter represent? The true church of God.  
Jeremiah 6:2.

5. Since the true church is symbolized by a virtuous woman, what would a corrupt woman, as a symbol, denote? A false, or apostate, church.  
Isaiah 50:1

Jeremiah 3:6-10, 20.

6. What church claims to be the mother of all churches?

7. What do we learn from Revelation 17:6 concerning this corrupt church that is called Babylon? That it was to be a Power that would persecute the saints with great cruelty.

8. What apostate church has been noted for its relentless persecutions of the true people of God?

9. What is it that makes the church an adulteress? James 4:4.

10. When did the early church openly receive the friendship of the world? When in seeking the influence of the nobility, the rich, and influential of the world, it received into its fellowship thousands of pagans unchanged in heart or faith, through the decree of Constantine, by which none but Christians could retain their offices of trust in his realm. See Church History, Mosheim and Neander.

11. Will not the same course upon the part of any church make it also an apostate?

12. What does the Lord say of those who love the world?  
1 John 2:15.

13. Of what is the first apostate church said to be the mother? Revelation 17:5.

14. Would not this prove conclusively that the apostle saw that other and later religious bodies would become apostate?  
Yes.

15. What is the woman here referred to explained to be? Revelation 17:18.

16. Into how many parts was this city to be divided? Revelation 16:19.

17. What are these three parts?  
Paganism, Catholicism, and Protestantism. The three great religions of the world.

18. How are those who profess godliness in the last days described?  
2 Timothy 3:1-5

Isaiah 3:16-23.

The manifest love of pleasure, the questionable church festivals, fairs, and bazaars with their cakes, grab-bags, gambling, etc, together with the love of dress and the general conformity to the world all plainly identify the modern, popular churches as a manifest fulfillment of these prophecies.

19. How will these worldly, pleasure-loving churches regard the word of God? 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

The rejection of the law of God by nearly all the great religious bodies in order to avoid the claims of the fourth commandment, and the reception of the infidel teachings of so-called higher criticism, evolution, Spiritualism, and theosophy, fulfils this prediction by Protestantism.

20. How are true Christians described? Titus 2:11-14

1 Timothy 2:9-10 1 Peter 3:3-5.

21. What is the meaning of the word "Babylon"? Genesis 10:10, margin; 11:9, margin.  
Confusion.

22. Would not the word "confusion" very properly describe the six hundred or more opposing creeds of Protestantism of the present day?

23. Is this division among the people of God pleasing to him or in harmony with his word? John 17:20-21

1 Corinthians 1:10.

24. When was the second angel's message first given? In 1844.

25. What fully proved that the church and the ministry had chosen the world in preference to their espoused Lord? Their rejection of all evidence from the Prophetic Scriptures that 'his return to the earth was near, and their treatment of those who loved his appearing. Isaiah 66:5.

26. Did not the leaders of the Jewish church in a similar manner reject the evidences of Christ's first advent through the preaching of John the Baptist?  
Luke 7:24-30.

27. What are some of the admissions of Protestant ministers themselves in reference to the state of the churches, and the time of their fall?

In 1844, Professor Finney, of Oberlin College, spoke in the following mournful strain: "We have also another corroborated fact - the almost universal absence of revival influence in the churches. The spiritual apathy is almost all-pervading and is fearfully deep; so the religious press of the whole land testifies. Very extensively church members are becoming devotees of fashion, joining hands with the ungodly in parties of pleasure, in dancing, in festivities, etc. But we need not expand this painful subject. Suffice it that the evidence thickens and rolls heavily upon us, to show that the churches generally are becoming sadly degenerate. They have gone very far from the Lord, and he has withdrawn himself from them."

The report of the Michigan yearly Conference, published in the True Wesleyan of November 15, 1851, says: "Sins that would shock the moral sensibilities of the heathen, go unrebuked in all the great denominations of our land. These churches are like the Jewish Church when the Savior exclaimed, 'Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites.'"

Robert Atkins, in a sermon preached in London, says. "The truly righteous are diminished from the earth, and no man lays it to heart. The professors of religion of the present day, in every church are lovers of the world, conformers to the world, lovers of creature-comfort and those who aspire after respectability. They are called to suffer with Christ, but they shrink from even reproach. Apostasy, apostasy, apostasy, is engraved on the very front of every church; and did they know it, and did they feel it, there might be hope; but alas! They cry, 'We are rich, and increased with goods, and stand in need of nothing' "Revelation 3:14-18.

Bishop R. S. Foster, of the Wesleyan Church, says. "The church of God is to-day courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The ball, the theatre, nude and lewd art, social luxuries, with all their loose moralities, are making inroads into the secret enclosure of the church, and as a satisfaction for all this worldliness, Christians are making a great deal of lent and Easter and Good Friday, and church ornamentation. It is the old trick of Satan. The Jewish Church struck on that rock; the Roman Church was wrecked on the same and the Protestant Church is fast reaching the same doom."

"Our great dangers, as we see them, are assimilation to the world, neglect of the poor, substitution of the form for the fact of godliness, abandonment of discipline, a hireling ministry, an impure gospel, which, summed up, is a fashionable church."

C. H. Spurgeon, in introduction to "The Devil's Mission of Amusement," says: "We do not hesitate to assert that the characters of many hopeful young people have been shipwrecked, not by the avowed haunts of vice, but by the influence of the questionable entertainment in connection with their religious relationships. Pleasant lectures and wholesome singing were all very well when used for higher ends; but there has been a gradual coming down, till, in some cases, the schoolroom has endured what the theatre would have refused as too absurd. At present, in many cases, the prince of darkness feels himself as much at home in the church as in the world, and it is time that something was done to disturb his repose."

Western Christian Advocate (Wesleyan), May 19, 1893, says: "The great trouble with us to-day is that the of imperiled souls is our last and consideration. Many of our congregations are conducted on the basis of social clubs. They are made centers of social influence. Membership is sought in order to advance one's prospect in society, business, or politics. Preachers are called who know how to smooth down the rugged text to ears polite, and snugly keep damnation out of sight.

"The Sunday services are made the occasion of displaying the elegance of apparel in the latest fashion. Communicants take in the races, and give and attend card-parties and dances. The distinction between inside and outside is so obscure that men smile when asked to unite with the church, and sometimes tell us that they find the best men outside."

28. What description is given of Babylon in Revelation 18:1-3?

29. What is meant by the "wine of the wrath of her fornication"? False doctrines.

All truth is from God and has in itself the love, mercy, longsuffering, and loving kindness of God. All error is from Satan, and however innocent in appearance it may be, it has all the wrath, anger, and murderous intent of Satan in it. It was invented to war against God and truth, and those who love the truth. Truth never oppresses or persecutes, but persuades. Error seeks the civil arm with which to compel submission, and punish with imprisonment, pain, and death dissenters from it. All who seek the help of the civil power are members of the Babylonian family.

30. Is Babylon punished at last for her iniquity? Revelation 18:5-8.

31. What plagues are here introduced? Revelation 15:1.

32. What direction is given to God's people who are in Babylon? Come out of her my people. Revelation 18:4.

33. How did Jesus feel in reference to the condition of the Jewish people in his day? Luke 19:41-46.

34. Should we not feel the same now?

35. Whom does the Lord instruct the destroying angel to spare, when slaying the wicked? Ezekiel 9:4-6.

36. What are we to do? Isaiah 58:11.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, said the Lord and I Will receive You.”

## **Christ and Paganism**

1. What did John see, as recorded in Revelation 12:3?

2. What evil intent did the prophet behold in the mind of this dragon? Verse 4.

3. Who is this woman?

Revelation 12:1.

A pure woman symbolizes the church of Christ. Jeremiah 6:2

2 Corinthians 11:2.

4. What became of this child? Revelation 12:5.

5. Who only has been taken into such an intimate relation with God the Father? Hebrews 12:2.

6. Then who must be represented by this child? Jesus Christ.

7. Who attempted to destroy the child Jesus? Matthew 2:13.

8. What power ruled the world at this time? Luke 2:1.

9. Who was Caesar Augustus?

The emperor of Rome. Herod was king under Augustus Caesar.

10. Then what power must be represented by the dragon? The Roman nation inspired and controlled by Satan.

11. What power succeeded the dragon? Revelation 13:1, 2.

This beast embraces in itself the lion, bear, and leopard, the symbols of Daniel 7:4-6, representing Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece, so must refer to Rome which followed these kingdoms, and embraced them all.

12. What did the dragon give to this beast?

Verse 2.



History states that the emperors of pagan Rome did give to the Papacy their seat of government, the city of Rome, and moved the capital to Constantinople. It also gave to the Papacy the civil power and authority of the government to enforce Its church dogmas. Gibbon.

13. What did John say this power would do?  
Verse 7.

1260 years of persecution, and over fifty millions of martyrs, testify to the fulfillment of this prophecy. Martyred because they would not think and teach as Rome directed. Pope Marcellus decreed, "It is permitted neither to think nor to teach otherwise than the court of Rome directs." Pope Innocent III. decreed that "the secular powers shall swear to exterminate all heretics condemned by the church; and if they do not, they shall be anathema." The directory for the inquisitors says: "All persons may attack any rebels to the church, and despoil them of their wealth, and slay them, and burn their houses and cities." Pope Leo X, in AD 1516, issued a papal bull which said: "No person shall preach without the permission of his superior. All preachers shall explain the gospel according to the Fathers. They shall not explain futurity, or the times of Antichrist. if any person shall act contrary to this rescript, he shall be divested of his office as preacher, and be excommunicated

14. What is said of the world's worshipping this power? Verse 8.

15. What would it be to worship any power? Romans 6:16. To obey its laws.

16. How is our attention especially called to, what is to follow? Revelation 13: 9.

17. What is said should happen to this power? Verse 10.

18. When did this power go into captivity?

When Berthier, a French general, entered Rome in the year 1798, Proclaimed a republic, took the Pope Prisoner to France, where he died two years later in captivity.

## **SALVATION**

Isaiah 45:21, 22

### **For all.**

1 Timothy 2:3, 4.

### **Is of God.**

Isaiah 12:2, 3

Psalms 32, 39.

### **Through Christ only.**

Acts 4:12

John 3:36 John 10:43.

### **Able to save.**

Isaiah 63:1

Hebrews 7:25.

### **Now.**

2 Corinthians 6:2.

### **Today.**

Hebrews 3:7, 15

Titus 2:11-15.

“To-morrow” is Satan’s word to ruin the soul. “Today,” “Now,” is the word of the Lord.

**From Sin.**

Matthew 1:21

John 8:34-36

Romans 5:19-21.

**To Righteousness now in this life.**

Ephesians 1:4 Luke 1:67-75.

**To all who believe.**

Romans 1:16

John 3:16 Psalm 50:23.

To continue in sin is to deny Christ’s power as a Savior, to limit God, and is serving Satan. Romans 6:16-23

1 John 3:1-10.

**Faith in Christ paralyses the power of sin.**

Romans 6:11, 12

2 Corinthians 4:11.

Let the triumph of the gospel over sin and Satan appear now in you. Isaiah 61:10

Jude 1:24, 25.

**Is Eternal.**

Isaiah 45:17

Isaiah 51:6 Hebrews 5:9 Hebrews 9:28.

**The United States of America in Prophecy**

1.How was the United States presented to the revelator? Revelation 13:11.

2.How much of the world’s territory did the first or papal beast occupy?

All the western Part of Europe and all that Part of the Old World not already occupied by the symbols before introduced.

3. Must we not, then, look for another beast outside of Europe?

4. Out of what did this beast come? The earth.

Revelation 13:11.

5. Where did the other beast come from? The sea.

Revelation 13:1.

6.What do waters in prophecy represent? Revelation 17:15.

7. What do winds symbolize? Jeremiah 4:11-13, 19, 21.

8. What difference, then, must we find in the rise of this two horned beast power from those which preceded it? The others came up front among the People as the result of war; while this grows Peacefully, by immigration, as a plant grows up out of the earth.

The author of "The New World Compared with the Old," speaking of the United States of America, says "Like a silent seed we grew into empire." Page 635. The population of that country has grown from 3,929,625 in 1790 to 91,972,266 in 1910, a marvelous rate of increase with which that of France, Prussia, Austria, Great Britain, or Russia, is not to be compared.

