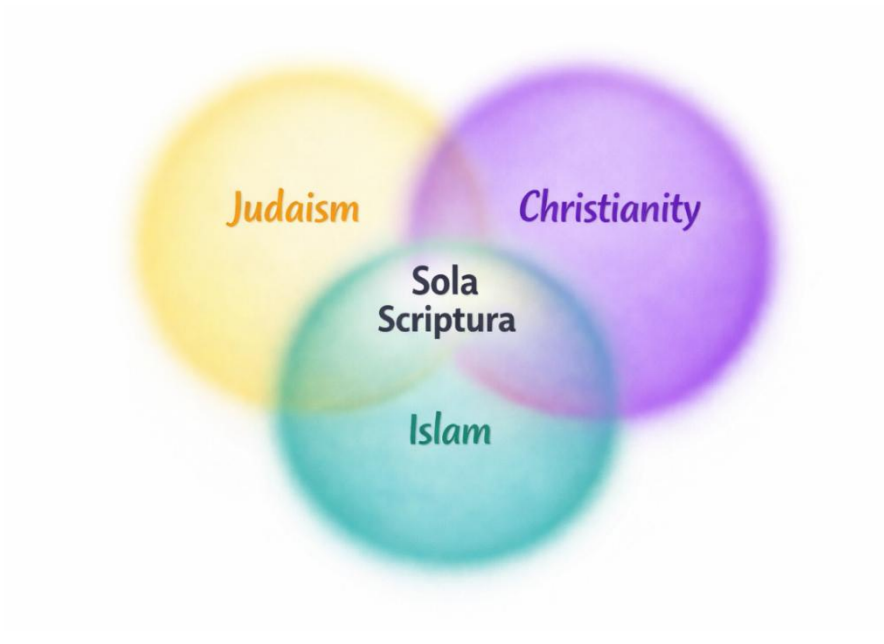


The Religions of Men

How Traditions have replaced the Word of God



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1 Thessalonians 5:21

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A1. Introduction

***"But wicked men and imposters will advance from bad to worse, misleading and being misled."* 2 Tim.3:13**

Religion is a fundamental form of worldview or paradigm. Martin Marty, a great historian of religion, said that religion serves two functions: first, a message of personal salvation; and second, how to interpret the world.

In **Matthew 24**, Jesus warns us about being deceived. **Mark 13:5-6**, **Luke 21:8** Paul urged us *"to test all things"* and *"to hold fast what is good"*. **1 Thess.5:21** This highlights the need for discernment, to understand the difference between right and wrong, and not to be deceived. This book is geared towards such ends.

Welcome to *The Religions of Men*. This book is intended for Jews and gentiles of all religions. It explains many of the hidden truths that have been lost in the mire of religious tradition and *dogma* for centuries. *"We like sheep have gone astray,"* taken the *wide path* as it were, as we have been greatly deceived. Why else would Jesus have given have warned us numerous times of this? **Deception** is purposefully mentioned over **160** times in the Bible.

The Religions of Men provides critical elements towards a biblical education. It is important to grasp these essential truths early on to avoid any setbacks, and to provide for independent thinking and a Scriptural moral code. Although strategic in nature, these concepts are not complicated. In fact, once you see the **picture in focus**, everything will make sense.

The facts presented in this book are **'sola scriptura.'** It is void of untruths and *dogma*, even though you might at first think otherwise. Study the Scriptures presented, and verify what is written. Bible references are given as primary evidence to support facts presented, with some secondary references. Take the time to read these, and check them, as they will strengthen your faith and understanding.

Whatever your religion, if you are interested in understanding the Truth, read on. If you are looking for answers for your salvation, read on. If you

think that you know it all, I urge you to read on and reflect. Remember the warning from **Matthew 7:21-23!**

While written for all, this is tailored towards all **Bible study groups**, and **high school and college students** who have not been taught God's Word. *The Religions of Men* is available on Canvas as a high school R.I. Course. Other *MEga'* courses start from Pre-k through middle school.

Does God exist?

This question is primary in our lives today. It has been a burning question since before Noah. However, **a guess is not enough**. Ultimately, **after due study and consideration**, you need to weigh the facts and probabilities, based on a wide spectrum of facts and primary evidence, supported by secondary literature written by trusted scholars. Even **going to church will not give you the depth you need**. The only way is to read the Word, the Holy Bible, **in context**.

The essential scriptures, facts, and secondary references, are offered in this book to provide you with the context, resources, and guidance to discern this Truth for yourself.

Where do you start?

Einstein said: *"The more I study science, the more I believe in God."*

Carl Jung said: *"I cannot prove to you that God exists, but my work has proved empirically that the pattern of God exists in every man and that this pattern in the individual has at its disposal the greatest transforming energies of which life is capable. Find this pattern in your own individual self and life is transformed."*

Pasteur said: *"The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God. Also, knowing a little science takes you away from God, but more of it takes you to Him."* Pasteur is considered the father of microbiology.

Isaac Newton, one of the world's greatest scientists said: *"Opposition to godliness is atheism in profession, and idolatry in practice. Atheism is so senseless and odious to mankind that it never had many professors."* Newton expressed his belief that Bible prophecy would not be

understood *"until the time of the end"*, and that even then *"none of the wicked shall understand"*.

These are a few renowned masters and scientists who changed our world, introducing prosperity and well-being. Their research and conclusions indicate that God does indeed exist... Or perhaps, we now know better?

Remember **Romans 1:20** *"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are **without excuse.**"*

Life After Death

Man's inner spirit believes in **life after death**, and generally uses this life to ensure that death is *"overcome"*. Perhaps you could just call this optimism, but, whether Hindu (reincarnation), Buddhist (nirvana), Muslim (heaven), Native American, Jew or Christian, the belief in some form of spiritual immortality is a driving force to give meaning and purpose to life. **'Meaning'** is a core need of our psyche as it relates to everything we do. People need to believe in something. **It is a void that must be filled.** (Fig.3)

Does this commonality of belief offer any real evidence of a life hereafter? Probably not.

Sadly, in blind faith or tradition, many will find this 'evidence' in the wrong places. Some have experienced a connection with those already passed. **Most mindlessly follow a bandwagon in its pursuit, without question or doing due diligence on this critical subject.** While it is highly unlikely and illogical that all these beliefs are true, it seems though that the probable reality of an afterlife cannot be ignored.

Each religion offers different paths to achieving life after death, if at all. **Not all can be true**, especially if founded on unreliable evidence or zero probability, or based solely on man-made doctrines of 'false prophets' or ideas. But, as you will come to see, God's Word is entirely different. This book looks at biblical fundamentals that lead to the promise of salvation under the only living God, YHWH, Yeshua Messiach, aka Jesus Christ.

Discernment

“Before destruction, the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility. He that answereth a matter before he hears it, it is a folly and a shame unto him.” Proverbs 18

“You have been told that life is darkness, and in your weariness you echo what was said by the weary.” (The Prophet - Gibran) Does this reflect your faith? Are you just a follower of tradition?

In a world that often seems crazy, poor decision-making is rife in almost all aspects of our lives. It has been shown that **confidence and competence do not run compatibly.**

The Religions of Men will offer both **wisdom and discernment** in your spiritual life, showing you that God exists, and proving that the Bible is the Truth. **Wisdom starts with fear in the Lord.** **Prov.9:10, Micah 6:9, Is.11:2, Luke 12:5** This is your motivation to study the Scriptures. There is good reason.

However, *“Most strong opinions rest on global categories. A **mindful state** implies openness to new information.” (Mindfulness Ch.5)* ‘Global categories’ are mindless or low-level paradigms, based on sparse, unreliable details. It is with this caution that you are urged to **seek to understand first**. Test your paradigm of faith against fact and Scripture. *The Religions of Men* will guide you through this process.

Don't rely on tradition, or hearsay. Seek the Truth.

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
thetrumpet.com	Learn to love thinking What are your children reading?

A2. Truth and Falsehood

“Truth must be the ultimate end of the universe and is the chief aim of wisdom. To help man pursue Truth, divine wisdom came to man clothed in flesh. Additionally, the wise man must not only pursue Truth, but must refute falsehood.” (Thomas Aquinas - Summa Contra Gentiles)

Jesus said: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth." John 18:37

This book will address these **two key statements**. In our world today, we are bombarded with information, propaganda, tradition, and peer pressure, in such a random way that it is difficult to discern what's true and what isn't, what is important and what isn't, and what's relevant and what isn't. Furthermore, it becomes almost impossible to join the dots to form a strong worldview, based on the Truth.

The prevalent use of ear-pods and cell phones now allows for a constant proliferation of worldly airwaves. **Ephes.2:2** This prohibits active thinking, and more importantly reflection. These illusions and distractions are addictive, and by definition, hide both wisdom and truth from us.

Prof. Peter Senge of MIT, said that there are **3 goals to education**: understanding complexity, reflection, and fostering aspiration. Why is this relevant? **Reflection**, as shown in the last quadrant of the *Strategic Change Cycle* diagram below, is the prime means of self-correction. The inundation of 'stuff' today restricts or blocks any reflection, promoting whatever the current fads without counter. Periods of quiet are essential. **Understanding complexity** implies that you need to study the subject to develop your fundamental knowledge of principles and truth. **Aspiration** is hope, without which we lose motivation to do anything. In a controlled environment true motivation, and thinking, is lost.

Similarly, many corporations operate in a bubble, insensitive to change or customer needs, and proceed to fail. The principle is the same whether on a personal (micro) level, or a macro one. They lack strategic thinking, which requires **reflection**, and objective feedback.

In the *Strategic Change Cycle* diagram, you should see that strategic thinking occurs above the horizontal line. Firstly, the red section reflects the 'drivers' and direction of a person, organization, or country. This is known as the '**first quadrant**', and depicts what Senge terms the 'systemic structure'. Similarly, the *Paradigm Pyramid* reflects the origins of our thinking and our decision-making that results from our mindset.