9. What do the ten horns on the Roman beast denote? Daniel 7:24.

10. What did John see upon these horns to indicate that they were kingly powers, or kingdoms, which were ruled by monarchs? Crowns. Revelation 13:1.

11. Are there any crowns on the two-horned beast? Revelation 13:11.

12. The fact that this power appeals to those who dwell in its territory to make an image to the beast, indicates that the authority of the government was vested in the people and not in an individual or king, and was therefore a republic. Verse 14.

13. What expression shows it to be youthful and mild in its pretensions? He had two horns like a lamb.

14. What is its real character? "He spoke as a dragon."

15. How does a nation speak? Through its laws.

16. How much power was he to exercise? Revelation 13:12.

17. What resulted from the exercise of this power? Revelation 13:12.

18. In what way only can the earth render worship? Leviticus 25:4, 5  
2 Chronicles 36:21.

If the earth, when permitted to rest on the seventh day, kept the Sabbath and so worshipped the Creator, enforced idleness upon the Sunday would cause the earth to worship the beast which instituted Sunday.

19. What will this power endeavor to enforce? Revelation 13:16.

20. What penalty will be visited upon those who refuse to receive the mark?  
Verse 17.

This must refer to the modern system of boycotting which is now becoming universal as exhibited in the noted Dreyfus case, in which many of the world's nations threatened to boycott French enterprises and manufactures.

21. With what punishment does God threaten those who receive the mark, or who worship either of these powers? Revelation 14: 9, 10.

22. What was this power to do?  
Revelation 13:13.

Some suppose that this refers to the discovery of the use of electricity by Franklin, and its use in telegraphy by Prof. J. Morse, both Americans. Others believe that Spiritualism will yet bring fire from heaven to demonstrate its claims, and lead men away from the word of God.

23. For what purpose were these wonders to be wrought? Verse 14.

24. By what power are these miracles wrought? Revelation 16:14.

25. Do the Scriptures state that the people will be led away by these seducing spirits? 1 Timothy 4:1.

26. Where and when did Spiritualism arise?

In the United States, at Hydesville, N.Y., in 1848.

27. What nation, then, must have been described in these symbols? The United States.

28. Under what other name is this miracle-working power symbolized?  
The false Prophet. Revelation 19:20.

29. What is there in the symbol to represent the leading principles of this government? Two horns.

30. What are the leading principles upon which this government was founded? Republicanism and Protestantism, or civil and religious liberty.

31. What specifications does John give to mark the power in question?

(1) It is "another beast."

(2) As he saw it, it was just "coming up."

(3) It came up out of the earth.

(4) Its lamb-like horns indicated youthfulness and innocence.

(5) It is a nation where the people make the laws.

(6) It is a wonder-working power.

(7) It speaks as a dragon.

32. Has not this government fulfilled all these specifications except the last?

33. Will this power be successful, through its deceptions, in making an image to the beast? Revelation 13:15, 16.

34. What solemn warning do we find in Revelation 14:9, 10, in reference to worshipping this image?

35. Then could the third message be given before this power arose and this image was formed?

36. To what beast is the image to be made? Revelation 13:14, last clause.

37. What beast was it which was "wounded by a sword and did live"? Revelation 13:3.

38. What was this beast?

An ecclesiastical power clothed with civil authority, which deprived of their God-given rights those who would not accept of her dogmas and submit to her creed.

39. What will be an image of this beast?

Another ecclesiastical establishment clothed with similar power, doing a similar work.

40. From the terms of this prophecy, must we not conclude that the United States government will yet so trample upon the rights of conscience as to define men's faith in some respects, and enforce the same by law?

41. How can this be done when the Constitution guarantees civil and religious liberty to all?

It has been done by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States so interpreting the Constitution as to declare it to be a Christian nation, and to make the enforcement of Sunday by civil law, constitutional (?). This was accomplished Feb. 29, 1892. For twenty-five years the National Reform Association has been agitating this very question. It proposed to change the Constitution by inserting in it the names of God and Christ, and placing "all Christian laws and usage in the government in the fundamental law of the land." Also to have the Constitution of the United States so amended as to enforce the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, as the Sabbath. The Supreme Court decision meets all the demands of the National Reform Association, as they themselves affirm. An official organ of the American Sabbath Union, May 7, 1892, says that this decision "Establishes clearly the fact that our Government is Christian. This decision is vital to the Sunday question in all its aspects, and places that question among the most important issues now before the American People." Similar movements are on foot in other lands in the form of the Council of Churches, the Christian Electors' Association, Christian Citizenship Leagues, etc. Thus those that dwell upon the earth fall in harmony with the exhortation of the United States to make an image to the beast. "As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the Papacy in forcing the consciences of men to honor the false Sabbath, the People of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example." - E. G. W. "The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the trite issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the under current is tending. Its Professions are mild, and apparently Christian; but when it

shall speak it will reveal the spirit of the dragon.” - E. G. W. National Reform Association utterances: “We want state and religion, and we are going to have it.” - Jonathan Edwards, DD, Convention Speech. “Enforce upon all who come among us the laws of Christian morality. “Christian Statesman.”

It will be noticed that the fulfillment of the prophecy demands just such a contradiction, Indicated by the horns of the lamb and the mouth of the dragon, as would be seen in the profession of equal rights to all and a law restricting these rights

## **The World s Last Warning**

1. WHAT warning message is given in Revelation 14:9, 10?
2. What event immediately follows this message? Verse 14.
3. Where is the description of the beast which the third angel warns man not to worship? Revelation 13:1-8.
4. What is given by which we may unmistakably identify this power? Revelation 13:18.
5. Where is this numerical title to be found?

The Scripture states that 666 is the number of a man, and must therefore be sought for in the distinctive title of the man who represents that Power, and who only is permitted to assume that name or title. The Pope of Rome at his coronation is given the very blasphemous title, “VICARIUS FILII DEI” Selecting from this title the letters that were used as numerals by the Latins, we have the following:

V – 5. I – 1. U – 5.

C – 100.

L – 50.

D – 500.

6. Is the same power described anywhere else in the Bible? Daniel 7:23-25  
2 Thessalonians 2:3-10.

7. What did Daniel say this power would think to do? Daniel 7:25, third clause.

8. What part of God’s law relates to time? The fourth commandment.  
Exodus 20:8-11.

9. Has the Papacy made any change in the Sabbath? Yes. See study on “The Great Apostasy.”

10. Does the Bible speak of more than one conflict of God’s people with this beast?  
Revelation 13:7 Revelation 15:2.  
In the first conflict, the beast overcomes them; in the second, they get the victory over him.

11. What did John see, as recorded in Revelation 13:11?

12. What was this beast to do, as recorded in verses 14, 15? See study on “The United States in Prophecy.”

13. What does the mark, sign, or seal of a power show? Its authority.

14. What part of God’s law shows his authority?  
Exodus 20:8-11.  
See note on question 13 in the study on “The Seal of God.”

15. Then what is his mark, sign, or seal?  
Exodus 31:16, 17.

In changing the fourth commandment, the Papacy ignores the mark of God’s authority, and institutes one of its own. He does this understandingly.

16. What do papists say of Protestants observing the Sunday-Sabbath?  
In Catholic catechisms we find the following:-

“Question. How prove you that the church has power to command feasts and holy days?

“Answer. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church.” Abridgement of Christian Doctrine, Page 57.

It is worth while to remember that this observance of the Sabbath [Sunday] not only has no foundation in the Bible, but is in flagrant contradiction with its letter, which commands rest on the Sabbath, which is Saturday. It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of Jesus Christ has transferred this rest to Sunday, in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. This observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage, they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the church.” - Plain Talk Protestants. Page 213.

17. How can the United States cause men to receive this mark? By passing laws enforcing Sunday-keeping.

18. In addition to the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath, what does the fourth commandment require? Exodus 23:12. Six days' work.

19. What is the earth said to do when its inhabitants observe a time, or day, of rest? Leviticus 25:1-4; 2 Chronicles 36:21.

20. What expression of the prophet shows that the acceptance of the mark of the Papacy by the people, causes the earth also to worship the first beast? Revelation 13:12, second clause.

21. With what are all to be threatened who refuse to worship the image of the beast? Boycotting and death. See note question 20, “United States in Prophecy.” Revelation 13:15-17.

22. With what does the Lord threaten all who do worship the beast or his image? Revelation 14:9-11.

23. Would not this indicate that a very severe and testing conflict was just before men?

24. Whom should we most fear to disobey-the powers of earth, or God? Acts 5:29.

25. What is the unmixed wrath of God explained to be? Revelation 15:1. The seven last Plagues.

26. With what has God's wrath always been mingled in the past? Habakkuk 3:2.

27. What, then, must wrath without mixture be? Wrath without mercy.

28. Does Christ's mediation for man forever cease just before his Second Coming to earth? Revelation 22:11, 12.

29. What finally becomes of the beast and the false prophet, and all who worship them? Revelation 19:20.

30. Where does John see those who had overcome the beast, etc.? Revelation 15:2.

31. What song do they sing?

Verse 3.

The song of Moses was a song of triumphal victory over the Egyptian armies at the Red Sea. Exodus 15. The remnant people of God pass through a similar experience. Zephaniah 3:8, 12, 20.

32. How are those who give the third angel's message described? Revelation 14:12.

## **The Seven Last Plagues**

1. How was the wrath of God manifested in ancient times? By a plague among the people. Numbers 16:46.

2. What was the effect of this plague? Verse 49.

3. What caused a cessation of the plague? Verses 47, 48.

Israel had transgressed, but the high priest interceded for them, and in mercy their lives were spared.

4. How will the wrath of God be finally manifested on the wicked? Revelation 15:1.

5. Will there be mercy shown in connection with the seven last plagues? Revelation 14:9, 10.

The warning is wrath without mixture. There is then no one to plead for the sinner

6. Will not Christ be officiating then in the heavenly sanctuary? Revelation 15:8.

“No man” must include the Savior for he is “the Son of man.” When he ceases his work as mediator the just punishments of God must fall upon a guilty world.

7. Does the work of salvation end before Christ’s return? Revelation 22:11.

There can be no change of character after this.

8. What occurs during the interval? Amos 8:11, 12.

When Christ has left the heavenly courts, and it is too late, those who have neglected salvation will then seek for it in vain.

9. What occurs when Christ begins his reign? Daniel 12:1.

To stand up is to begin to reign. When Michael (Christ), the great prince, begins to reign, the greatest time of trouble ever seen commences on the earth. This is the time of the seven last plagues.

10. What is the first plague? Revelation 16:1, 2.

A similar plague fell upon ancient Egypt as a punishment for their idolatry and their ill-treatment of the people of God. Exodus 9:8-11. This leads to the conclusion that the seven last plagues will be as literal upon those who worship the beast and unite in persecuting those who keep the commandments of God.

11. Why are not the servants of God attacked? Psalm 91:3-10.

The acceptance of truth places them where God can shield them.

12. What effect does the second plague have? Revelation 16:3.

That this is literal is shown by the death of every living thing in the sea.

13. How are the waters affected by the third plague? Revelation 16:4.

14. What did they do under similar conditions in Egypt? Exodus 7:24.

15. Why has God given them blood to drink? Revelation 16:6.

16. How can it be said they have done this? Revelation 13:15.

In the light of the twentieth century they have planned to repeat the work of the dark ages,

17. What is this plague succeeded by? Revelation 16:8, 9.

18. What effect will this have on the earth? Joel 1:15-20.

Heat waves produce fire and famine.

19. How will the righteous fare at this time? Isaiah 33:16.

20. What follows the heat waves? Revelation 16:10, 11.

The seat of the Beast-the Papacy-has so far been the city of Rome. His kingdom must be wherever his people are found.

21. Will God make a distinction between people during this time? Exodus 10:23.

22. What is the effect of the sixth plague? Revelation 16:12.

The rivers were dried up under the fourth plague, so that this must be a symbol representing the country or nation of Babylon.

23. Are such symbols common in the Scriptures? Isaiah 8:7.

24. If Babylon was to break up, what would be the probable result? A scramble for his territory by the great nations of the earth.

26. Where does Inspiration lay the scene for the final battle of this world?

In territory long controlled by the Palestine.