Where we make bad choices, and are able to reflect objectively (against the Truth), then perhaps we can change our ways. The important perspective here is to understand what affects our thinking. Where and how do we go wrong? These two diagrams help to explain the importance of paradigms, strong values founded in truth, and a supporting culture and structure.

“Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom.” (Anonymous)

Reflection, the last quadrant, is essential to our well-being. This 'space' represents today's missing link in our urgent lifestyle. It is from this 'space' that we can choose to change. It is here that we can find Truth, repentance, and salvation. Your faith is a conscious decision.

Paradigms Define our Actions

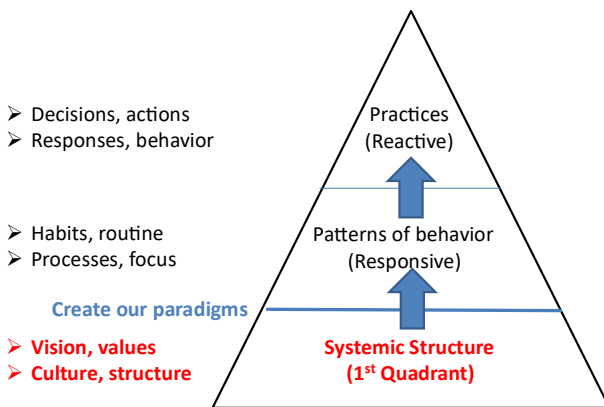


Figure 1 - Paradigm Pyramid (MEganize)

The Strategic Change Cycle

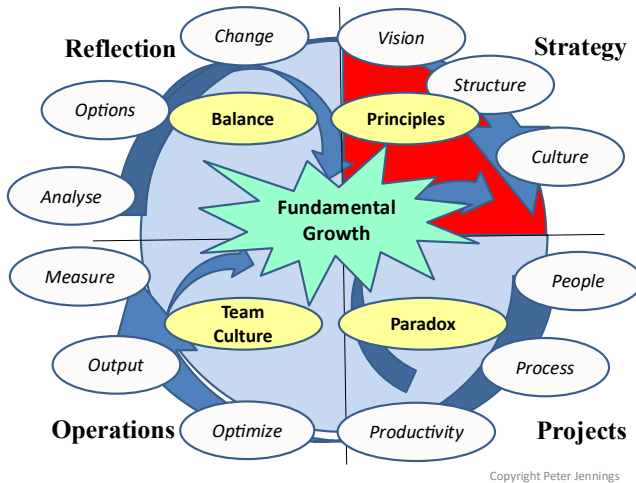


Figure 2 - Strategic Change Cycle (MEganize)

"Above all things, seek Wisdom." Proverbs 4:7

Understanding **paradigms** are fundamental to psychology, and all decision-making. The systemic structure that we grow up in largely defines how we see the world, and defines our worldview at large. (Synonyms used for paradigm are 'worldview' or 'mindset'.)

Before you dive into this critical concept, you should first draw your attention as to how our paradigms are developed.

Our brains require some sort of filtering process by which it can manage all the incoming information, so that it can draw some meaning.

'**Meaning**', as emphasized in the *Core Needs* diagram (Fig.3), is central to our need for **recognition and purpose** in life. (MEganize) The problem lies in how you establish this filtering structure in building your paradigm. This paradigm defines what is important to take in, and what to discard.

Many allow a lazy, mindless, approach in reaching this conclusion. By developing a **low-resolution paradigm**, we allow ourselves to be drawn in to all sorts of illogical beliefs, making poor decisions. Using "**global categories**" provide us with an easy way of not to think things through.

They are a short-cut. Without **critical thinking**, and an **in-depth understanding**, and a foundation of **truth**, we are open to many pitfalls and errors.

Core Needs Factors

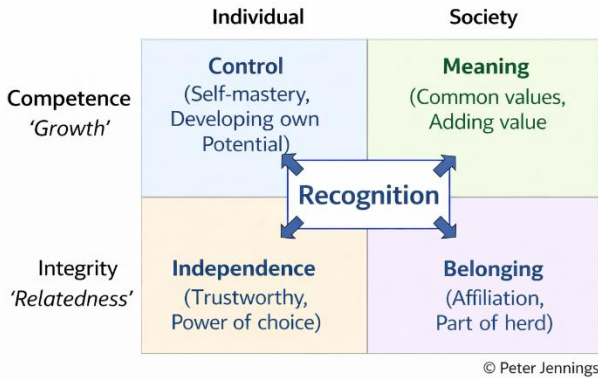


Figure 3 - Core Needs Factors (MEganize)

What is important to understand is that the 'first quadrant' drives our thinking and our lives, so you need to make sure that you establish a strong foundation from the start, based on the truth. This defines your paradigm. **Strategic thinking** requires Senge's "systems thinking", understanding fundamental issues, and how to make good decisions.

Belief systems and religions abound, so what do you believe in? Where do you start? Why should you even bother?

More importantly, who can you trust to give you the right answer?

Whether Christian, Muslim, Rabbinic Jew, Jehovah's Witness, or Mormon, all have created their version of 'the truth'. While all of these might contain elements of Truth, most deny the authority of the Bible in favor of their own paradigm. Yet all defend their faith with confidence.

But confidence in what?

Did you know that there are apparently over **45,000** 'Christian' denominations today, falling under **6** major groups or traditions, with over 100 English versions of the Bible since the King James' official

translation?! (CSGC) These are the traits of falsehood, drawing us away from God's Word and Will. It is critical to refer back to foundational documents, our primary source of reference.

The answer has to be to start with reading God's Word, to test it for Truth. We need to fulfill the **Protestant mission of 'Sola Scriptura'**.

The primary reference to use is the **New King James Bible**, translated to English from Hebrew and Greek original texts. If this meets the criteria for **accuracy** and **credibility**, and verifies that it is God's Word, then all is left is to seek God's Will in His Word.

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Books for advanced students on paradigms	<i>The 5th Discipline</i> (Senge) <i>Mindset</i> (Dweck)

Historical Truth

“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” 2 Thess.2:10

There are a few means of testing for **historical truth**. Not all the steps will carry the same weight in reaching a conclusion. However, if all point in the same direction, the conclusion must be that the information presented is accurate to a degree of confidence. These are the most important tests:

1. **Primary Evidence.** The first, the foundation of historical verification, is a review of **source materials created at the time of events**. This is known as primary evidence. These could be official documents, original letters, including **corroborating witnesses**, historical evidence, and archeological

remains. The authenticity of the source documents or evidence should be verified. **Translations** should always refer back to the **original texts**, or the primary evidence, where possible, to ensure **accuracy and completeness**.

2. **Secondary Confirmation.** These would be further verified by reference to **secondary, independent sources**. This contextual analysis within both historical and cultural contexts needs to be reviewed to ensure an **accurate interpretation** of events, **confirming or illuminating primary information**.

3. **Corroboration of the events** from **independent sources** to agree on key facts is important.

4. **Convergence.** There should be a consensus or **convergence of facts** presented. By ensuring that primary facts presented give clear, consistent, and obvious meaning, there is a greater probability through this convergence of verified data.

5. **Scientific means** should be included as a method of proving truth. This could be based on archeology, probability, physical evidence, family trees, DNA, and more.

6. **Fulfilled Prophecy.** In the case of the Bible, proving that it is God's Word, or by 'divine inspiration', there are a number of additional means to determine historical accuracy. The best of these is proving if, or that, **prophecies have been fulfilled**. If so, how many, and to what level does that increase our level of certainty? Are the prophecies specific and accurate?

Aside from the Bible, where can you find any reference to prophecies, especially ones that have been **accurately fulfilled**?

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
en.wikipedia.org	Historical method
reasons.org	Fulfilled prophecy evidence reliability of the Bible

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"For the law was given by Moses, grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17

Mistranslation

In the **original Greek text**, there is **no BUT** in this sentence. **'But' is a translation addition, often italicized, which makes this sentence very misleading, almost antinomian!** In biblical Hebrew there is no differential in the word for 'and' and 'but', (*vav*) as it relies on context.

The original sentence above then tells us that the **law, grace and truth are synonymous**. This common mistranslation is an example of how misunderstandings can arise, and why a reference to primary or source documents is essential, as is a good teacher.

Context

When we study the Bible, we have to understand the **context**. **Without context, you only have pretext**. Pretext invariably does not represent the truth, although there may be some relevance. Lies, and untruths, commonly have strong elements of truth in them.

This book will reveal how the truth of Jesus, the Son of God, and the Scriptures has been eroded, even lost, but now needs to be restored. This is the fulfillment of the Protestant goals. As with the Rabbis before Christ, the *religions of men* have changed Scripture or deflected its meaning to suit specific belief systems, or to build new ideologies.

The context of these changes within key customs and laws of the time will be illustrated where necessary. With your diligence, and not too much effort, all will be revealed as you digest the details.

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Israel

In order to find biblical context, we have to look at the history of Israel, God's chosen people **with whom He made Covenants**. A covenant is a promise, a blood contract. God will never renege on His Covenants.

Remember that Israel was called to be "***an example to other nations***". **Exodus 19:6, Is. 43.6, 49.6** They thus represent the **micro** situation at that time, now revealing itself in its **macro** situation today, as part of the New Covenant to specifically include the **gentiles**.

This is the age of the gentiles. The principles of the first must apply to the rest. This will be proved to you later. Israel suffered God's judgment then, just as the gentiles will face on Yeshua's (Jesus') return as Messiah and king "***to judge all nations***". **Joel 3:12, Matt. 25:31-32, Ps. 9:8, Is. 2:4** God was just setting the precedent, so that we all might learn! **Cor.10:11, Amos 3:7**

Israel had behaved extremely badly over the centuries since Moses, despite receiving the 10 commandments, part of the Torah, aka the Pentateuch. The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible. These were given by God to Moses at Mount Sinai.