See Revelation 16:13-16, and Zechariah 14:1, 2.

Armageddon, or Mt. Megiddo, is north of Jerusalem, and the Plain of Megiddo in that immediate vicinity.

27. What agency will precipitate this final conflict? Revelation 16:14.

Modern Spiritualism is already influencing many of the Political leaders of Europe.

28. Where is the seventh plague poured out? "Into the air," indicating that this Plague is universal.

Revelation 16:17.

These plagues are cumulative, each adding its effect to the other.

29. What is the result of this plague? Revelation 16:18, 20.

This destroys the cities of the nations.

30. Whose voice is it that produces this result? Joel 3:16.

31. What follows? Revelation 16:21.

The weight of a talent is 56 pounds.

32. Has God prepared for such a time? Job 38:22, 23.

33. Where are the righteous during this plague? Isaiah 32:18, 19.

34. How are the rest of the wicked inhabitants of the earth destroyed? Revelation 19:2 1.

35. What is the condition of the earth then? Jeremiah 4:25, 26.

"The plague, and dearth, and din of war,  
Our Savior's swift approach declare,  
And bid our hearts arise;  
The signs confirm our trembling hope,  
While scoffers still in darkness grope,  
And view them with surprise."



“Whatever ills the world befall,  
A Pledge of endless good we call,  
A sign Of Jesus near his chariot will not long delay;  
We bear the rumbling wheels, and pray, Triumphant Lord, appear!”

Charles Wesley

## **A Vital Question**

1. What statement does the prophet Samuel make in reference to obedience? 1 Samuel 15:22.
2. To what does he say the sins of rebellion and stubbornness are equal? Verse 23.
3. What does Saul give as the reason why he disobeyed God? Verse 24.
4. Is not this fear of the people the reason why many do not obey God now?
5. Is the Lord particular that we shall observe his commandments exactly as he has given them to us? Deuteronomy 4:2.
6. What does Jesus say of one who shall break one of the least of God’s commandments, and shall teach men to do so? Matthew 5:19.
7. What command had the Lord given about touching any of the holy vessels in the sanctuary? Numbers 4:15.
8. What was to happen to any one who disregarded this command?  
1 Samuel 6:19.
9. Who among God’s people ventured to transgress this plain commandment?  
2 Samuel 6:6.
10. Did the Lord take his life, as he said he would the life of any one who should touch the ark? Verse 7.
11. What did this ark contain? Deuteronomy 10:1-5.
12. If the Lord had not taken the life of this man, would not others of the children of Israel have been emboldened presumptuously to follow his example, thus causing both the ark and its contents to lose their sacredness in the eyes of the people?
13. Does God represent himself in the commandments as a jealous God? Exodus 20:4-6.
14. How had Jeroboam king of Israel separated from God? 1 Kings 12:25-33.
15. Who was sent from Judah to Bethel with a message from God to Jeroboam? 1 Kings 13:1.
16. What did he do there? Verses 2-6.
17. What did the king invite him to do? Verse 7.
18. What reply did he make to him? Verses 8, 9.
19. Who also dwelt there at Bethel? And what did he do? Verses 11-17.
20. What did he say to the man of God? Verse 18.
21. Did the man of God go home with him? Verse 19.
22. What words came from the Lord while they were eating? Verses 20-22.
23. What happened to the man of God on his way home? Verses 23-32.

24. From this, should we not learn that it is unsafe to heed the counsel of those who would lead us to disregard the commandments of God, although they may claim that their message came from an angel of heaven?  
Deuteronomy 13:1-4.
25. Where were the priests instructed to obtain the fire that they burned in their censers when offering incense before the Lord?  
Leviticus 16:12.
26. Had God given plain instruction regarding the offering of incense?  
Exodus 30:7-9.  
This fire was kindled by God himself (Leviticus 9:24), and was to be kept perpetually burning.  
Leviticus 6:13.
27. Who disregarded this plain instruction? Leviticus 10:1.
28. What happened to them? Verse 2.
29. What was the trouble with this offering?  
Had they not offered fire before God? Yes but it was “strange” fire and not the sacred fire from the altar, as commanded by God.
30. In view of these examples, is it safe for us to regard any other day as sacred other than the seventh day (Saturday), which God made holy and commanded us to keep holy?  
Exodus 20:8-11  
Ezekiel 22:26.  
Sunday observance and strange fire correspond.
31. What question was asked the Savior by the scribes and Pharisees? Matthew 15:1, 2.
32. What question did he ask them in reply? Verse 3.
33. What did he say God had commanded? Verse 4.
34. How did he say they reasoned in reference to God’s commandments? Verses 5, 6.
35. What did he say they had done by this kind of reasoning? Verse 6.
36. What statement of the prophet Isaiah was fulfilled by them? Verses 7-9.
37. What does the fourth commandment require of all men? To keep holy the seventh day.
38. What does the tradition of men say of this requirement?  
If you observe the first day, you are free from obligation to keep holy the seventh day.
39. If Jesus were here now, what do you think he would say that such teachers are doing? Mark 7:13.
40. At the beginning of the work of the gospel, did the Lord punish disobedience as signally as in Old-Testament times?  
Acts 5:1-11.
41. For what purpose were all these things written? 1 Corinthians 10:11.
42. What does the Lord say we should all be? James 1:22-25
43. Who only does Jesus say will enter the kingdom of heaven? Matthew 7:21.
44. To whom does he liken the man who does, or obeys, the word of God? Verses 24, 25.
45. To whom does he liken the man who hears, but does not obey? Verses 26, 27.
46. In view of all these statements, what ought we to say? Psalm 119:34, 59, 60.

47. What will be the fate of all those who continue in sin? Romans 6:23.

48. Why, then, are men emboldened to continue in sin? Ecclesiastes 8:11.

49. In closing up his writings, what does the wise man conclude to be the whole duty of man? Ecclesiastes 12:13,14.

50. Who does Jesus say are his brothers and sisters? Luke 8:19-21.

## **Proper Sabbath Keeping**

Is preceded by preparation.

Exodus 16: 22, 23 Mark 15:42

Luke 23:54-56.

Sabbath begins at sundown Friday evening. Leviticus 23:32.

Deuteronomy 16:6.

Closes at sundown Saturday evening. Mark 1:32

Judges 14:18.

No business to be done. Nehemiah 13:18-22.

Farmers to observe in sowing and harvest. Exodus 34:21.

Lawful to heal the sick and do well. Matthew 12:11, 12.

Christ attended public service. Luke 4:16, 31.

Apostles attended public service. Acts 13:14

Acts 16:13 Acts 17:2 Acts 18:4, 11.

Christians exhorted to do so.

Hebrews 4:9, margin; Hebrews 10:24-25.

To be called a delight. Isaiah 58:13, 14.

The Lord's day. Revelation 1:10.

“The Sabbath calls our thoughts to nature, and brings us into communion with the Creator. In the song of the birds, the sighing of the trees, and the music of the sea, we still may bear his voice who talked with Adam in Eden in the cool of the day. And as we behold his power in nature we find comfort, for the word that created all things is that which speaks life to the soul. He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness bath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

“To all who receive the Sabbath as a sign of Christ's creative and redeeming power it will be a delight. Seeing Christ in it they delight themselves in him. The Sabbath points them to the works of creation as an evidence of his mighty power in redemption. While it calls to mind the lost peace of Eden, it tells of peace restored through the Savior. And every object in nature repeats his invitation, Come unto me, all you that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” - Desire of Ages, “In order to keep the Sabbath holy, it is not necessary that we enclose ourselves in walls, shut away from the beautiful scenes of nature, and from the free, invigorating air of heaven. We should in no case allow burdens and business transactions to divert our minds upon the Sabbath of the Lord, which he has sanctified. It is necessary that the people of God assemble to talk of him, to interchange thoughts and ideas in regard to the truths contained In his word, and to devote a portion of time to appropriate prayer. But these seasons, even upon the Sabbath, should not be made tedious by their length and lack of interest.”

“During a portion of the day all should have an opportunity to be out of doors. Children receive a more correct knowledge of God, and their minds are better impressed, by spending a portion of their time out of doors, not in play, but in company with their parents. Let their young minds be associated with God in the beautiful scenery of nature, let their attention be called to the tokens of his love to man in his created works, and they will be attracted and interested. They will not be in danger of associating the character of God with everything that is severe and stern; but as they view the beautiful things he has created for ‘the happiness of man, they will be led to regard him as a tender, loving Father. They will see that his prohibitions and injunctions are not made merely to show his power and authority, but that he has the happiness of his children in view. As the character of God puts on the aspect of love, benevolence, beauty, and attraction, they are drawn to love him. You can direct their minds to the lovely birds, making the air musical with their lovely songs, to the spires of grass, and the gloriously tinted flowers in their perfection perfuming the air. All these proclaim the love and skill of the heavenly Artist, and show forth the glory of God.”

“The Sabbath should be made so interesting to our families that its weekly return will be hailed with joy.”

## The Seal of God

1. What important work is foretold in Revelation 7:1-3? The sealing of the servants of God.

A sealing work would indicate a closing work.

2. How is the vast importance of this work indicated in verse 1?

In the holding, of the winds of war (Jeremiah 49:36, 37) in the four quarters of the world by the angels of God; thus showing that everything will be held secondary to this work.

3. How many are sealed? Verse 4.

4. What evidence have we that these are Christians?

Revelation 14: 1-5.

They are followers of the Lamb; the remnant who are translated without experiencing death; “redeemed from among men” at the Second Advent of Christ. They are also the remnant of the true Israel of God. James addresses all Christians as members of the twelve tribes of Israel. James 1:1, 2. Israelites by promise Romans 9:7, 8. Grafted from the Gentiles. Romans 11:13-24, Ephesians 2:11-13 Jews inwardly. Romans 2:28, 29. Abraham’s seed through Christ. Galatians 3:7, 29.

5. What events occur at the opening of the sixth seal?

Revelation 6:12, 13.

The great earthquake of Lisbon in 1755, which shook more than a third part of the earth. The darkening of the sun and moon in 1780, and the great shower of falling stars in 1833, fulfill these predictions. These are the signs given by Christ which were to precede his Second Advent. Matt 24:29, 30.

6. Where is the record of the opening of the seventh seal? Revelation 8:1.

7. What causes silence in heaven?

The absence of all the holy angels who attend the Second Advent of Christ. Matthew 25:31. The time of the sealing, In chapter 7, is thus located between the appearing of the signs (Revelation 6) and the coming of Christ. Revelation 8: 1.

8. Are the words sign and seal sometimes used in the Scriptures as meaning the same? Romans 4:11.

9. Is the seal of God equivalent to his name?

Revelation 7:3

Revelation 14:1.

Webster defines the word seal, “that which authenticates.” A name is used as a symbol of authority; as, “In the name of the king;” that is, by the authority of the king. Esther 8:8.

10. In what is the authority of any ruler expressed? In his law.

11. Do the Scriptures state that the seal of God is connected with his law? Isaiah 8:16.

12. Is the law to be sealed among the disciples at the time when they are waiting and looking for the coming of the Lord?

Verse 17.

13. Which is the only commandment of the ten which distinguishes their author as the Creator of all things?

Exodus 20:8-11.

A seal must show on its face who the law-maker is, the extent of his jurisdiction and his authority to make law. The fourth commandment is the only one of the ten which embraces all of these features.

14. Does Jehovah call the Sabbath his sign or seal? Exodus 31:13.

15. What reason is given why it is a sign? Verse 17.

16. For what purpose is it a sign? Ezekiel 20:12,

17. As the Sabbath is God's seal, must not the sealing brought to view in Revelation 7:1-4 be a Sabbath reformation just prior to the coming of Christ?

18. What is meant by Sealing the servants of God in their foreheads?

Obtaining the consent of the mind to the Sabbath, or seal; and their observance of it making them as God's peculiar People.

19. Has a Sabbath movement which would fulfill this prophecy come up at the time here indicated?

Yes.

Since the falling of the stars in 1833 a people has arisen, composed of individuals from all denominations, and others, who have returned to the observance of the ancient Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, being led to it, as they all believe, by the rise of this very message.

20. How was this work to arise?

To ascend from the east, or as the sun-rising. Revelation 7:2.

21. How was it finally to affect the world?

Revelation 18:1.

The work is fast reaching this latter stage. Thirty-nine publishing houses and branches in various parts of the world-in the United States, Switzerland, Norway, Germany, England, South Africa, Australia, etc-are every week sending forth tons of reading matter in upwards of seventy languages, and in increasing number yearly. Organized missionary effort is being put forth all over the world, and God is signally adding His blessing. City missions are established in most of the large cities, and by these means, together with that of preaching, Bible readings, colporteuring, and camp-meetings the work is being pushed rapidly forward to completion.

22. Did the Lord anciently require his people to protect themselves from the plagues of Egypt by a special and peculiar sign? Exodus 12:7-13.

23. Is it unreasonable, then, to conclude that the same God will require his people to receive and hold a distinguishing mark, or sign, to protect them from the "seven last plagues" which are to depopulate the earth?

24. How does the prophet describe the marking of God's people just before the execution of the wrath of God? Ezekiel 9:2-4.

25. Will the seal fully protect those who receive it? Ezekiel 9:5, 6.

## **The Gospel of Health**

1. How does God regard the health of his people? 3 John 1:2.

2. Has eating and drinking anything to do with our religion? 1 Corinthians 10:31.

3. How much of our person is affected by Bible religion? 1 Thessalonians 5:23

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.

4. Will any be saved who knowingly defile the body in any way? 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17.

5. Can the body be defiled with improper food? Daniel 1:8.

6. What, did the king eat and drink with which Daniel refused to defile himself? Swine's flesh and meats offered to idols, highly seasoned foods, and wines.

7. What may be said of peppers, spices, and wines, commonly used in cooking?

(1) They contain no food element whatever; (2) They do not add to the delicate flavor of the fruits, grains, and vegetables, but destroy the natural sensitiveness of the taste, so that it is unable to detect the choice flavors given by nature; (3) They do the entire system a positive injury, by inflaming the delicate blood-vessels of the throat and stomach, by whipping up the often already overtaxed nerves to increased exhaustion, and by heating up the blood through the entire system, thus making it more difficult to control the temper and all the natural passions.

8. What kind of food did Daniel request for himself and his companions? Daniel 1:12.

9. What variety of foods was included under the term “pulse”?

Pulse: “Seeds, herbs, greens, vegetables, i.e., vegetable food.” Gesenius. “The fair interpretation is to apply it to that which grows up from seeds, such, probably, as would be sown in a garden, or as we would now express it, vegetable diet.” - Barnes’s Commentary on the Book of Daniel.

10. Do not people now, as in Daniel’s time, generally suppose that people will grow poor and feeble on a vegetarian diet? Daniel 1:10.

11. What was the result of the experiment in Daniel’s case? Verse 15.

The same result may be obtained today.

12. Upon what kinds of food do the strongest and most peaceable nations of the earth largely subsist, such nations is the Scotch, the laboring classes of England, and others?

Fruits, grains, and vegetables. The same is true of the strongest, most peaceable, and useful among animals. The horse, the ox, the elephant, the camel, etc.

13. What do the Scriptures say of the habits of those who strive for the mastery? 1 Corinthians 9:24, 25.

14. What statement is made by physicians attending persons who are training for the purpose of developing the most physical strength and nerve power before entering upon a race, a prize fight, or a similar contest?

“As soon as the contest has been agreed upon, and the arrangements made, the training begins: and first, the diet is modified and adapted to the production of the greatest amount of physical power and endurance. Away goes tobacco, tea, coffee, rum, beer, etc., in all their various forms and all sensual indulgences of every description. Their living consists of plain, simple, nourishing food---such as bread, beef, fruits, and cold water.” -Everybody’s Own Physician; How to Acquire and Regain Strength, by G. W. Gleason. M.D., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. See also “Home Hand-Book of Domestic Hygiene and Rational Medicine,” by J. H. Kellogg, M.D., Medical and Surgical Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Michigan.

15. Did the apostle Paul say that he took a similar course that he might be certain to win in the Christian race? 1 Corinthians 9:26, 27.

16. If men are willing so to deny themselves to gain a small reward in this life, ought we not to be willing to deny self to make sure of gaining everlasting life?

17. What did God originally create for man’s diet? Genesis 1:29.

18. Then what did the term meat originally embrace? Fruits, grains, and nut-foods.

19. At how early a date did God point out the distinction between clean and unclean animals? Genesis 7:2.  
The time of the flood.

20. Did God ever permit man to eat of the clean animals? Leviticus 11:1-3.

21. What shows that God did not design this for the general diet of man? Exodus 16:4.

22. What kind of food was this? Psalm 78:24, 25.

23. What special promise did God make Israel prior to giving them this bread? Exodus 15:26; 23:25.

24. What had been Israel’s diet in Egypt? Exodus 16:3.

25. Were they satisfied with this bread from heaven?

Numbers 11:13.

26. How did they feel toward it? Numbers 21:5.

27. What did they desire? Numbers 21:4, 5.

28. How did they express themselves? Verse 6.

29. Did God supply them with flesh? Verse 31.

30. What did God also send with the flesh? Verse 33.

31. How did it affect them spiritually? Psalm 106:13-15.

32. Upon what principle does God sometimes grant men's desires, even when it is not best? Matthew 19:8.

33. What lesson would the Lord have us learn from these particulars concerning Israel's lusting for flesh? 1 Corinthians 10:5-11.

34. When, and under what circumstances, did God first permit man to eat flesh meat? Genesis 9:1-3.

35. But what would we conclude to be the best food for man? Genesis 1:29.

36. What, besides the Bible arguments already considered should have a tendency to lead men at the present time to discard the use of animal food?

(1) The diseased condition of all kinds of animals generally; (2) The inhuman treatment in transporting comparatively healthy animals, which results in creating such a feverish condition as to render them unfit for food; (3) The dangers arising from the various modes of packing, curing, and canning meats.

37. What kind of flesh did God forbid men to eat, or even to touch? Deuteronomy 14:8.

38. What was included under the term "unclean"?

That which was PHYSICALLY unclean, and that which was CEREMONIALLY unclean.

39. For what purpose was the hog created? For a scavenger.

40. Is the hog, then, physically or ceremonially unclean? Physically.

41. Was physical uncleanness recognized before the time of the Jews? Genesis 7:1, 2

42. Was the vision given to the apostle Peter designed to inform him that there was any change in the physical fitness of the various animals for food, or was it to teach, him that he should make no distinction in men?

Acts 10:28.

43. What does the Lord say of those who make a great profession of holiness, and yet pay no regard to their diet? Isaiah 65:4, 5.

44. What is said of those who profess to be sanctifying themselves in preparation for Christ's Second Coming, and who continue to eat swine's flesh?

Isaiah 66:15- 17.

45. What special object did the Lord have in changing the diet of his people Israel? Deuteronomy 8:3.

46. Of what other dangers besides improper diet does the Savior warn us? Luke 21:34.

47. What is the meaning of "surfeiting"? Over-eating. See Webster.

48. What is true Bible temperance?

A total abstinence from all that is hurtful, and a moderate use only of that which is good.

49. Is it not reasonable to suppose that those who are prepared for Christ's coming will heed the Savior's warning, and will give proper attention to their habits of eating?

## **Gods Plan for the Support of His Work**

1. How MUCH of our income have we reason to believe it would be pleasing to God that we should devote to the support of his service?

Leviticus 27:30-32.

2. Were the ministers anciently to have any inheritance of land or any secular occupation among their brethren? Numbers 18:20.

3. To whom were they to look for their support? To God, who sent them forth to preach.

4. How did the Lord purpose to support these ministers? Verses 21-24.

By giving them his Portion.

5. What is the first recorded instance of tithing?

The case of Abraham, over four hundred years before the time of Moses. Genesis 14:18-20.

6. To what priest did Abraham pay tithing? Hebrews 7:1, 2.

7. After what order is our Savior's priesthood?

Hebrews 5:6, 10 Hebrews 6:20 Hebrews 7:17.

8. Whose children are Christians said to be? Galatians 3:7, 29.

9. Did Abraham teach his children to pay tithes to God, as exhibited in the case of Jacob?

Genesis 18:17,19 Genesis 28:20-22.

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10. What does Jesus say we will do if we are truly Abraham's children? John 8:39.

11. Then as Melchisedec represented Christ, and Abraham represented Christians, ought we not to follow Abraham's example, and pay a tithe of our increase to Christ?

12. Has God ordained that ministers of the gospel should live on the same plan as the priests did anciently? 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14.

13. Did our Savior teach the paying of tithes? Matthew 23:23.

14. If the tithe belongs to God, and he devotes it to the support of his ministers, then who really pays the ministers, God or the people?

15. How much does man have to start with in this life? 1 Timothy 6:7.

16. Who owns everything in this world? Psalm 24:1

Psalm 50:10, 12 Haggai 2:8.

17. What relation do we sustain to the Lord's property? That of stewards.

Matthew 25:14

Luke 16:1, 2.

18. Then how much of our increase does the Lord reserve us his? The tithe is the Lord's.

Leviticus 27:32.

19. If we withhold the tithe, of what does the Lord say we are guilty? Malachi 3:8.



20. What did the Lord say had followed as a result of robbing him of the tithes? Malachi 3:9.
21. What was the sin of Adam and Eve in eating of the forbidden fruit? Appropriating to, their own use that which God had reserved to himself.
22. Do not those who use the tithe for their own purposes commit a similar offence against God? Yes; the tree was a test to them as the tithe is to us. It is God's reserved portion.
23. How does the withholding of the Lord's tithe affect our whole earnings? Haggai 1:5-11.
24. What promise does the Lord make to those who bring all of their tithes into his storehouse? Malachi 3:10,11.
25. Upon how much of the tithe is this promise based? All of it.
26. Out of what portion of our increase should we take the Lord's tithe, the first or last? Proverbs 3:9, 10.
27. Is it the duty of ministers to pay a tithe of their increase? Numbers 18:26, 27.
28. What besides tithes does God expect of his people? Malachi 3:8.
29. Out of what should missionary work, building funds, church expenses, etc., be supported? Free-will offerings.
30. What requirement was formerly laid upon every believer in Christianity?  
1 Corinthians 16:2.
31. Was this money to be put into a public collection each week, or was it to be laid up in store at home? "Lay by Him in store." "By himself at home."-French translation. The German, Spanish, and others, read the same.
32. What do the Scriptures call that which we give to the poor?  
Matthew 6:1-4.  
Free will offerings and alms-giving. The tithe, then, is different from these.
33. What promises are given those who pay tithes faithfully, and give liberally? Malachi 3:10,11  
Luke 6:38.
34. What kind of giver does the Lord love?  
2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.
35. If we fully believe these promises, may we not expect great prosperity in the faithful discharge of duty in these matters?  
2 Corinthians 9:8-10.

## **Prophetic Gifts**

1. Of what special subject does the Lord say he would not have us ignorant? 1 Corinthians 12:1.
2. What does he say of these gifts? Verses 4-6.
3. What are the different gifts of the Spirit? Verses 8-10.
4. To what does he compare the church with these various gifts all doing their appointed work? The human body. Verses 12-27.
5. Who placed these gifts in the church? And in what order does the apostle mention them? Verse 28.
6. What signs did Jesus say would follow all true believers? Mark 16:17, 18.
7. What does James say in reference to the prayer of faith? James 5:14-16.

The sick may be healed now, but fanaticism should be avoided in the matter. All who were sick in Bible times were not healed. 2 Timothy 4:20. While we pray in faith, it is our privilege to bow in submission to the will of God. There are lessons to be learned better in sickness than elsewhere, and the eternal happiness of our friends we should consider of more importance than the present. Miraculous healing is not always evidence of the work of God. Matthew 7:22, 23; Revelation 16:14, 15. The work of God is known by its fruit, and all manifestations should be tested by the unerring word of God. Deuteronomy 13:1-4; Isaiah 8:20.

8. Were these gifts of the Spirit ever to cease? 1 Corinthians 13:8.

9. When were they to be done away?

Verses 9, 10.

Not until the perfect day, at the Second Advent of Christ, when the gifts will not be necessary.