Idol worship amongst the pagans must have been enticing with many of the associated carnal pleasures that we see today. Israel would not listen to the **prophets** God sent them, and so, at their request, He sent them kings instead. **Matt.23:37, Luke 13:34, 1 Kings 19:10, Rom.11:3** While there were a few who were righteous, many of these kings rebelled against God. After many warnings, and great patience, **God punished them for disobedience**. First, the **Northern Kingdom** was sent into exile. There were 10 tribes of this northern kingdom, of which Dan was the most rebellious. These were scattered over the world by the Assyrians.

In this way, the kings of the **Southern Kingdom**, which included Judah, could see the result of their **disobedience to God's Law**. God is showing us to learn from His examples, or warnings. However, they too fell into disobedience, and would not even keep God's **Sabbath**. Jeremiah warned them repeatedly, but they refused. And so, they were also taken as captives into Babylon, where they were further immersed in paganism.

Their Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed. **Because of their disobedience**, God's glory in the Temple left them. **Ezek.10,11**

As prophesied, Cyrus the Great then conquered Persia **in one night**. **Is.44, 45** He allowed Israel to return and rebuild their Temple in 538 BC under the **Edict of Restoration**. This was most unique, as the Greeks were steeped in **Hellenism**, with many pagan gods. What was his motivation? Cyrus died at an early age, leaving his vast new kingdom to his 4 generals.

Prior to Roman rule over Judea, the **Seleucids** governed the area around Israel from 198 BC for 57 years, until the **Maccabean Revolt**. They were far less accommodating of the Godly worship of Israel, outlawing Jewish practices. Thus began the persecution of the Jews, continued under **Antiochus 4th**, who desecrated the Second Temple.

Roman rule began in 63 BC, ending the Hasmonean Dynasty. From around 313 BC until the birth of Jesus, Israel had no canonical prophets. During this time the Scribes and the Great Assembly began a rigid devotion to the written Law and developed an oral law. They created '**fences**', or additional decrees, to prevent people from accidentally violating the Torah. In their enthusiasm for righteousness, their obedience to the Torah became ruled by Rabbinic **dogma**.

Known as the "*Silent Years*," there was a 400-year vacuum in Israel since the last prophet, Malachi. These form part of **Daniel's 70-weeks prophecy** which predicted the "*Messiah the Prince coming to Jerusalem...after 68 weeks shall the Messiah be cut off. If we count 483 years from the decree of Artaxerxes in 445 BC, we come to 33 AD... The exact match of Dan.9:24-25 with Jesus' crucifixion is inescapable.*" (Convert prophetic years of 360 days to solar years of 365.24 days.) (*Apocalypse p.27, or ChatGPT*)

So, there was an expectation of the Messiah around this time, and the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees still missed it! Even Herod knew.

Soon after Jesus died, the gentiles, under Roman influence, began to blame the Jews for their part in Jesus' crucifixion. Their hatred for the Jews created a new philosophy, called **Replacement Theology**, which claimed that God had abandoned the Jews, breaking His Covenants. All Jewish traditions and Laws were banned. This excuse of course gave the

gentile churches a new lease on creating their own church, including unscriptural traditions and teachings.

The Roman Catholic Church (RCC) claimed ownership of spiritual leadership by reference to a Bible verse on Peter, who, according to the Scriptures, never preached in Rome, although he does refer to “**Babylon**”, early Christian code for Rome. **1 Peter 5:13** “Peter” and “rock” (*petra*) have entirely different meanings, and genders. **Matt.16:18** So “petra” does not refer to Peter, but to the rock of faith and salvation. The translation of this verse was probably misconstrued in order to claim ‘universal’ authority. This idea is unsupported by any other reference in the Bible. In fact, the opposite is inferred in Revelations.

Under Roman rule, **syncretism** was rife. They first adopted and renamed the Greek gods. Then they took on Mithraism. From there ‘Christianity’ was formally ‘adopted’, but really was just syncretized with Mithraism. Antinomianism, Arianism, and Nicolaitan beliefs were common even in these early days, and played their part in forming the religious culture.

The gentiles lost no time in taking a little, and assumed the rest, **without the context** of understanding Laws of the Torah, Jewish customs, and Jesus' compliance with them. Remember that they didn't have Bibles to read, so it was easy to create their own pretext from '*Biblia Pauperum*' as it were, with none to refute it.

Bibles were not available for many centuries, and even then, until the Gutenberg Press, they were kept in Latin, or Greek in the east.

John, the apostle, who was the pastor to the church in Ephesus, saw what was happening. His gospel, written around 30 years later than the other gospels, is thus to reinforce the **deity of Jesus**, emphasizing His miracles, His adherence to **the Law**, and His purpose for us. In his epistles, and Revelations, he warns Ephesus against the **heresies** that had started to arise among the gentiles. Paul, Peter, and Jude also highlighted this pervading problem. **2 Cor.11:4, Col.2:8, 2 Peter 2:1**

In **Revelations**, John reveals the **macro** situation of the end-times' judgement of the world. John is given prophecies that are only now being more fully understood. They are clear and consistent with God's Word

throughout the Bible. This completes the picture started in Genesis, proving a total congruence from start to finish.

These end-time events prophesied in Revelations are excellently detailed in the recommended reference book: *Apocalypse*.

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jewsforjesus.org	The Messianic Timetable according to Daniel

A3. Salvation

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning." 1 John 2:3-7

John makes it clear what it is that God expects of us that we might receive salvation, and that God's Commandments have not changed. [Joel 2:32](#), [Rom.10:9-13](#)

We will see that many have lost their way as a result of *the religions of men*, with new mindsets created centuries ago that have become stuck as **tradition**. This is similar to what happened to Israel, but now applies to all gentiles, of all religions. History has repeated itself.

And yet, the unfocused search in the **hope for salvation** continues in earnest, with many just following the **bandwagon** of *the religions of men*.

There are those who might not truly understand true faith, and that **biblical faith** can and does stand on a strong foundation; a rock as opposed to sand. [Matt.7:24-27](#). As you delve into the details of this book, you will begin to understand the depth and **consistency** of God's Word and Plan that has not been made known to all the faithful and truth seekers. This book offers you the **rock of Scriptural truth** needed for your faith.

This reinforces the need for your 'new' understanding today, a **paradigm shift**. Overconfidence and assumption are two of the greatest flaws in our thinking. As shown in *When Science Fails*, these lead to arrogance and fixed mindsets. Is the Bible purely based on faith, or can one be certain of its Truth through scientific evidence and historical evaluation? If science

did not continually challenge its assumptions through an unwillingness to test current beliefs, and to seek the truth, we would still believe that bacteria do not exist, and that blood only flows one way. Faith can and should be tested, in whatever religion. The Truth will be exposed.

Remember Senge's goal of 'understanding complexities'? While this is not calculus, we need to **study the Scriptures**. How else can we learn God's Word and His Will for us? **Deut.11:18-19, Joshua 1:8, 2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 17:11**

We need to think strategically, and reflect objectively, as detailed in the search for historical truth. Like the Bereans, we need to return to the Reformation goal of '**sola scriptura**', studying God's Word as our primary source of reference, **in context**.

Over the centuries, man, in his limited understanding and availability for verification and analysis of Scripture, has created various beliefs, *dogma*, biblical heresies, and traditions that have stuck with us. Similar to the Pharisees and Rabbinic teachers, these are the 'man-made traditions' which Jesus warns us about. This is the "*wide road*" that many travel. **Matt.7:13-14**

The reason you seek Godly truth is for your salvation. So, your goal has to be how you can justify your salvation based on the Holy Scriptures.

Heaven

Where is heaven? Heaven is mentioned around **600** times in the Bible, in 54 of the 66 books. It is described as "*God's dwelling place.*" **1 Kings 8:30** It is thus a central theme throughout.

In the Bible, **salvation** occurs through an ascension to heaven, called a 'rapture'. The '**First Fruits**' represented those who arose with Jesus, as explained in **Matthew 27:51+**. Scripturally, Jesus' ascension to heaven was **witnessed**, so we have a recorded precedent. The next will be the **main harvest**, or the rapture, of those truly faithful, before the Tribulation.

After this, unbelievers still have the chance to repent, and turn to God, but will suffer or die as martyrs under the Antichrist. These are the '**gleanings**'.

Finally, the “remnants” of Israel will witness the return of the Messiah for the **final judgement**. [Isaiah 10:20-22](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:16+](#) Those still alive will live in His Millennial kingdom, while all others will have gone to heaven. So, if we are not judged, this is how and when we go to heaven! [Corinthians 15:51](#) Those judged as “chaff” will face not just death, but an **eternity in hell**. [Is.5:24](#), [Matt.3:12](#)

As Jesus taught us to pray: *"Our father, which are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, **Thy Will be done...**"*

Using the **New King James** version of the Bible, widely accepted as the most accurate translation, it is time to find out what God's Will is, and thus the Truth.

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
Lifetruthandhope.org	What is Salvation?

What is Truth and Sin?

Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by me." [John 14:6](#)

Many ask what is Truth? Is there absolute truth? The answer is the *Torah* is Truth, as is God's Word. [Ps.119:126,142](#) These are the Commandments of God that we must follow if we want to obey Him. The incredible depth and accuracy of the *Torah* has been demonstrated in many ways, showing its **divine origin**.

Axiomatically, we should ask "what is **sin**?" A common Hebrew word for 'sin' is '*khata*', meaning to veer off course. It is often translated as 'iniquity', or '**lawlessness**'. 'Iniquity' loses the relationship to the Law of the *Torah*. Rebellion or '*pesha*' is the most intense Hebrew word for sin. This means the breaking of a covenant. [Gen.4:7](#), [Lev. 4:2](#), [Ex.34:7](#), [Ps.51:1-3](#), [Is.53:5-6](#) **Keeping the Sabbath is central to the Mosaic covenant!**

The Bible clearly tells us that sin is 'lawlessness'. Thus [John 14:15](#), [1 John 2:3](#), [1 John 3:4](#), [1 John 5:17](#) and others, being a focal message, is repeated in different ways throughout the Bible! ***"He that turneth away his ear***

from hearing the Law, even his prayer shall be an abomination.” Prov 28:9 Remember that Jesus came to teach, or fulfill the Law. **Matt. 5:17, Rom.10:4**

Sin is spelt out in more detail in a number of passages. These include: **Heb.13:4, 1 Cor.6:9-11,1 Cor.7:2, Rev.2:14-20. Rev.9:20-21**

Sin has historically been misdirected to the point where we are told that we sin all the time. This is pretext and is hopefully untrue for most of us. Focus on the Scriptures, and forget about the **superstitions and dogma** that have crept into our beliefs. Know that keeping God’s Laws are all you need in your walk with God.

Many Jews, Christians, Muslims and Hindus, are now breaking through their **spiritual blindness** imposed by the great religious dichotomies, as we are now *“in those days”*. **Dan.12:4-10, Acts 2:17** Even **China** has millions of Christians, despite **ongoing repression and persecution**. Many in **India** and **Iran** are changing their beliefs. This book is a first step to understanding the Truth, by studying *Sola Scriptura*, **in context**.

God is the Creator of all things, who offers us life after death. Ours is the quest for **salvation**, our desire for meaning and purpose, and truth. These are best based on the evidence and promises provided entirely by the Bible. This desire is what has driven humanity, and most religions, over the past four millennia.

We must not forget Noah. **Matt.24:37-39, Luke 17:26-27**

How do you know that the Bible is the Word of God? You can begin with Scriptural confirmation: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* **John 1:1** Then you can test it.

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
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A4. History of the Bible

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." 2 Tim.16-17

As described above, the Bible is God's Word to Man, explaining the meaning of life. The Bible refers to this on many occasions.

What is the Canon?

How can we know that the Bible is God's Word, and not just a compilation of writings?

In the 3rd century, Origen used the word 'canon' *"to denote what we can call the rule of faith, a standard by which we are to measure and evaluate everything that may be offered as an article of belief. As applied to Scripture, 'canon' means an officially accepted list of books. **The Canon were books recognized as having divine authority.**"* (Evidence p25+)

It is also important to understand how the canonized Scriptures retained their integrity over the centuries. **In this way we can be sure of the authenticity of the original Scripture, being untainted by Rome or the early gentile churches.** This purity was confirmed by the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The crucial conclusion here is that the whole Bible is God's Word, not just the New Testament, or books written by Paul. **But we can still test it for congruence.**

The Hebrew translation in the Torah contains an exact number of letters. These were counted when copies were reproduced to ensure completeness. In the days of parchment copies, any errors had to be buried. How can you know this?

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
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kenboa.org	How accurate is the Bible?
storyofbible.com	Meticulous Jewish scribes
chabad.org	Where are the 600,000 Letters of the Torah

TORAH Code

In the **Hebrew text** of the Torah, the word "*Torah*" (תּוֹרָה) appears at equidistant letter sequences of **50** in the first two books (Genesis and Exodus), and in reverse order in the last two books (Numbers and Deuteronomy), while Leviticus does not follow this pattern. '*Torah*' means 'instruction to righteousness'. **The books of the *Torah* thus point to Leviticus.**

The Pattern:

1. Genesis (*Bereshit*) – Every 50th letter spells T-O-R-A-H (תּוֹרָה).
2. Exodus (*Shemot*) – Every 50th letter spells T-O-R-A-H (תּוֹרָה).
3. Leviticus (*Vayikra*) – **Every 50th letter spells the Tetragrammaton (יהוה, YHWH) appears.** (These are the letters used to describe God's name.)
4. Numbers (*Bamidbar*) – Every 50th letter spells T-O-R-A-H **backwards** (הָרוֹת), pointing to Leviticus.
5. Deuteronomy (*Devarim*) – Every 50th letter spells T-O-R-A-H **backwards** (הָרוֹת), pointing to Leviticus.

Interpretation:

- The forward spelling of TORAH in Genesis and Exodus suggests guidance leading to the law, detailed in Leviticus.
- The backward spelling of TORAH in Numbers and Deuteronomy suggests returning to the law, and pointing back to Leviticus.
- Leviticus, the central book, contains **YHWH** (יהוה), symbolizing that the Torah points toward God. It is this book around which the Bible revolves!

This amazing pattern is considered by many as a **divine signature** in the Torah, reinforcing its unity and divine authorship. It also **proves the importance of God's Law in our lives, as many of these laws are said to stand "*ad olam*,"** Hebrew for forever. **God's Word does not change.**

Is.40:8, Matt. 24:35, Ps.119:89,160, 1 Peter 1:24+, Heb.13:9, James 1:17.

50 has a special biblical significance, indicating further congruence. Take a few minutes to research this.

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
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torahisteaching.com	Torah Bible code

Why do we need the Bible?

" ... and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim 3:16

In believing in the Bible, you should take the time to understand how you are able to **trust its integrity**, even though it is largely self-validating. Before you can begin to understand how the Bible has literally transformed the world, you must understand its **prime purpose**: God's **plan for your salvation** is central throughout. It is an **offer** for your salvation. Will you accept?

In the New Testament, we are given **the Great Commission** to this end. **Matt.28:16+** The reason for this is similar to that of Noah, who warned the people for 120 years to turn to righteousness, before judgement came. **Jesus told us that Noah will be repeated. Matt.24:37-39, Luke 17:26-27.**

In retrospect, we can see how the Word of God has been translated and spread to every nation, as commanded, before the "*end of days*", that all men might have the opportunity to accept God and Christ, as their Lord and Savior. Having this strategic perspective is quite amazing to contemplate, to see what has been accomplished to this end, despite so many roadblocks, and much opposition!

Out of Context creates Pretext!

You need to ensure though that you understand the strategic message of the Bible. It is critical that you read scriptures **in context**, understanding the customs and situation of the time. In this way you can test for false teachings. **Remember that many will take words out of context to create**

a pretext! This is why you need a diligent Bible-study teacher, who can not only provide accurate context, and cross reference the same message in other Bible books, but also offer interpretations from original translations. *"The best way to find meaning in scripture is to find other verses where the same topic is covered and expressed differently to the same end."* This ensures **congruence**, and avoids misunderstanding and low-value 'cherry picking'!

This then offers a brief summary of the history of the Bible:

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
jameskennison.com	Bible stuff: a text without context is a pretext

A Brief History of the Bible.

"Without the Bible, it is impossible to establish the people in Truth." (Tyndale - 'father' of the English Bible.)

Babylonian Captivity

The original **Bible manuscripts** were recorded in **Hebrew, written either by the prophets themselves, or by witnesses at the time of Jesus**. This makes them **primary evidence** as opposed to someone trying to record hearsay a few hundred years later. The books of Moses, aka Law aka *Torah* aka Pentateuch, were **dictated by God** to him over 40 years in the desert. Since then, there have been very specific protocols in copying the original text, which always has **304,805 Hebrew letters!** God said that we should neither add nor detract from His Word. **Deut.4:2, Rev.22:18-19**

After the **Babylonian conquest** in **597 BC**, the Hebrews started speaking **Aramaic** as the *lingua franca*. Thus, when the Jews were returned to Israel under Cyrus, they no longer understood the Hebrew scriptures. They had also adopted many of the pagan customs while in captivity. Around 405 BC Ezra and Nehemiah were the prophets of the time, and had the task of bringing the Hebrew tribes back to God. Translators were used to provide a broad translation from Hebrew scriptures, as opposed

to word for word. This was later recorded, called **the Targums**, a sort of common man's Bible.

The Hebrew Bible, aka the **Tanakh**, or **Miqra**, was nearly all written in biblical Hebrew, aka '**the holy tongue**'. **Zeph.3:8-9**

Around 1000 BC	900-400 BC	Before Christ
Moses	Prophets Joshua to Malachi	Other Writings
Torah aka the Law or Pentateuch (Hebrew)	Nevi'im (Hebrew)	Ketuvim (Mostly Hebrew)
Genesis to Deuteronomy	Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel	Daniel, Psalms, Job, Ezra, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, Ruth, Ester, The Twelve

Table 1 - The Hebrew Bible

Greek Empire

Next, we find the Jews within the Greek Empire (336-323 BC) where Greek became the *lingua franca*. As the Word of God continued to spread, the Hebrew Bible was translated into the **Septuagint**, meaning “*of the 70*”. Completed in Alexandria, apparently by 72 Jewish scholars, 6 from each 12 Jewish tribes, it took only 72 days to translate the Bible (OT) into Greek! Completed around **247 BC**, this was the **earliest translation of the Bible**, which included some additional books. This was the foundation of the Christian Bible, although the Rabbinic Jews later abandoned it for various reasons, including Christians using it as proof of Jesus fulfilling prophecy.

The New Testament was mostly written in **Koine Greek** from 50-100 AD. Jesus and His disciples spoke Aramaic, but Greek was the *lingua franca*. 'Christ' was coined from the Greek *Christos*, which means 'Anointed One' or 'Messiah'. **27 books** were recorded as the “*Writings of Authority*” in

the New Testament, based on their apostolic origin. This all refers to **primary references**.

The Old Testament books were rearranged under new headings: *Torah*, History, Poetry, and Prophecy. 'The Twelve' were split into individual books. Other than this translation, there was thus **no change in the Old Testament (OT) of the Septuagint**. Original scriptures were written on scrolls made of papyrus. Later parchment was introduced. These have been tested through the ages by various biblical scholars through side-by-side comparisons.

Yeshua, Jesus' Hebrew name, was changed slightly in the Greek translation to '*Iesous*', which became '*Iesus*' in Latin in the 4th century. Jesus per se only came about in the 16th century. In 1611 '*Iesus*' was used in the King James Bible, revised to **Jesus** in **1769**.

Roman Empire

The **Codex** was developed under Roman rule in the 1st and 2nd century, as a compilation of papyrus pages stitched together as a book. It was more efficient than scrolls. In the early 3rd century (240 AD), **Origen** designed the **Hexapla**, a columnar Bible in different languages, Hebrew, and various Greek translations. This highlighted any discrepancies. He then composed the **Tetrapha**, showing these variances to ensure that integrity was maintained.