10. What is it said that Jesus gave unto men when he ascended on high? Ephesians 4:8.

11. What were these gifts? Verse 11.

12. What were they for? Verse 12.

13. How long were they to remain in the church? Verse 13.

14. Can it be said that God's people have yet reached the unity of the faith, while they are supporting six hundred opposing creeds of faith?

15. What was to be the effect of these gifts upon the church? Verses 14-16.

16. Does the Bible recognize any difference in these gifts? 1 Corinthians 12:31.

17. To which does it give the preference?

1 Corinthians 14:1, 39.

God unveils the future to those who have this gift.

18. Whom was this gift especially to benefit? 1 Corinthians 14:22.

19. How does God reveal himself to those who have the gift of prophecy? Numbers 12:6

Daniel 7:1.

20. Were there prophets in the early Christian church? Acts 11:27-28.

21. Did women have visions in the apostles' days? Luke 2:36, 38

Acts 21:8-9.

22. Did women prophesy in Old-Testament times? Exodus 15:20, 21

Judges 4:4

2 Chronicles 34:22.

What promise was made about women's prophesying? Joel 2:28.

23. When was this prophecy first fulfilled? Acts 2:16-20.

The signs mentioned were to be seen near the close of the gospel dispensation. Revelation 6:12.

24. Hence the prediction covers the entire gospel dispensation.

25. Of what did the Savior warn the church? Matthew 7:15.

26. Would there be any need of warning against false prophets if there were no true ones?

27. How are we to know the true from the false? Verse 20.

28. Were those who were looking for the coming of the Lord to have all of the gifts? 1 Corinthians 1:5-8.

29. By what special characteristics were the remnant people of God to be recognized? Revelation 12:17.

30. What is the testimony of Jesus? The spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:10.

31. Will not the true remnant people of God then keep the Ten Commandments, and have the gift of prophecy among them?  
Revelation 12:17.

The Scriptures state that because of the violation of the law of God, these gifts have been taken from the church. Lamentations 2:9 Proverbs 29:18. A return, then, to obedience of the law would be necessary for their restoration.

32. What are we exhorted not to do when this gift is manifested? 1 Thessalonians 5:20.

The word “prophesying” does not refer to the prophecies already recorded, but is the exercise of the living gift of prophecy.

33. What should we do? Verse 21.

Prove all things by the word of God. Hold fast that which is good.

## **Bible Memorials**

[Webster defines the word Memorial thus: “Anything intended to preserve the memory of a person, an occurrence, or the like; something which serves to keep something else in remembrance; a monument.]

1. What does the Bible assure us will stand throughout all generations? Psalm 135:13.

2. What is the difference between a memorial and a type?

A memorial always points back to Past events; a type points forward to future events.

3. What was the ceremony called which was observed to commemorate the deliverance of the children of God at the time when all the first-born of Egypt were slain?

Exodus 12:11-13.

4. What was this day to be to the people? And how long was it to be observed? Exodus 12: 14, 26, 27.

5. What custom was established to commemorate the forty years’ tent life in the wilderness? Leviticus 23:40-42.

6. What reason did the Lord give for doing this? Leviticus 23:43.

7. What is given in the New Testament as a memorial of the death of Christ? 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

8. What does the bread represent? Matthew 26:26.

9. What does the wine represent? Verses 27, 28.

10. In the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, what do the Scriptures say is shown? 1 Corinthians 11:26.

11. What ordinance of the New Testament is given to commemorate the burial and resurrection of Christ? Colossians 2:12.
12. Does baptism, when properly administered, bear a likeness to a burial and a resurrection? Romans 6:4,5.
13. Does sprinkling or pouring bear any resemblance to a burial and a resurrection?
14. Do those who practice them claim that they do? They do not.
15. What do they claim that these ceremonies represent? The descent of the Holy Spirit, and an inward work of grace, etc.
16. Does the Bible anywhere say that we should be baptized or sprinkled in honor of the descent of the Holy Spirit? It does not.
17. Does it require much water to sprinkle a person?
18. Does it require much water to properly baptize a person? John 3:23.
19. Does the administrator have to go into the water to either sprinkle or pour the candidate? No.
20. In the examples of baptism in the Bible, did the administrator and the candidate both go into the water? Acts 8:36-38 Mark 1:9, 10.

This most fitly represents a burial and a resurrection—laying the candidate under the water backward, with eyes closed and breath held, for a moment out of sight, is a perfect symbol of a burial. Rising again out of the water, opening the eyes catching the breath, and mingling again with friends, is a beautiful symbol of the resurrection.

21. What did Christ do upon the day of his resurrection?  
Talked with Mary (John 20:15-17); ascended to his Father (verse 17); walked seven and one-half miles to Emmaus with the two disciples, and returned (Luke 24:13-35); and met with the disciples in their lodging-room at Jerusalem. Mark 16:14.
22. Would the observance of Sunday as a rest-day properly commemorate the busy activity of Jesus upon that day? No, for a memorial must resemble the thing to be commemorated.
23. Then would resting on Sunday commemorate the rising of Jesus from the dead?  
No; for it does not resemble it, and would place God in the unreasonable Position of instituting two memorials for the one event.
24. Is there any command in the New Testament to observe the resurrection day? There is not.
25. Is there a plain command to be baptized in honor of that event? Mark 16:15, 16  
Acts 2:38  
Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:3-5.
26. Has God given a memorial of the work of creation? Psalm 111:24  
Exodus 20:8-11.
27. When was this memorial instituted? Genesis 2:1-3.
28. How long was it to remain? Psalm 135:13.
29. Are the words memorial and sign used interchangeably in the Scriptures? Joshua 4:6, 7.
30. Does the Lord himself say that the Sabbath is his sign, or memorial? Exodus 31:12, 13, 16, 17.
31. Will the memorial of creation be observed forever, even in the new earth? Isaiah 66:22, 23.
32. What prophecy have those fulfilled who have changed the Sabbath and the ordinance of baptism? Isaiah 24:5.

33. Who does Jesus say are his true friends? John 15:14.

34. Did Christ create the world? John 1:1-3, 10

Hebrews 1:1-3 Colossians 1:12-19.

35. Then is not the seventh day Sabbath Christ's own memorial of his own creative and redemptive work, and, therefore, the Christian Sabbath?

## **Walking in the Light**

1. What did Jesus say to the people of his time about their walking in the light? John 12:35.

2. What did he say would follow if they failed to walk in the light?

3. When starting in the Christian course, do we have as much light as we may expect, as we advance? Proverbs 4: 18.

4. In what way alone can we keep in harmony with God and his people?

1 John 1:7.

5. If we fail to zealously walk in the advancing light given us, what becomes of the light we have possessed in the past?

Luke 11:34, 35.

6. Why have the heathen been left of God to go into such great darkness? Romans 1:21, 25.

7. From this experience of the heathen, should we not be admonished of the danger of rejecting light?

8. Why do men reject light? John 3:19, 20.

9. What do those who really love the truth do? John 3:21.

10. What will those who reject light and truth finally believe?

2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12.

11. From what source does the light of the Christian come? 2 Corinthians 4:6.

12. What is said of the word of God as a light to us? Psalm 119:105, 130

Proverbs 6:23.

13. Is there recorded an instance where an angel was sent to assure a man of his acceptance with God? Acts 10:1-4.

14. Were the prayers and alms he had offered in the past sufficient to insure his salvation? Or was there more for him to learn and do? Verses 5, 6.

15. Did his salvation and that of his family depend upon his receiving additional light? Acts 11:13-14.

16. Does the fact, then, that a person has evidence from God that he is accepted of him, prove that he will be saved, unless he continues to do God's will?

17. Who alone have the promise of being saved? Matthew 10:22

Hebrews 3:14.

18. Are the prophecies of the Bible said to be an especial light to the Christian? 2 Peter 1:19.

19. At what time in the history of the world is the prophecy to be understood? Daniel 12:4.

20. When an increase of knowledge is given, does it not necessarily increase our responsibilities? John 15:22.

21. Will the prophecies recorded in the Revelation, when they are understood, bring to view things which the people must observe? Revelation 1:3.

22. Can those who reject the light of the three messages of Revelation 14 hope to be saved? Revelation 14:9-11.

The effect of these messages is to divide the whole world into two classes. Those who worship God (Revelation 14:12) and those who worship the beast. Destruction awaits all who worship the beast.

23. Are we not all in danger of being left by God at any point in our experience where we refuse to obey him? Jude 1:5

1 Corinthians 10:1-12.

24. In view of these scriptures, what should be our position upon the subject of walking in the light? Philipians 3:13-15.

## **Saving Faith**

[Definition of faith. "Belief, reliance on testimony. Firm and earnest belief in probable evidence, especially in regard to important moral belief."-Webster Dictionary]

1. What is the Bible definition of faith? Hebrews 11:1.

2. Is it possible to render acceptable service to God without faith? Verse 6.  
Ephesians 1:12, 13.

3. How may we obtain faith? Romans 10:17.

4. What is the first thing all are required to believe? Hebrews 11:6.

5. What clearly proves the existence of God? Romans 1:19, 20

Psalms 19:1-3.

6. What proves that God continues to live and rule in all the affairs of heaven and earth? The prophecies and their fulfillment.  
Isaiah 46:5, 9-11

Isaiah 41:21-23.

7. What is the second thing which the Bible says we must believe? Hebrews 11:6, last clause.

8. What reason have we to believe that God rewards of those who seek him? His promises.

2 Peter 1:4

2 Corinthians 1:20.

9. Is it possible for a person to believe that God will do for him that which he has not promised to do?

No, he may presume that God will do what he desires, but he cannot believe it without a promise upon which to base his faith. True faith always rests upon evidence.

10. Is it necessary for us to have some worldly position or title to recommend us to God? Acts 10:34, 35.

11. Are all classes clearly included in the gospel invitation? Matthew 11:28.

12. Are the promises of God of any value to us unless we believe them? Hebrews 3:18, 19

Hebrews 4:1, 2.

13. In order to be saved, in whom must we believe? Acts 16:30, 31

John 3:16-18.

14. How may we find forgiveness of our sins and peace with God? Romans 3:24, 25, Romans 5:1.

15. Can any one be freed from his sins by keeping the law? Romans 3:20.

16. If we cannot be freed from past sins by obedience to the law, is it then required of us to keep the law? 1 John 2:1-6

Revelation 14:12.

17. Through what motive alone can we render acceptable obedience to God's commandments? Love, not duty, or sacrifice, or by endeavoring to justify ourselves.

Romans 13:10

1 John 5:3.

18. When we believe in Jesus, have we any evidence in ourselves that we are pardoned and accepted of God? 1 John 5:10.

19. Which comes first, the evidence given from Heaven that we are accepted, or our faith in God's promise?

20. Upon what condition has God promised to forgive us our sins?

1 John 1:9

Mark 11:25, 26.

If we were in trial on account of indebtedness, or otherwise, and should go to a friend and lay the matter before him, asking assistance, and he should promise to render it immediately. If we believed his word, would not our troubles at once be over, even before we had seen any of his money? So, if we believe God's word, relief will immediately come to us.

21. Does the Bible warrant us in believing that we receive the things we ask for, even before we are conscious of possessing them?

Mark 11:24.

22. May we hope to grow in faith? Romans 1:17

2 Thessalonians 1:3.

23. Is our faith and confidence in God's constant care and love for us to be tested and tried by the circumstances in which we are placed, and the difficulties through which he leads us, to purify and cleanse us?

James 1:2, 3

1 Peter 1:3-9.

24. What is it our privilege to believe under all circumstances? Romans 8:28.

25. Will faith control vicious animals and the effect of fire, and paralyze the power of large armies, etc.? Hebrews 11:32-34.

26. Will faith enable us to endure to the end?

2 Corinthians 1:24.

27. What had Paul been enabled to do in which he rejoiced at the time of his death? 2 Timothy 4:7.

28. Is unbelief a sin? Hebrews 3:12, 18, 19

Revelation 21:8.