Under Roman rule, **Latin** became the *lingua franca*. As Christianity spread, so Rome split into two 'legs', Rome in the West (Latin), and Constantinople in the East (Greek). The **Eastern Empire kept the Greek Septuagint** and New Testament (NT). Rome, now under the Roman Catholic Church (RCC), had the Bible translated into **Latin by Jerome**. **Around 405 AD, he completed the Latin Vulgate, meaning 'common'**. This was used by the Western Roman Catholic Churches for centuries to come.

Dark and Middle Ages

After the fall of Rome, various dialects developed in western Europe. French, Spanish and Italian evolved, but the **RCC kept the Bible in Latin**. Although meaning 'common', common people could not understand it.

In **Eastern Europe**, translations were encouraged. This stimulated the start of ethnic literature and language. **Cyril and Methodius**, two missionary brothers, aka '**apostles to the Slavs**', designed the **Cyrillic alphabet** to translate the Bible. This is used in about **50** languages today! This includes Russian, Bulgarian, and Serbian.

With a few exceptions, the ancient Hebrew language mostly disappeared after 70 AD, only to be resurrected by the Masoretes, who preserved the Hebrew Bible in Hebrew. They produced the **Masoretic Text** (OT) in 900 AD, recognized by the Jews, and was partly used in the translation of the **King James Bible** in the 17th century. There are copies of John's Revelations written in Hebrew, but possibly not originals.

As the early church (RCC) gained in stature, so a schism developed between the Eastern Orthodox (Greek) and Catholic Churches (Latin) around the 10th century that still exists today. Under the RCC, mainly clergy learnt Latin, and so they held the Word under their control, **maintaining a 'mystery'**. **Most churches did not have access to a Bible, so preaching the Word of God was limited to observing Mass**, aka communion. Pictures were used in stained glass windows to depict aspects of the Bible.

In the 1300's the **Biblia Pauperum**, aka '**the poor man's Bible**', was produced from wood prints on paper (from China) in a 'comic' or picture form. These connected events in the NT that were foreshadowed in the OT. By using carved **wooden blocks** as a press, **they were used as a source by priests for sermons and basic learning, as they remained in Latin**. Can you imagine the misinterpretations? Pretext indeed.

Early Renaissance

After 1066 AD, the English language evolved. French, derived from Latin roots, entered English vocabulary. This became known as 'Middle English' used by the likes of Chaucer, and written in gothic style.

John Wycliffe translated parts of the Bible into English from the Vulgate. He completed his **Wycliffe Bible** in 1382. Smaller copies were made under threat from the **Roman Catholic Church (RCC), which was against a translated English Bible. Death was the penalty!** Wycliffe changed the name 'Jacob' to 'James' in the New Testament, which remains today.

Wycliffe's followers, called **Lollards**, believed that **authority comes from God and not the Church!** And there we have it: ***Sola Scriptura!*** The RCC's authority was challenged, later leading to the schism of the Reformation. In 1414, the Lollards revolted unsuccessfully, and the English Bible was banned. In parts of Europe at this time, translations were accepted. (Find out what happened to Wycliffe's remains!)

Woodcut prints generated funding for the development of the **Gutenberg Press**, using moveable type. It took 20 years to develop, finally producing a printed copy of the **Vulgate**. **The Great Commission** spurred on the need to produce more Bibles, not only for the people, but for the Churches! After the fall of Constantinople in 1453, the Greek speaking Romans fled with their Greek Orthodox Bibles, which were then used in Eastern Europe.

Renaissance

The need for an English Bible became ever stronger. **Erasmus** used the Vulgate to create a **Greek translation**, published in **1514**. In 1522, Cardinal Cisneros' **Polyglot** was published, a multilingual Bible showing **Greek, Latin and Hebrew in columns**. Again, this obviated mistranslations, as texts were comparable side by side.

Tyndale, aka 'the father of the English Bible', was fluent in **Latin, Greek, Spanish, German, and Hebrew**. He translated the Bible directly from the **Hebrew (OT) and the Greek (NT)**. He defied the Pope, showing that the **Vulgate had errors**. Tyndale followed Wycliff's ideals, and had to move to Cologne, then Worms, before being able to publish his Bible in 1526 in pocket size. This was smuggled to England, where it was banned.

Tyndale was later tricked into a meeting with the **RCC**, who **strangled, then burnt him at the stake**, charged as a Lutheran! **His works were largely used to later produce the King James version in 1611**. His translation introduced new words into the vocabulary like **Passover, scapegoat, atonement, and Jehovah**.

There are 4 Hebrew consonants, **YHWH**, used for **God's name in Hebrew**, called the 'tetragrammaton', which means '**4 letters**'. This was pronounced **Yahweh**. The children of Israel would not refer to God by name, so called Him **Adonai**, meaning Lord. From here we get the vowels

AOA, which Tyndale combined with YHWH to form **Yahovah**, which first appeared in **Exodus 6:3** of Tyndale's Pentateuch.

Coverdale, a student of Tyndale, continued his work, publishing an English Bible in Antwerp in **1534**, using German and Latin translators for those books not completed. The difference was subtle, with a title page depicting King Henry 8th on his throne, distributing Bibles to the bishops. **Henry sits directly beneath the tetragrammaton, without any reference to the Pope.** His depiction of Jesus sending all of his disciples to preach the gospel, **not under the primacy of the apostle Peter**, through whom the Popes claimed a lineage of authority. A picture is worth 1000 words! Coverdale also separated the books of the **Apocrypha**, whose authority in writing was thought questionable.

English Bible-mania!

The split between Henry 8th and the Pope was further used to promote the cause of an English Bible with the publishing of the **Matthew Bible** in **1537**, as it was supposedly authorized by the King. This comprised a combination of Tyndale and Coverdale's work. This title page stated that the Bible was printed under license of Henry 8th, fulfilling Tyndale's last words of prayer.

In continuance of the political climate, in **1537 the Archbishop of Canterbury**, Cranmer, gave his approval to Cromwell of the **Matthew Bible**. **Cromwell** was already committed to producing an English Bible, so perhaps the Church was playing it safe! Only 1500 of these small Bibles were printed.

Now that there was a general approval, **the Great Bible** was produced in **1539** under the auspices of Coverdale, to be "suitable for Churches", aka **Cranmer's Bible**. 3000 copies were made of a 15"x9" size. The **Bishop's Bible** became the next official Bible in **1568**, used in Cathedrals, but was not designed for the people.

England still had obstacles. In **1553**, in a **Catholic** rebound, Bloody Mary had John Rogers **burnt at the stake** for his translating the **Matthew Bible**. In 1559, Queen Elizabeth 1, a Protestant, allowed the Bible production to continue, with the heavily annotated, **Geneva Bible** published in **1575**, containing anti-RCC commentary. This was the Bible

adopted by the Puritans, and used by Shakespeare. These works led the way to a grand finale.

In **1611** the **King James Version (KJV)** was published, using about **83% of Tyndale's work**. **This is important as Tyndale translated directly from the original Hebrew and Greek texts, thus a direct line of reference to the primary sources**. This became the **official Bible of England, and is still treated as the best translation**. Tyndale, probably the best qualified scholar to date, preferred English over the Greek (verb heavy) and Latin (noun heavy) grammar, with English delivering a more complete message.

Sometimes, it is still necessary to refer back to the original Hebrew or Greek for an accurate translation. As an example, Greek did not have a word for 'unclean', using '*koine*' which means 'common', and the Hebrew word for murder (*ratzach*) has been translated as the same as kill (*harag*). Some translations read "thou shalt not kill" instead of "murder", especially in the 10 Commandments. There is a significant difference in interpretation, leading to controversy.

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
wikipedia.org	Hebrew Bible and Septuagint and Hexapla
intertextualbible.substack.com	The Targums and Aramaic translations

Critical Translation Flaws

More recent translations have since appeared to allow for changes in language and doctrinal emphasis, but have been considered watered down by many, and not as accurate. Some appear to have been altered to suit specific doctrine or *dogma*, without reference to the original texts. These thus cannot be considered as prime reference translations, or primary references. *"After 400 years, the KJV and NKJV remain the most quoted and widely used version of the Bible."*

There are three words that have often been mistranslated that have had significant effect on the beliefs of many, that **are critical to understanding the New Testament.**

The first word is 'kainos', which is Greek for 'refreshed', not necessarily 'new'. (Strong 2537) This translation does not imply that the Law falls away. As Jesus emphasized, He came to fulfill (refresh) or explain the Law, not to end it. The 'New' Testament is actually the 'Refreshed' Testament. Why would He go against what God (He) had said would last forever in the Torah?! **Heb.8:8, 8:13, 9:15, 2 Cor.5:17**

The second is 'telos', which means 'goal', not 'end' as in finished. (Strong 5056) This mistranslation has resulted in Christianity rejecting that Jesus came to fulfill the Law, not replace it. If it did mean 'end' then it would imply that God changed His mind, and the Old Testament is irrelevant! Consider the implication of that, and try to find scriptures that support that heretically flawed view! In old English, 'end' was used synonymously with 'goal'. **Rom.10:4, 1 Tim.1:5**

The third is 'koinon', Greek for 'common', not 'unclean'. (Strong 2839) This gave rise to the misinterpretation that forbidden pork was declared clean in the New Testament. **Acts 10 was not about pigs being unclean,** but referred to **Cornelius, a gentile,** who, through his righteous ways, found favor with God. This was when Peter was given the understanding that gentiles were to be included in teaching God's Word, breaking down the Rabbinic "*Wall of Separation*". Jews considered gentiles as 'unclean' and would not mix with them. **Rom.14:14, Acts 10:14-15, 11:8-9**

Romans 14:14 mistranslates common (*koinon*) as "unclean." **'Akathartos', meaning "unclean",** does not appear in the Greek translation in this sentence. This has led to huge misunderstandings, and a justification for eating pigs. **Mark 7:18-19** "The **Septuagint** used '*akathartos*' for forbidden meat and never used '*koinos*' in that way."

In context, we should remember these **facts:** eating pig is called "**unclean**" forever (*lo tochlu*) and an **abomination** in Leviticus; and nowhere in the NT does it mention the Apostles eating pork. **Lev.11:7-8, Deut.14:8, Is. 65:3-4** Pigs are classified as "**facultative scavengers, having the ability to consume disease-infected tissue and feces, that would be fatal to other species.**" Lastly, the motivation to change this Law stems

from pagan worship where **pigs** were used as a sacrifice to idols, specifically in **Greek and Roman festivals**.

The "**middle wall of separation**" existed where gentiles were considered unclean by orthodox Jews. **Ephes.2:10+, Rev12:17, 14:12** Peter was instructed differently, and this New Covenant of preaching to the gentiles was confirmed by Jesus. This was a critical juncture where **God indicated that a gentile could be saved by being "grafted-in" to Israel.**

Rom.11:11+, Ephes. 2:11+,3:6, Is.14:1, 56:3+ *"And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."* **Acts 10: 15** Listen to the lesson on **Matthew 12** on this, dated July 7, 2025. (*John1415.org*) Again, this shows how important context is.

Paul referred to Jesus breaking down this **middle wall of separation** with the gentiles. This then was the **beginning of the gentile era** of testing, or the **macro** scenario we find ourselves in today. **Ephes.2:14-15**

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
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thestandard.org.uk	Missing verses changed words in modern Bibles compared to kjv
bibletools.org	Search: Kainos, telos, koinon

A5. The Path to God's Presence

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.” Ex.25:8

Understanding the Temple Significance

In **Genesis 22**, when Abraham ascended **Mount Moriah** to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, this was a foreshadowing of Jesus' crucifixion, known as *“the binding of Isaac”*. He called the place *Jehovah Jireh*, which means *“The Lord will provide.”* Mount Moriah is now the **Temple Mount**, the place where both **Holy Temples** were built. It is thus **a place ordained by God**.

Jesus was crucified on the adjoining hill, **Golgotha**, where the stone was cut to build the Holy Temple. Thus, Jesus was *“the stone uncut, rejected by the builders”*; another prophecy fulfilled. **Ps.118:22**

God was very specific with his **instructions to Solomon** in the building of His **Holy Temple** where they would keep the **Ark of the Covenant, a sacred chest built to hold the 10 Commandments**. God loves order, so nothing in this design is arbitrary. This design is important to understand in that there are stages that lead to the Holy of Holies, where God was said to reside. **Each part represents a holy sacrament**. This concept is important as you will see that these **sacraments were cast down** in various ways by the RCC.

The overall purpose of the Bible is **atonement** through Faith and obedience to God's Law, one of the fundamental messages of the Old Testament. So, **the Temple is a physical establishment showing the process and precedent for the forgiveness of sin through repentance**, then **faith** through the bread of life, bringing **obedience to God's Law and atonement**. Once you understand this, then the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion, and the New Covenant of forgiveness through personal repentance, discipleship, and obedience, becomes clear, and is convergent. The Temple's physical path (micro) thus represents the spiritual path we now need to follow (macro).

Today, despite the blessing of their restored nation, Israel's current goal of rebuilding the Temple is a clear declaration that they do not accept

that Jesus' sacrifice was good enough. This is in line with prophecy, and part of the denouement of the end times. This all makes sense as to marking one of the critical signs of Jesus' imminent return. However, we must remember that Jesus will not return until the Jews of Israel repent, and accept Him as Messiah Yeshua! We also know that Jesus, named **Yeshua, will return as King, and reign from the 3rd Temple in Jerusalem in the Millennial Kingdom.**

Why is this fact important? Well, Satan knows this all too well. This is why he is going all out to **destroy Israel before they can acknowledge Jesus as Christ and Messiah, let alone rebuild the Temple.** This is the Great War, started thousands of years ago, now under the guise of Islam, liberalism or humanism, and its worldly form of communism. This is typified by the United Nations today.

Britain, America, and Australia, purportedly hosting the lost tribes of Israel, are also targets as Christian countries, still theoretically 'under God.' More on this critical subject later. This is the big picture concerning the Great War that you must be wary of.

The Holy Temple plays a significant role in the Bible. **It signifies the process by which they could 'meet' with God. It is also a symbol of Israel being God's chosen people.** When they defy Him repeatedly, He allows the Temple to be destroyed. When Israel originally strayed from God, they were punished under Egypt's captivity for 200 years. When the Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah, God punished them for 2000 years, sending them away from their birthright, given to Abraham.

Now, Israel has been restored, miraculously, and flourishes, but it appears that they have still not connected the dots. **With a Roman culture in our world, and Israel surrounded by hostile people, it is as though time has stood still for 2000 years.** This takes us into the end-times.

The Holy Temple thus plays a key part in the end-times prophecy. The rebuilding of the **3rd Holy Temple** ushers in the Tribulation period.
Dan.9:27, Ezek.43:1+, Matt.24:15, 2 Thess.2:4, Rev.11:1-2, Rev.15

Again, the unwillingness of Israel to accept Christ's sacrifice will be costly, and they will suffer for it. Satan (the **Antichrist**) will then desecrate the

Temple with his own image one last time before Christ returns. **Dan.9:27, 11:31, 2 Thess.2:3-4, Matt.24:15** This has happened a few times, most notably by Antiochus IV Epiphanes Caligula who sacrificed a pig on the altar. 1 Maccabees 1:10-64, **1 Cor.3:16-17, 6:19-20**

Israel must accept Jesus as the Messiah first! *“For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**”* **Matthew 23:39**

How close is Israel to rebuilding the 3rd Holy Temple?

The Temple thus represents how we can commune with God, all revolving around the 10 Commandments, a symbol or summary of His Law. **Confession and repentance are essential to atonement.** Before Christ, the sins of the people were cleansed by animals' blood through sacrifice, kept in the inner sanctuary of the Temple. **Gen.15** Once a year, on the **Day of Atonement**, these sins were atoned, separating the innocent from the guilty. **Lev.23:27** Jews still keep this important Law among themselves during the 7th month of Tishri, as defined in **Leviticus 23**, but without animal sacrifice. Remember that the Old Testament really defined the way God works, setting His Laws and rituals for us to follow **forever, being precedents and practices, or memorials, in anticipation for the final judgement.**

The **micro** (Israel) has become the **macro** (the world).

Daniel's 2300-day prophecy refers to a *“heavenly cleansing”* to begin after Christ under the New Covenant. *“I have appointed each day a year”* which translates into 2300 years before this **final cleansing** begins. Based on this prophesy in **Daniel 8:14**, this makes circa **1844** an important date. This is the time when the **restoration** of all of **God's holy sacraments** in various churches had been completed, specifically the Seventh Day Adventists and the Millerite movement.

It also ushered in the start of the **end-time spiritual war** on God's institutions and governments that is culminating now. The significance of the *“cleansing of the sanctuary”* from 1844 is not fully understood, however, this also was the year that both Marx and Darwin initiated communism and evolutionary theory. Both were promoted despite suspect validity. But by who?

First, we must understand the Temple. Consider how these sacraments were changed by the RCC.

The progression through 3 stages of the Temple is as follows:

1. Vestibule or Outer Court (Step 1 - Faith)

- **Bronze Altar** or sacrificial bowl. **Ex.27:1-8** Firstly, **repentance and atonement** through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- **Bronze Laver**. **Ex. 38:8 Holy Baptism**, or cleansing, by submersion in the Laver, by which you receive the Holy Spirit. Only through reflection, repentance, and turning from lawlessness, cleansed by Jesus' blood, can you be restored to Adam's innocence.

As John the Baptist showed us, baptism is the conscious choice to repent, be 'born again' in spirit, and formally accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

John 3:5 In this way you are connected to God's Holy Spirit that leads you. This is just the start of the process of building Faith.

2. Sanctuary or Holy Place (Step 2 - Diligence)

In the sanctuary, we find 3 separate areas:

- **Table of Shewbread**. **Ex.25:23-30**

Then we can feed on the **Bread of the Word with purpose and revelation**. Twelve loaves of shewbread were placed on this table in the Temple every Sabbath, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. This was used by the priests for Shabbat.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Hebrew - *Beth Lechem*, the house of bread). He is called "*the bread of life*". You need to read the Word of God as spiritual food. Listening to a few verses in Church is not enough, as you cannot remember what you hear for more than a few hours at most.

(Ebbinghaus' Forgetting Curve) Study God's Word, **in context**, His Law, and reflect in order to understand fully. **Deut.12:32**

- Our sins are offered up in **prayer** to God with the sweet smell of **incense**. **Ex.37:25-28**

This represents our **humility** in our **prayers**, asking for **forgiveness**.

- **Menorah** or Golden Lamp Stand. **Ex.25:31**

The **seven lamps** of the menorah acknowledge God in His perfection, signifying the light of God known as: The **Spirit of the Lord**, and the spirits of **wisdom**, of **understanding**, of **counsel**, of **might**, of **knowledge**, and of **fear** of the Lord. These all bring light to the world. Jesus said that He is the "*light of the world*". **John 8:12**

The menorah also symbolizes the **Creation** in seven days, with the center light representing the **Sabbath**, signifying the return of Jesus as Messiah **Yeshua on the 7th day, 6,000 years from Adam, a time of completion.**

They represent God's **7 covenants** and **His 7 Holy Feasts, or *mo'edim*.** **Rev.1:19-20** It also reminds us of the **7 churches described in the New Testament.**

The number 7, signifying **completion**, is thus known as **God's number** due to its common occurrence in the Bible, discussed later.