29. Who alone has the promise of being saved? Mark 16:16.

30. What is said of faith unaccompanied with good works? James 2:20, 26.
31. May we trust God for our temporal necessities if we obey him? Matthew 6:33,34.
32. While we trust in God to supply us with daily food, would we be justified in remaining idle? Galatians 5:6  
2 Thessalonians 3:10-12.
33. If faith is based upon the word of God, what would be one of the most fruitful causes of unbelief, or lack of faith?  
A neglect of the Bible.
34. Is it possible to exercise faith in God while we are committing any known sin? Proverbs 28:9  
1 John 3:19-22.
35. What question did the Savior ask some who did not believe in him? John 5:44.
36. Shall we receive anything in answer to our prayers unless they are offered in faith? James 1:6, 7.
37. Is there any work too great to undertake if we do so with faith in God? Mark 9:23.
38. What desire did Paul express for all those who believe? Romans 15:13.

Faith will strengthen and grow by exercise. It is not something we may do once for all, but every day we are to believe in God. We make it more difficult than God would have us by trying to embrace too much at one time, letting tomorrow's burdens so weigh upon us as to hinder our faith in the precious promise: "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

We are also not to try to have faith in our own faith, but direct our minds straight toward God and his dear Son; and while contemplating their faithfulness, their love, the r power and wisdom, our faith will unconsciously increase. Learn to have faith in Jesus as a personal friend. Trust him now exactly as you would were he here personally among us. Our feelings also have nothing to do with our faith, for it is our privilege to believe when feeling the most uncomfortable, and when in the greatest darkness.

## **Two Codes of Laws**

1. Did the Lord give two distinct codes of laws to his people? Nehemiah 9:13, 14.

Yes; one, the moral law, which God spoke himself, and wrote upon tables of stone at Mount Sinai. The other, the ceremonial law-the, gospel in shadow-given through Moses, and written by him in a book.

2. Does the Lord speak of one of these laws as one which he himself commanded the people, and the other as one which Moses commanded them?

2 Kings 21:8.

3. How much was included in the law which the Lord himself spoke? Deuteronomy 4:12, 13.

4. Is it certain that nothing more than the ten commandments were included? Deuteronomy 5:22.

5. Upon what was the law of God written? Deuteronomy 5:22.

6. Did the Lord write this law himself? Deuteronomy 9:10

Deuteronomy 10:1-5.

7. Who wrote the other law? And in what did he write it? Deuteronomy 31:24.

8. Where was this book of the law kept? Deuteronomy 31:26.

In a pocket on the outside of the ark.



9. Where were the ten commandments placed?

Deuteronomy 10:5.

The ten commandments in the ark pointed out sin. The book of the law on the side was the gospel in shadow, and taught how sin could be removed from the transgressor of the law in the ark.

10. What does David say of God's law? Psalm 19:7.

What does Paul say of it? Romans 7:12.

11. How long was the law of God to remain in force? Compare

Deuteronomy 7:9-11 Psalm 111:7,8;

Psalm 119:142, 172 With Isaiah 51:6, 7.

12. What statement does Christ make in reference to the perpetuity of the law? Luke 16:17, 18

Matthew 5:17-19 Matthew 15:1-9.

13. Does faith in Christ make void this law? Romans 3:31.

14. How many are amenable to this law? Verse 19.

15. If this law were not in full force now, could it condemn the whole world? Romans 4:15.

16. Are Christians to observe the ceremonial regulations of the law of Moses? Acts 15:5, 6, 24

Galatians 5:2

1 Corinthians 7: 19.

The ceremonial law being a typical gospel must pass away when the real comes. To observe the shadow longer would be to deny the real.

17. Are Christians to keep the law of God? 1 John 5:3.

18. What is said of any one who says he loves God yet does not keep his commandments? 1 John 2:4.

19. Will the Lord hear the prayer of those who turn away their ears from hearing his law? Proverbs 28:9.

20. Can we keep the law in our own strength? Romans 7:14-25.

21. Can we keep the law with the help of Christ? Romans 8:1-4

Philippians 4:13.

22. Do those keep the law who break any part of it? James 2:10, 11.

23. Do those break the law who do not keep the seventh day? Exodus 16:27, 28.

24. Will those who are prepared for Christ's Second Coming keep the law of God? Revelation 14:12

Revelation 22:14.

25. What does David say he did in reference to the keeping of God's commandments? Psalm 119:59, 60.

26. What does God say he will do if Christ's professed followers forsake his law? Psalm 89:27-32.

27.What does Christ in John 15:10 say He has done? The Two Laws Compared

## **The Nature of Man**

1.Is man mortal or immortal? Job 4:17.

This word translated “mortal man” is used 514 times in the Old Testament, but usually translated man. See 2 Chronicles 14:11, margin.

2. How many times is the word “immortal” used in the Bible? Once.

1 Timothy 1:17. See Concordance.

3. Who alone does the Bible say is immortal? 1 Timothy 6:15-16 John 5:26.

4. How many times is the word “immortality” found in the Bible? Five times.

1 Timothy 6:16

1 Corinthians 15:53, 54 Romans 2:7

2 Timothy 1:10.

5. When is it said that man shall have immortality?

1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

6. Through what is immortality brought to light for man?

2 Timothy 1:10.

7. What must we do in order to obtain it? Romans 2:7.

8. Since we are to seek for immortality, does not this prove that we do not possess it now? Romans 8:24,25.

9. What gift has God promised to those who believe in Jesus? Romans 6:23

John 3:16. Eternal life.

10. Do the wicked have eternal life? 1 John 3:15.

11. What did God do immediately after Adam sinned? Genesis 3: 24.

12. What reason did God assign for depriving him of access to the tree of life? Verses 22-24.

Adam’s immortality depended upon his continued access to the tree of life God did not wish to immortalize sin, and so drove man from the tree of life. No sinner has ever passed those heavenly guards, and so no sinner has eternal life.

13. Will those who are redeemed through Christ be granted access to the tree of life? Revelation 2:7

Revelation 22:14.

14. Of what did God make man? Genesis 2:7

Genesis 3:19.

15.What was given to make him a living soul? Genesis 2:7.

16.If the breath of life made man a living soul, what was he before this breath was given him? A lifeless soul.

17.Does the Bible plainly state that man and the animals have the same breath, or spirit of life? Compare Genesis 2:7 with

Genesis 1:13-15, 21-22. Ecclesiastes 3:19.

18. Where is this breath of life? Job 27:3, margin;  
Isaiah 2:22.

Breath and spirit are translated from the same original word.

19. Where does the spirit go at death? Ecclesiastes 12:7.

This is said of all mankind good or bad, showing that the spirit or life of every living thing returns to God at death.

20. Can a living, thinking man exist when the body and spirit are separated? Psalm 146:3,4.

21. Can the soul of man die? Ezekiel 18:4

Job 33:21, 22 Psalm 22:29 Psalm 89:48.

22. Did Christ teach that the soul of man could be destroyed? Matthew 10:28

Psalm 109:17-18.

23. Did the soul of Jesus die? Isaiah 53:10

Matthew 26:38 Acts 2:31.

The word here translated hell, is Hades, the grave. The soul of Christ was in the grave. Had not the soul of Jesus been made an offering for sin we should then have had merely a human sacrifice.

24. With this view, may we not fully believe the Bible statement that "CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS"? I Corinthians 15:3.

25. From the foregoing is it not evident that God designed to bestow the gift of immortality upon those only who, during their probation, prove their title to such a priceless blessing, by a life of obedience and well doing, through faith in Jesus Christ? Romans 6:23

John 3:15.

The original words from which "soul" is translated occur in the Bible 373 times; 768 times in the Old Testament, and 105 times in the New. The word rendered "spirit," 827 times, 442 times in the Old Testament, and 385 in the New. Their aggregate use is 1,700 times. They are never once qualified by the words "immortal," "deathless" or "never dying." If the Holy Spirit in using these words 1,700 times never so qualifies them are we in our use of them justified in using language differing from that of the Holy Spirit? "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Proverbs 30:6.

## **The Fate of the Wicked**

1. WHAT is the final result of sin? James 1:15

Romans 6:23.

2. Do the righteous experience this death? Revelation 20:6.

The first death is common to all, both righteous and wicked. The second death falls upon the wicked only, and from it there is no resurrection.

3. Has God designed any one should suffer the second death? Hebrews 9:27.

"Once to die" - the result of original sin.

4. Where will the second death be inflicted? Proverbs 1:31.

“On the earth” where the sins were committed.

5. By what means? Matthew 13:40.

6. Is the earth reserved for this purpose? 2 Peter 3:7.

7. Then are the wicked being punished now? 2 Peter 2:9

Job 21:28-30.

There is a day of judgment. The trial of the wicked must precede their punishment.

8. What is the earth when enveloped in fire called? Revelation 20:9, 10.

9. What does the Savior call it? Matthew 13:41, 42.

10. Is this the second death? Revelation 20:14.

11. For whom was this fire originally prepared? Matthew 25:41.

12. Will any of the wicked escape it? Malachi 4:1.

13. What will be the character of this death? 2 Thessalonians 1:9

Acts 3:23.

Webster defines “destroy,” to kill, to slay, to extirpate, to put an end to.

14. Did the Savior teach this? Luke 13:3

1 Corinthians 1:18.

“Perish,” to die, to lose life, to wither and decay, to come to nothing, to be blotted from existence- Webster Dictionary.

15. How will they perish?

2 Peter 2:12.

“Utterly,” that is, totally perish.

16. What will then be their condition? Obadiah 1:16

Malachi 4:3.

17. Will they all perish at the same time? Isaiah 1:28, 31.

18. The earth, the place of the wicked, is it to be destroyed? Psalm 37:10.

19. To what are they compared in their punishment? Psalm 37:20

Psalm 68:2.

Consume, to destroy by separating the parts of a thing by decomposition as by fire, etc., to bring to ruin, to exterminate. Webster Dictionary.

20. What will be the result of the fire? Proverbs 10:25.

21. What, then, may be said of this? Matthew 25:46.

That it is eternal punishment.

22. Is it possible for the soul to die? Ezekiel 18:4.

23. Can material fire destroy the soul? Isaiah 10:18

Matthew 10:28.

24. Will the righteous survive the fire? Matthew 13:43

Isaiah 33:14, 15.

25. After the fire, what follows? 2 Peter 3:13

Revelation 21:1.

26. What promise of the Savior will be fulfilled then? Matthew 5:5.

27. What universal song will then be sung? Revelation 5:13,

This could not be possible if some were still suffering eternal torment.

28. Who alone will have eternal life? Romans 2:7.

## **Eternal Fire**

1. Has punishment by everlasting fire ever been visited upon any people? Jude 1:7.

2. As a consequence of this eternal fire, into what were these cities turned? 2 Peter 2:6.

3. Did it require an eternity to accomplish this? Lamentations 4:6.

4. If these cities were overthrown and “turned into ashes,” must not the fire have long since ceased to burn? Certainly. It is supposed that the Dead Sea now covers the site of these cities.

5. Will the fire into which the wicked are to be cast reduce them also to ashes? Malachi 4:1-3.

6. When this is accomplished, must not the fire that consumes them cease to burn?

7. Why, then, is it called eternal, or everlasting, fire?

Dr. Barnes, in his “Notes,” makes the following comment on Jude 1:7: “The phrase ‘eternal fire’ is one that is often used to denote future punishment as expressing the severity and intensity of the suffering. As here used, it cannot mean that the fires which consumed Sodom and Gomorrah were literally eternal, or were kept always burning; for that was not true. In this connection the expression seems to denote two things: 1. That the destruction of the cities of the plain, with their inhabitants, was as entire and perpetual as if the fires had been always burning—the consumption was absolute and enduring, the sinners were wholly cut off, and the cities forever rendered desolate: and 2. That, in its nature and duration, this was a striking emblem of the destruction which will come upon the ungodly.”

8. What does Christ say of the fire into which the wicked shall be cast? Mark 9:43-46.

This whole passage is quoted by Jesus from Isaiah 66; 24, and refers to the carcasses of the wicked (their dead bodies), and so teaches the utter extinction of the wicked by fire and worms. The word here used by Christ is Gehenna, the valley, of Hinnom, the place where the refuse of Jerusalem was burned. The worm is an element of destruction. Isaiah 51:7, 8.

9. Concerning what ancient city is it said the fire never should be quenched? Jeremiah 17:27.

10. Was this prophecy ever fulfilled? 2 Chronicles 36:19-21.

11. What would have been the condition of the city if the fire had been quenched? The palaces would not have been devoured.