3. **Holy of Holies (Stage 3 – Obedience)**

This was where the Ark and Mercy Seat was kept. **Ex.25:10-22** We enter into the Ark of the Covenant with God, our refuge, wherein lies the **foundation of righteousness**, physically represented by the **10 Commandments, aka the 10 Words. This represents God's Law, the mark of obedience and righteousness. Ps.19:7, Deut.6:1-2, John 14:15**

There was a thick woven veil that separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place. According to Josephus, it was 60 ft. tall, 30 ft. wide and 4 inches thick. Only the high priest from the house of Levi was allowed to enter there on the **Day of Atonement**, or Yom Kippur. From this you can deduce that righteousness is keeping God's Commandments as part of salvation! **This was the focal point of the Temple, without which there could be no atonement of sin.**

When Christ died, this veil was torn in two supernaturally, signifying Christ's ushering in the New Covenant of Jesus' blood shed for your sins, your ability to 'commune' with Him, and the temporary ending of God's presence over Israel. **Math.27:51**

It also formally ushered in **Israel's 2000-year punishment**, prophesied in **Hosea 6:2**, before raising Israel up **"in the 3rd day"**. After 2000 years, what do you see? Another prophecy fulfilled. Notice the **parallel** with Jesus' resurrection!

There are thus 3 stages that clearly represent the path to righteousness, demonstrating faith (a relationship) in God, and the resulting promise of forgiveness and salvation.

There are many images of the Holy Temple design available online if you are interested.

A Third Temple?

Scriptures prophesy that the Holy Temple will be rebuilt **3 times** only. **Ezek.40-48, Is.2:2-3, Micah 4:1-2** So far, this has happened twice. Why should Israel rebuild the Temple? In **Exodus 34:23-4**, God promises security for Israel if they keep the 3 main Feasts, the '*Shalosh Regalim*,' which requires the Holy Temple to be built, if only the altar.

In terms of needing the Temple for atonement, animal sacrifice may no longer be required when Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) reigns in His Millennial Kingdom, but He will reside there in Jerusalem, and all will still keep His *Torah*, and His Feasts accordingly. **Is.2:3, Micah 4:2, Jer.31:33, Ezek.36, 26-27, 37:24-26**

For 40 years after Jesus was crucified, there were many aspects of the Temple that did not function.

You can read in the Jerusalem Talmud: *"Forty years before the destruction of the Temple, the western light went out, the crimson thread remained crimson, and the lot for the Lord always came up in the left hand. They would close the gates of the Temple by night and get up in the morning and find them wide open"* (Jacob Neusner, *The Yerushalmi*, p.156-157). This Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE as foretold by Jesus. **Matt. 24:1-2, Mark 13:1-2, Luke 21:5-6**

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B1. Essences of Biblical Scripture

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments..." Deut.30:15+

The Bible revolves around **seven cornerstones**, including the Law of the Old Testament, and the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, named *Yeshua Mashiach* in Hebrew.

Cornerstones

These are **7 cornerstones on which biblical faith** is based:

1. First, there was the **Creation** by God of all things good in **Genesis 1**,
2. Then there was the **Fall of Man**, and the introduction of Satan
3. Followed by God giving Moses **the Law** for all mankind
4. **God's Covenants with Israel**, to be an **example to the world**. These **apply to His true church, 'Israel'**. **Matt.49-50**
5. Then came the act of **redemption by Jesus Christ**, who defeated death and paid for our sins with His innocent blood. **Jesus explained the way to salvation, including the gentiles.**
6. Lastly, there will be the **coming final judgement of Mankind**, leading to
7. **His return to rule in the Millennial Kingdom.**

As explained throughout the Bible, and told by Jesus, the **need for faith in God** presupposes a final judgement to eternal life, or eternal hell. So you need to understand the keys to salvation.

Jesus said that the **greatest commandment** is **"to love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your mind."** **Matt.22:36, Deut.6:4-5, John 14:15** Keep this uppermost in your mind as you work through this book, as it will give you a rudder for discernment. Remember **John 14:15**

The Old Testament leads up to this event, with prophecies woven into history, clearly delineating what was, and is to come. There is a **progression** of knowledge, laying a **foundation** for the understanding of these events. How this was understood and used has been misrepresented, and even hidden from believers. Some denied aspects of it, even when it came from **Moses**, who was **instructed personally by God**. His 'instructions' are clearly written in the *Torah*. Excuse the tautology.

Whether intentionally hidden, or mistranslated, or distorted, many have been led astray as it were through omission and commission, through counterfeits and half-truths. This should become obvious to you as you progress. This book now examines some of these key 'lost' truths, their implication in prophecy, their proof of intent, and their **significance** and **congruence**.

B2. Proof of God's Word

"Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." Matt.6.33

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2

The quote from Romans is explained by Rev. Pagani as: *"Make every effort to have your windows (worldview and understanding) cleaned by the "renewing of your mind."* Why is this so important? Because we are warned many times to this effect: ***"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."*** Matt.7.13-15

A Paradigm is Hard to Change

What does *"renewing of your mind"* mean? **It implies that you challenge your paradigms.** Learn to love thinking! To state this differently: it more important to ask the right question than to find the right answer to the wrong question. You may then find if you have been led astray!

This book contains the essences of Holy Scripture, confirmed by field masters and renowned authors, all woven into contextual meaning to provide you with biblical Truth. Much of this information may be new to you. **The Scriptures, and facts,** should be read, and then carefully considered. They will offer you understanding in determining the Truth, ***"for every man shall bear his own burden."*** Gal. 6:5

You are warned about the **blind leading the blind** in **Matthew 15:14**. So, it is up to you to seek your own salvation.

Reasons to Believe that the Bible is God's Word

Depth, Accuracy, Prophecy!!!

Before you begin this wonderful revelation, stop here and read **Psalms 22** and **Isaiah 53**. Consider the depth and prophecy of these Old Testament scriptures, written **700-1000 years before Jesus**, before crucifixion had been dreamed of. If not by God's Word, how was it possible to know the

details of the coming, and the passion of the Messiah?! Does this not then reveal that the Bible is God's Word, and that He has a Plan? Many Rabbinic Jews have realized the truth when they read these texts, which have been hidden from them by their priests! Nothing has changed.

Consider these facts as proof of God's Word:

1. **Convergence** in Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). **The Bible was written by over 40 authors from different times and places. It took about 1,400 years to write.** It was written in three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. *"The writings themselves belong to a variety of literary types. They include history, law, religious poetry, didactic treatises, parable, allegory, biography, personal correspondence, personal memoirs, and diaries."* (Ch.1 Evidence: McDowell)

The **congruence** of the overall message and fulfilled prophecies over thousands of years makes the Bible infinitely impossible, as does the whole wonderful, balanced creation of our world; a paradise hanging perfectly within our otherwise barren universe.

Considering this was not orchestrated in any way, think how amazing the Bible really is!

Martin's Bible below depicts a logical structure of the Bible. It clearly shows the balance and order of God's Word. It is interesting that there are **49** (7x7) books in the Holy Bible.

There are **49** days in the Omer! *"The 49 days of the Omer represent a journey from physical liberation (Passover) to spiritual liberation (Shavuot/Pentecost)."* Is this not a direct parallel depicting the physical examples in the OT changing to the spiritual fulfillment of the NT?

2. **Archeological findings**, culture, and fulfillment of **prophecy** add to the proof of its legitimacy. Archeology has tested, and shown the historical accuracy of the Bible translations. This includes: the discovery of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**; archeological and geological proof of Noah and **the Flood**; the Jews' captivity in Egypt; the destruction of Israel and the Temple; their captivity by the Assyrians; and the release and rebuilding of the Temple.

A significant prophecy was of Christ's death and resurrection in Daniel's '70-weeks', when "the Messiah will be cut off". Daniel 9:24-27 This was also fulfillment of the prophecy contained in God's Feast of **Passover**, fulfilled to the hour of the day of the original event, defined by example about 1500 years before.

Details of this central time were predicted in at least **15 independent prophecies**, with a conservative probability of 1 in 10^{34} ! **That would be 1 in 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 probability**, in addition to many others. Think about that number.

Hundreds of Bible prophecies have also been fulfilled, confirming God's appointed times, and described by other prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, John and other Minor Prophets. (Ch.9 *Evidence*) Prophecies of Israel's punishment for disobedience of God's Law were fulfilled to the letter through Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel. Again, consider **Psalms 22!**

With the probability of **just 8 prophecies** being fulfilled, that is calculated at **1 in 10^{17} , or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000**, the improbability of so many more of these prophecies being fulfilled is literally astronomical! (p231 *Evidence; Stoner-Science Speaks*) Read Stoner online and reflect on this as imperative proof! **This alone proves that the Bible is God's Word. Everything adds up** if understood in the right context.

"Widely cited estimates suggest that around 2,000 of the 2,500 prophecies have already been fulfilled!" (Sermons.logos.com) There are not enough zeros to reflect this probability, but they would quite probably fill many books!

Was Jesus really the **King of the Jews**? The birth of Yeshua, aka Jesus, was prophesied many times in the Old Testament, often pointing to **His lineage, place of birth, and divine nature**. Born of a virgin: **Isaiah 7.14**; fulfilled in **Matt.1.22-23**. Born in Bethlehem (house of bread): **Micah 5.2**; fulfilled in **Matt.2.1**. A descendant of Abraham: **Gen.22.18**; to **Galatians 3.16**. From the tribe of Judah: **Gen.49.10**; **See Luke 3.33 and Matt.1.2**; Heir to David's Throne: **2 Sam.7.12-13**, confirmed as the son of David in **Matt.4.14-16**. The timing of His coming: **Dan.9.25** outlines a timeline that points to the period of Jesus' life and ministry.

"There were 14 Generations from Abraham to David, 14 to the exile to Babylon, and 14 from the exile to the Messiah." **Matthew 1:17**

The genealogy of Yeshua is broken into **three sets of 14 generations**:

- **From Abraham to David** (the rise of Israel and its first king). This was a time of theocracy, ruled by the **prophets**.
- **From David to the Babylonian exile** (the fall of the kingdom due to sin and unfaithfulness). All **monarchies**.
- **From the exile to Jesus** (the coming of the Messiah and the fulfillment of God's promise). Israel was **ruled by governors**, either Babylonian Greek, or Roman. without prophets, and often under pagan rule.