12. What is to be the fate of the wicked? Psalm 37:20.

13. Can they be consumed into smoke if the fire into which they are to be cast be quenched? No.

14. Can any unquenchable fire ever cease burning?

Yes; just as soon as it has utterly consumed that upon which it Preys.

15. What is said about the smoke of the torment of certain wicked persons? Revelation 14:11.

16. In the old dispensation if a servant refused to leave his master and go free at the beginning of the seventh year, what ceremony was performed, and how long was he then to serve?

He was to serve continuously as long as he lived; forever would thus terminate with the servant's life. Exodus 21:26.

17. Does forever always mean eternity? Jonah 2:6

1 Chronicles 28:4.

18. What, then, may we understand from the saying, "The smoke of their torment ascended up forever"? That it ascends continuously as long as there is anything in existence from which it can ascend.

Hosea 13:3.

The Greek word *aion*, translated forever, is limited by that to which it is applied. Liddell and Scott, Greek and English Lexicon, define it: (1) A space or period of time, a life-time, a life. (2) Of longer periods, an age, generation, period. (3) An indefinitely long space of time, eternity. (4) One's age or time of life. Thus, when applied to man, *aion* covered the period of his life. When applied to burning cities, until they were consumed. When applied to the wicked, until they were reduced to ashes. When applied to God or the righteous, eternity.

**TORMENTED**:-The original word which has been translated tormented, is *Basanizo*, from *Basattos*, or the Latin *lapis Lydius*, Liddell and Scott say refers to the Greek touchstone, by which gold was then, and still is tested. The first definition of the word is consequently- testing," and should have been so translated. All difficulty with the text would have thus been removed, and the character of God been represented as a just judge, instead of that of a fiendish Nero, taking delight in the torment of His creatures. Men and demons have united in misrepresenting the merciful character of our gracious God. Let the text be translated: "The smoke of their testing ascended up forever and ever."

The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." 1 Corinthians 3:13. The presence of smoke mingled with the flame proclaims the presence of alloy. Pure gold gives off no smoke. The righteous and wicked are both tested by fire. See Isaiah 33:14-17. But fire will not burn the righteous, and no smoke ascends from their testing. The evil has all been burned out of their characters during their life of probation, and like the three Hebrew children, the fire cannot hurt them. The furnace of affliction and the trials of life have purified them, and no smoke appears when the final test is made. But not so with the wicked: they burn as the chaff, the oil, the stubble fully dry, and the smoke arising from their burning is the proof to all witnesses that they are wicked. Thus the smoke of their final and eternal testing ascends forever and ever. There will be no second test.

## **Righteousness**

"Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Psalm 85:10 95

1. GOD is righteous. Psalm 145:17

Revelation 16:5 Psalm 97:2.

2. Are any others righteous? Matthew 19:17.

3. If none are good but God, then must not all goodness come from God? Isaiah 45:24

4. But are there none good among men naturally? Romans 3:10.

5. If there is not one righteous among men, can there be any then who do good? Romans 3:12.

6. From whence, then, must all good that is done in the earth come? Isaiah 26:12.

God is then the inspirer of every good plan and deed. The almshouses, hospitals, children's homes, rescue homes and all philanthropic work is from him. Man left to himself would destroy the aged and infirm and oppress the weak and helpless, but mighty waves of inspired good from Christ and God yet visit our world, and men are led to yield to them and to let the merciful and good Spirit of God over-ride their natural spirit and good. It is wrought through them, and in many instances in spite of them. Wicked men led by motives of pride and selfishness, give of their means to glorify themselves, God turns even this to good.

7. Do men who are truly enlightened as to their condition acknowledge their unrighteousness? Isaiah 64:6

Ezra 9:6 Exodus 9:27.

8. How did all men come to be sinners?

By the disobedience of the first man, Adam, our representative head. Romans 5:19-21.

9. Do men from birth inherit a disposition to sin? Psalm 51:5.

10. Is this inherited disposition to sin stronger than man's best resolves and endeavors? Romans 7:18,19.

11. Has this power of sin over man become a very law of his nature? Romans 7:21-23.

12. Has man then become a bondservant to this law of sin? John 8:34,

13. What is the standard of righteousness?

The character of God, the only Righteous One, as expressed in his law, and revealed in the life of Jesus Christ, the Righteous.

14. Is the law of God said to be righteous? Romans 7:12

Psalm 119:144, 172.

15. Who is said to have a correct understanding of righteousness? Isaiah 51:7

Hebrews 10:16.

Sinful man cannot attain to righteousness by keeping the law, for an unrighteous man cannot observe a righteous law. Man can do no better than he is. He must be made better before he can do better. Having been born in sin, he must be born again. John 3: 3. He must be created anew in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:24. For in attaining to righteousness nothing will avail but a new creature. Galatians 6:15. Having sinned, he must always in himself come short, for all have sinned and come short of the "glory [character] of God." "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the Knowledge of sin."

Romans 3:20, 23.

16. Israel tried to attain to righteousness by their own efforts, did they succeed? Romans 9:31.

17. Why did they not attain? Romans 9:32.

18. Did they have correct views of righteousness? Romans 10:3.

Man's effort to establish his own righteousness results only in the production of Pharisees and hypocrites, who represent themselves to be better than they are, and who are not honest enough to confess themselves sinners, and thus justify God.

Psalm 51:4 Romans 3:4 Romans 2:21-23

19. If man could have attained to righteousness by his own works, would the sacrifice of Christ have been necessary?

Galatians 2:21.

20. How has God planned that man may become righteous? As he became a sinner-through the deeds of one.

Romans 5:19, 20.

21. Is the righteousness of Christ to be as far-reaching in its effects as was sin? Romans 5:20, 21.

22. Is the dominion of sin to be broken? Romans 6:11, 12, 14, 22

John 8:36.

23. Does deliverance through Christ include freedom from the law of sin in our members? Romans 8:2.

24. How is the righteousness of Christ obtained? It is received as a gift. Romans 5:15-17.

25. To whom is it given? Romans 3:22.

26. Is not this a perfectly just plan, that as through the sin of one all were plunged into sin, so through the obedience of One, all who believe in him may be rescued from sin?

Romans 3:26.

27. In whom only then can he boast who receives so priceless a gift as righteousness? 1 Corinthians 1:30, 31

Isaiah 45:25.

28. What becomes of all self-boasting? Romans 3:27.

29. What is the source, then, of all righteousness? Isaiah 54:17

Jeremiah 23:6.

30. Is there an abundance of righteousness for all? Psalm 36:6

Isaiah 45:8.

The supply, then, can never be exhausted as long as God has power to create.

31. Will God make the righteousness of Christ to appear in the life of the believer? Isaiah 60:21

Isaiah 61:10, 11.

32. Does righteousness by faith transform the life? Ephesians 2:10

Philippians 1:11 1 John 3:7.

33. Is the righteousness obtained by faith in harmony with the law of righteousness? Romans 3:21.

The law, like a mirror, witnesses both to defects and grace. The righteousness of Christ is the very righteousness of God required by the law. "For Christ is the end [object] of the law for righteousness to every one that believes."

Romans 10:4 1 Timothy 1:5.

34. Do we, then, make void the law through faith? Romans 3:21.

Christ, the author of faith and righteousness, kept the law.

Hebrews 10:7

Psalm 40:7, 8

John 15:10.

Abraham, the father of all them that believe, kept the law.



Genesis 26:5

Romans 4:3.

Christ's followers keep the law (Revelation 14:12), not to become righteous, but because they are righteous. Those who claim faith in Christ while continuing in transgression of the law, make Christ the minister of sin. Galatians 2:17. The evidence that the righteousness of Christ has been received by faith is seen in the working out of righteousness in the life, in perfect obedience to God. 1 John 2:29; 3:4-10.

What we all need is a living faith that lays hold of the righteousness of Christ until the life is transformed into the obedience of Christ. The command to all is - "AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND SIN NOT." 1 Corinthians 15:34.

## **The Resurrection**

1. "THERE shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24:15.

2. Jesus plainly taught this. John 5:28, 29.

3. The dead are to be raised through the power of Christ. John 5:21, 25

John 11:25.

4. This is the plan of God. John 6:39, 40.

5. The apostles preached the resurrection through Jesus. Acts 4:2

Acts 17:18, 32.

6. They taught that without a resurrection the dead are perished. 1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 32.

7. Little children are to be raised. Jeremiah 31:16.

8. There will be two resurrections. **FIRST**

The resurrection of the just.

Luke 14:14,

This is called the first resurrection Revelation 20:6.

It takes place at the Second Advent of Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:22, 23, 52

1 Thessalonians 4:16.

**SECOND**

The resurrection of the unjust.

Acts 24:15.

Takes place one thousand years after the first. Revelation 20

Those raised in the second resurrection die the second death. Revelation 20:12-15.

9. The righteous have an experience now in the power that raises the dead. Romans 8:10, 11.

10. Paul earnestly sought after this knowledge. Philippians 3:10, 11.

11. Our bodies are to be made like Christ's glorified body. Philippians 3:20, 21

1 Corinthians 15:47-49.

12. Real spiritual bodies. 1 Corinthians 15: 42-46.

13. The prophets speak plainly of the resurrection.

JOB testifies:-

“I know that my Redeemer lives. That he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Though after worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Whom I shall see for myself.” Job 19:25-27.

DAVID testifies:- “As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness.” Psalm 17:15.

ISAIAH sings:-

“Thy dead men shall live, Together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, you that dwell in dust; The earth shall cast out the dead.” Isaiah 26:19.

EZEKIEL prophecies:-

“Thus said the Lord God, Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And shall put my spirit in you, and you shall live.” Ezekiel 37:12-14.

HOSEA speaks for God:-

“I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues. O grave, I will be thy destruction.” Hosea 13:14.

14. The last enemy is to be destroyed by the resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:26.

15. The resurrection of Jesus is a pledge and proof of the resurrection of his people.

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14

Hebrews 2:9-15

1 Peter 1:3-5

2 Corinthians 4:13, 14.

16. Baptism is a symbol of burial and the resurrection, and is thus an expression of faith by the believer. Romans 6:3-5

Colossians 2:12 Colossians 3:1-4.

17. Christians earnestly look forward to the resurrection. Romans 8:23

2 Corinthians 5:1-5.

## **The Holy Spirit**

Is Eternal. Hebrews 9:14.

Is Omnipotent. Psalm 139:7-13.

Is All Wise.

1 Corinthians 2:10, 11.

Creates and gives life. Genesis 1:26, 27

Job 33:4 Job 26:13.

Inspired all Scripture. 2 Timothy 3:16 with 2 Peter 1:21.

Gives power to God’s ministers. Acts 1:8.

Begets spiritual life. John 3:5, 6.

Imparts love and hope. Romans 5:3-5

Romans 8:13.

Appoints and commissions ministers. Isaiah 48:16

Acts 13:2 Acts 20:28.

Directs ministers where to preach. Acts 8:29

Acts 10:19,20.

Directs ministers where not to preach. Acts 16:6, 7.

Directs ministers what to preach.

1 Corinthians 2:13

2 Samuel 23:2.

Gives power to their preaching. 1 Corinthians 2:4

Zechariah 4:6.

He spoke in and by the prophets. Acts 1 16

1 Peter 1:11, 12

2 Peter 1:21.

Strives with sinners. Genesis 6:3

Revelation 22:17.

He reproves. John 16:8.

He comforts. Acts 9:31.

He helps our infirmities. Romans 8:26.

He teaches. John 14:26.

He guides. John 16:13.

He sanctifies. Romans 15:16

1 Corinthians 6:11.

Testifies of Christ. John 15:26.

Glorifies Christ. John 16:14.

He has power. Romans 15:13.

Knows all things.

1 Corinthians 2:10, 11.

Dispenses gifts to men. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11.

He dwells in God's people. John 14:16, 17

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Corinthians 6:19.

Can be grieved. Ephesians 4:30.

Can be vexed. Isaiah 63:10.

Can be resisted. Acts 7:51.

Can be tempted. Acts 5:9.

Witnesses acceptance with God. Galatians 4:6

Ephesians 1:13, 14.

### **SUBSTITUTION**

Christ was made sin for us.

He took our position with all its consequences.

He was treated as sin upon the cross.

He was cast out of God's presence, because he had sin upon him by imputation.

He had to endure the hiding of God's countenance.

He had to pass through three hours of darkness,

He was forsaken of God for a time.

All that was due to us, as ruined sinners, was laid upon him.

There was everything against him when He hung upon the accursed tree.

He was identified with us in the reality of death and judgment.

He drank the cup of wrath.

He was treated according to our deserts.

That we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

That we might get all his position with all its consequences.

That we might be treated as righteousness in the presence of Infinite holiness.

That we might be received into God's house, because have a perfect right by Imputation.

That we might bask in the light of that countenance forever.

That we might walk in everlasting light.

That we might enjoy his presence forever.

In order that all that was due to him as the accomplishment of Redemption: might be ours.

In order that there might be nothing against us.

In order that we might be identified with him in the reality of life and glory.

That we might drink the cup of salvation and infinite favor.

That we might be treated according to his deserts.

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## **Spiritualism**

ATTENDING spiritual seances is forbidden by God. Isaiah 8:19, 20

Leviticus 19:31

Deuteronomy 18:10-14 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14 Leviticus 20:6.

Signs, wonders, and miracles may be wrought to deceive. Deuteronomy 13:1-5

Revelation 13:13, 14.

Satanic agencies do this work. Revelation 16:14; 12:9-12.

This movement in the last days foretold. 1 Timothy 4:1.

The rise of Spiritualism thus a sign of the last days.

Deceives kings, and becomes worldwide before the Second Advent of Christ. Revelation 16:10-18

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10.

Those who reject the truth, the word of God, will be led away by it. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

2 Timothy 3:8.

Christ alone can save from it. Matthew 11:22-30

Luke 11:20-26 Acts 13:4-12 Hebrews 2:14, 15.

To meet this Christ gave his ministers- power to cast out devils. Matthew 10:7, 8

Mark 6:7, 12, 13.

They rejoiced in this power. Luke 10:17-20

Acts 16:16-18. "Resist the devil." James 4:7.

Modern Spiritualism arose in Hydesville, New York, U.S.A., in 1848, in the Fox family. For over fifty years it has been before the world, and, judged by its fruits, should be rejected. It rejects the Bible, denies God and Christ, and admits that its communications are from lying spirits.

Thus Dr. Childs in the Banner of Light, October 26, 1864, said: Nor can we doubt, I think, that there are a diverse host of badly misdirected spirits. The lower spirits seek to undo the good work of the higher, and to harass and to annoy, and subject to suffering, medium and sitter. They will deceive us for their amusement. Where is the medium but what has either seen or felt this? I have both. But wise spirits, who are to us the revelators and executors of the divine will, designedly deceive us for our good." Thus the best of the spirits connected with Spiritualism are wicked.

## **The Calendar**

THE present method of dividing time into weeks of seven days is of divine origin, having its beginning in the first week of time. Genesis 1 and 2:1-3. "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:11. In order to establish the week, and to give to man a correct example of computing and using time, God himself worked six days in creation, and gave to the days their respective numbers; and rested the seventh day, and named it, "The Sabbath of the Lord thy God." The act of Deity is man's highest example, the command of God his highest law.

The time from Adam to the flood was spanned by the lives of three men. Methuselah lived with Adam 243 years, and with Noah 600 years. Methuselah died in the year of the flood, 1,656 of the world's history. See Genesis 5.

During the forty years' sojourn in the wilderness, God kept the weekly calendar for the people by giving them a certain rate of manna the first five days, and a double portion on the sixth, and none on the seventh day. Thus, by three miracles weekly, for forty years was the weekly calendar kept infallibly correct. From the time of the settlement of the Jews in Palestine men were appointed to give their attention to the calendar, and to publicly proclaim the days of the week, month, and year. This they did with great scrupulousness and accuracy.

When Jesus Christ came into the world he endorsed the Jewish calendar by observing the Sabbath upon the seventh day with them (Luke 4:16, 31), and by calling it the Sabbath, and claiming to be its Lord. Matthew 12:8-12.

The Holy Ghost endorsed that calendar by stating that the holy women rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment, when they observed the day following the crucifixion, which would not have been true if the calendar had not been correct (Luke 23:54-56), and by many times calling this day observed by the Jews, "The Sabbath." Mark 16:1; Acts 13:42, 44; 16:13; 17:3; 18:4. The present calendar hanging in your homes, which places Sunday as the first day of the week, and Saturday as the seventh (the Sabbath), is in harmony with the entire record from the first week of time, and the correctness of this calendar is based upon the eclipse dates reaching seven hundred years before Christ, to an eclipse recorded by the Egyptian astronomer, Ptolemy.

The Julian calendar was introduced by Julius Caesar, BC 46, after his visit to Egypt, and his studies with the Egyptian astronomers. By the Julian calendar 365 days were computed to each year, and every fourth year 366. This was found so nearly correct that it was generally adopted for almost sixteen centuries, until AD 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII, in order to restore the commencement of the year to the same place it occupied at the Council of Nice, directed that the 5th of October, 1582, be reckoned the 5th of October. This, at the same time, restored and established the date of the vernal equinox to March 21. Gregory further directed that the year thenceforward should consist of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds; that every fourth year be reckoned a leap year, excepting every hundredth year, which should not be so reckoned, except again every four hundredth year. By this calendar the difference between the civil and the natural year will not amount to a day in 3,333 years. Hence the impossibility of losing time. This calendar has been generally adopted throughout the world. The change from the Julian "old style" to the Gregorian "new style" affected only the yearly cycle. It in no way affected the week. Monday noon, October 5, was called Monday noon, October 15; it remained still the same day of the week. Those nations who for centuries refused to adopt the new style were in perfect harmony in their week count with those who did adopt it, their names and numbers of the days of the week exactly corresponding with ours. The seventh day of the present calendar is the Sabbath.

## **The Two Israels**

ISRAEL is the name chosen by God for his entire family which He has adopted from the earth through faith in Christ. Galatians 6:16; Ephesians 1:4, 5. They are called the Commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:12, 19); The household of God. A chosen generation. A holy nation. An holy temple (1 Peter 2:9) built for an habitation. God through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:20, 21. Christ is the chief corner stone of the building. The apostles and prophets are foundation stones, and each believer in Christ becomes a living stone in the building. 1 Peter 2:5.

The family of Jacob, to whom God first gave the name of Israel (Genesis 32:28), were separated from all the families of earth to be a type of the greater Israel to be the depositaries of truth for all other nations (Romans 3:1), and a channel of blessing to all others (Genesis 12:2); to be a missionary people. But they failed to carry out the great purpose of God, and only a remnant of the descendants of the earthly Israel will, therefore, be saved. Romans 9:27. A remnant from each generation will be grafted in again through faith in Christ, and be numbered with the true Israel, which is made up from all peoples, nations, and languages. Revelation 5:9,10.

Much of the experience of the typical Israel is repeated by the true, as will be seen in the following comparisons and contrasts. Christ is the seed to whom all the promises were made (Galatians 3:16), and through him all the promises may be obtained. Galatians 3:29. To him, at his Second Advent, shall the gathering of all the people of Israel be. Genesis 49:10. The word Israel occurs in the Bible 2,539 times. The word Jew occurs thirty two times only. See Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.

### **Israel in the Flesh.**

Jacob was the head of the typical family.  
Genesis 32:28.

Jacob's twelve sons became the heads of the twelve tribes. Genesis 49:28.

Were born after the flesh. Galatians 4:23.

Are in bondage to sin. Galatians 4:30.

The earthly Jerusalem in Palestine is called their mother city. Galatians 4:25.

Were heirs of Canaan in Palestine. Numbers 34:2.

Were separated from the world. Deuteronomy 7:1-6.

They had an earthly typical sanctuary made by man. Hebrews 9:1.

Their service was typical. Hebrews 8:5, Hebrews 9:23, 24.

Had a typical high priest. Hebrews 9:9.

Circumcised in the flesh only. Romans 2:28.

Were Jews outwardly. Romans 2:28, Romans 2:17.

Say they are Jews, and are not. Revelation 3:9.

Are not the children of God, on account of descent from Abraham. Romans 9:8, Galatians 3:29.

Were cast off by God. Psalm 74:1.

But may be grafted in again. Romans 11:15, 17, 23, 24.

Beloved for their father's sake. Romans 11:28.

A remnant only shall be saved. Romans 9:27.

Fleshly Israelites persecute others, Galatians 4:29.

Christ promised to them. Genesis 49:10, Daniel 9:27 Isaiah 6:7.

Christ came from them. Romans 9:3-5, Hebrews 7:14.

Christ was rejected by them. Isaiah 53:3, Acts 3:12-15.

Blindness in part happened to them. Romans 11:25.

Those not blinded by their unbelief in the apostles' days accepted Christ. The same is true of every generation since.

Blindness similarly overtakes the Gentiles who reject Christ. Ephesians 4:17-18.

They rejected God as their King, and chose a man in order to be like other nations. 1 Samuel 8:7.  
Scattered among the nations because of sin, Deuteronomy 28:58-67 Jeremiah 9:12-16 Deuteronomy 4:27 Ezra 9:7.  
Were gathered back to their own land, Ezra 9:9; 7:13.

### **THE FIRST GATHERING**

All Israel were restored at this time in fulfillment Of the promises. All the Old Testament prophets, who prophesied of the return of the literal Israel prophesied before Christ BC 486. The return of Israel from captivity was 457 BC. The kings of the Gentiles helped them with money. Ezra 7, One generation of Israel was gathered at this time, All Israel living dwelt again in their cities. Nehemiah 7:73. Fleshly Israelites still plan for the restoration of Palestine and the building up of a city again by man.

### **The Spiritual Israel.**

Christ is the King and Head of the true. Luke 1:32, 33, John 1:49 Acts 2:36.

The twelve apostles are to become the heads of the twelve tribes. Matthew 19:28.

Are born of the Spirit. Galatians 4:29

John 1:13 John 3:5, 6.

Are free born. Galatians 4:31

Romans 8:2.

The heavenly city, Jerusalem which is above, is tile mother of all true Israelites. Galatians 4:26  
John 3:3.

Are heirs of the whole world. Romans 4:13

Galatians 3:8, 9, 16, 29.

Were separated from the world. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Romans 12:2 1 Peter 4:1.

Have the true heavenly sanctuary made by God. Hebrews 8:2.

This service actual, real. Hebrews 10:14.

Christ is the true High Priest. Hebrews 8:1.

Circumcised in heart. Romans 2:29.

Jews inwardly. Romans 2:29.

Are Israelites indeed. John 1:50.

Are the children of God through Christ. Romans 9:8

Galatians 3:29.

Have never been cast off. Romans 11:1.

Beloved for Christ's sake. John 16:27.

All the true Israel shall be saved. Romans 11:26.

True Israelites suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

Galatians 4:29.

Expected by them.

Luke 2:25, 26, 38, margin Luke 24:21.

Is accepted by them.

John 1:12

John 6:67-69.

The true were never blinded, Proverbs 4; 18

1 Thessalonians 5:5.

Israelites indeed accept Christ as their King, John 1:49.

Were scattered among the nations to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Matthew 28:19

Acts 8:4.

Will be gathered to their own land. Ezekiel 37:12-14.

### **THE SECOND AND LAST GATHERING**

Isaiah 11:11, 12; Jeremiah 23:3-8.

The angels will assist at this gathering. Matthew 24:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Isaiah 27:12, 13.

All Israel are gathered through the resurrection of all Israel from the foundation of the world. The gathering of the

remnants of all generations. The new earth is their inheritance

Matthew 5:5

Psalm 37:3, 9, 11

Deuteronomy 32:8, 9

Isaiah 11:9 and chapter 35.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35:10; 65:17-25; 66:22, 23; Revelation 21.

True Israelites, like their father Abraham, look for a city whose builder and maker is God, which comes down from God out of heaven (Revelation 3:11, 12), and for a heavenly country. Hebrews 11:10,16. This is the city of the true Israel. Note the names of the twelve tribes on its gates. All who enter it-the nations of them which are saved (verse 24)-belong to some one of these tribes.

Then there will be one fold, one Shepherd, one Israel. John 10:16, John 11:50-52.

### **ONE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH**

Zechariah 14:9.

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