Why 14?

Numerical Symbolism (Gematria):

In ancient Hebrew, letters had numeric values. The name **David** (דָּוִד) consists of the letters **D (4) + V (6) + D (4)**, adding up to **14**. By organizing the genealogy into groups of 14, Matthew emphasizes **Jesus' royal lineage** as the **Son of David**, reinforcing Jesus' identity as the promised **Messianic King**. This was part of the Davidic Covenant. **2 Sam.7:12-16, Matthew 1:1+, Rom.1:3**

4. **DNA analysis** has indicated that we originate from a single set of genomes dating back to around the time Adam and Eve were estimated to have lived. This should show, to the logical mind, that Adam and Eve are probably true. ('Adam' means 'man' in Hebrew) Read up on this in *Evidence*, as well as secondary references below, for a better understanding of this controversial topic! (Part 2, *Total Truth*; Ch.15, 17 *Evidence*)
5. **Miracles!** Recent developments in Israel have again been exactly fulfilled according to prophecy, but specifically the fact that what was **a desert prior to 1940** is now a thriving, leading agricultural country. We have seen the **re-establishment of the nation of Israel** in one day, all speaking Hebrew, **as if time has stood still for 2000 years after their rejection of Christ!** This is in line with Daniel's **70-week prophecy**, and the dry bones passage in **Ezekiel 37:1-14**.

This and the many miracles that Jesus' performed, as witnessed and recorded by His Apostles, His resurrection and ascension, all indicate that He was the Messiah.

How is this all possible?! This shows God's love and protection continuing for His true Church, and Israel, according to His **Covenants**. Above all, we can see that **God is consistent** in His Word!

6. The Bible is a book of **principle and precedent**. *"It provides foundational truths (why) and historical examples (how) of human conduct and legal thought. It creates a framework for moral and ethical decisions across cultures."* God's Word and laws have proven to be **profitable to society**. While the West gives a clue, Israel is a most recent example.

Western society, especially over the 19th and 20th centuries, subsequent to the Reformation and the restoration of the Temple's holy sacraments, were largely driven by Godly values, structure, and culture. As a result, the world is far better off today than ever before. This testifies to the importance of 'values', depicted in the '1st quadrant' of the *Strategic Change Cycle*. (Fig.2)

7. **The Bible accurately describes man's weaknesses**, and highlights the spiritual battle between life (obedience/righteousness) and death (sin/lawlessness), between light (happiness) and darkness (misery), between God and Satan, and between Faith in the Truth and Man's 'Knowledge' (dogma). This has been shown as historically true, and is becoming ever more obvious in the denouement of the world's trajectory towards a final showdown, including many false churches and man's doctrine, ending in the Messianic Kingdom.

John wrote to seven churches in Revelations, highlighting typical problems that we see today. *"The majority of the Church of **Laodicea** were caught up in a 'prosperity gospel' that developed out of a worldly wealth and spiritual pride. 'Laodicea' means '**mob rule**', or 'judgment of the people'."* (Apocalypse) Ruled by Councils who decide on doctrinal practices, this probably describes many of our estimated **45,000 Christian denominations** today. (CSGC) **Rev.3:15**

There is a prophecy that in the end times *“because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.”* **Matt.24:12** You can see this happening already in a decline in the number of marriages, increased abortions and child abuse, depravity, selfishness, and more. **Marriage and family**, one of God’s holy institutions, is a focus of attack.

8. **False Churches.** The Bible assesses the world’s spiritual development, and the falling down of His Churches. These seven churches were prophesied, and we can see today how this is unfolding, with many Churches no longer true to God’s Word, or obeying His Commandments in their faith in Jesus as Savior, instead holding on to traditional **dogma**, and other **Scriptural heresies**.

These are called “false churches”. You are warned many times about the false churches and the *dogma* of man. ***“What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”*** **Deut.12:32** Do not add to it, or take anything away!

9. **The congruence of current events** that are now coming to fruition, as prophesied, are crucial. The reestablishment of Israel is a clear marker. **Deut.30:1-6, Is.11:11-12, Jer.16:14-15, Ezek.36:24, 37:11-14,21-22, Amos 9:14-15, Rom.11:26, Matt.24:34** The 'global warming' phenomenon, with radically increased 'birth pains' in the form of volcanic eruptions, violent storms, earthquake intensity, and wars against Israel, to name a few, are all signs before the return of Christ. **Mark 13:8; Rom.8:22**
10. **Scientific understanding 2000 years ago?** **Rev.21** In Revelations, John describes the **precious stones** to be used for the **Third Temple** when Christ returns. *“Of the 28 stones that are normally regarded as gemstones, **only 16 are an-isotropic**. Considering that an-isotropic behavior was discovered only in the last century, and John wrote Revelations almost 2,000 years ago, the odds of randomly selecting 12 stones from this group are approximately **1 in 16,715!**”*

*“It is important to keep in mind that some assumptions are being made, such as the stones being a literal representation of heaven and the light in heaven being similar to 'pure' light that passes through the gems. Nevertheless, **could it be that God intentionally chose stones that disperse light and produce stunning rainbow effects, while avoiding***

those that would lose their color, when selecting the foundation stones for the new temple?" (Christianevidence.net – *The 12 Foundation Stones*)
 How could John have known?!

11. **Prophecies for the future are unfolding** before our eyes. By paying close attention, we can verify these events. Israel was prophesied to **"be born in a day,"** as part of **the dry-bones prophecy**. **Is.66:7-8** Israel is preparing to rebuild their Holy Temple for the last time. The **Euphrates** and other rivers, including the Nile, are drying up, as prophesied in the end times. **Is.11:15, Jer.50:38** Israel is surrounded by enemies. **Luke 21:20, Zech.12:2-3** Misrepresentation of the truth is rampant. The alliances are now coming to fruition against Israel, in support of Islamic and Palestinian claims. The world is choosing unwisely. **Zech.12:3, Joel 3:2** Why is this?

The world’s aggression towards Israel is almost unanimous, and antisemitism is at its highest point since Hitler. Inspired almost entirely through Islamic extremists, Satan has always come against Israel. This has now become a potential fail-point for western civilization and Judeo-Christian values. While the flaws, poverty, and injustices of communism, Muslim terrorist countries and organizations, and their human rights atrocities around the world are ignored, especially by the media, and even by their own people, Israel is the focus of a hatred that is satanic, true to scripture.

The Bible thus represents God’s Word, His plan for your salvation, and the clarity of His Laws of Righteousness.

This leads us to the **real Reformation, a final spiritual awakening** that has begun. The Truth is being revealed. This is the goal, or end, of this book.

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Sola Scriptura

"Additionally, the wise man must not only pursue truth, but must refute falsehood." (Summa Contra Gentiles -Thomas Aquinas)

The Reformation was all about centering Faith around the Bible, not based on Catholic *dogma*. ***"Protestant"*** broadly identifies those Christians who reject the authority of the papacy, and place exclusive doctrinal authority on the Bible." (wiki) However, most of **these churches continued in the "traditions of men"** as defined originally by the early Roman Catholic Church, which were enforced under Roman law. So, for various reasons, ***"the paradigm overruled the change."*** (First Things First - Covey, Kuhn's theory)

This is mainly why we need to test our worldview. 'Christian' as though it may seem, is it biblical? **Deut.4:2, 12, 32, Rev.22:18-19, Acts 17:10-12**

This fallacious 'appeal to the masses' mindset continues today, proving the principles behind the Classic Asche **conformity bias** and **bandwagon fallacy**, and Milgram's **obedience to authority**. In faith and decision-making, these are two of Mans' worst flaws, arising out of ignorance.

Read Hos. 4:6!

Fallacy leads to illusion, away from the Truth. A solid knowledge on fallacy is thus essential in determining the truth, or at least in detecting deception.

What is your faith worth if not based **entirely** on the Holy Scriptures?! This intended biblical focus is central to this book, realigning the dichotomies, and correcting major errors of the past. This is the revealing of *The Religions of Men*, a **paradigm shift**.

Spiritual Growth

"Truth must be the ultimate end of the universe and is the chief aim of wisdom. To help man pursue Truth, divine wisdom came to man clothed in flesh." (Thomas Aquinas)

Many still live in a world of '*Biblia pauperum*', and base their beliefs on simple concepts, and abide by what they are told, rather than studying scriptural detail. Studies have shown that most Christians do not read their Bible, but rely on an elementary Sunday service for their faith, and salvation. Not much has changed over the centuries.

This applies to **other religions** as well, specifically Islam, where tradition and *dogma* are **accepted without any challenge** as to **historical accuracy**, proof of **primary evidence** and **witness**, recorded documentation at the time, or with some proof of an accurate reflection of their belief, specifically through the **fulfillment of prophecy**. The Bible is the only book that meets these criteria.

To determine **biblical Truth**, surely you need to ask the question: what does the Bible say? We have to be mindful that not all Man's writings are equal, or even accurate and scripturally true, just as every topic is not of equal importance. Every church is also not scriptural, and every preacher is not always properly informed, truthful, or contextual. With around 45,000 'Christian' denominations around the world, these are facts that we must acknowledge!

So, there is a hierarchy of knowledge and understanding for which you need a strategic perspective to see the forest for the trees, separating the wheat from the chaff, and God's Word from '*dogma*', the Greek word for 'decree'.

“Contexts control our behavior, and our mindsets (paradigms) determine how we interpret each context.” (Mindfulness)

You also have to separate **primary evidence** from secondary in your discernment, treating everything else with suspicion. Consider the source, the capability, authenticity, and the motivation behind the information.

The ability to make good decisions is called **discernment**, a product of wisdom. **Wisdom** is not the same as intelligence. Far from it. *“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding.”* **Prov.4:7** *“For the Lord gives wisdom;..”* **Prov.2:6**

*“By 3 methods we may learn **wisdom**: First, by **reflection**, which is noblest. Second, by **imitation**, the easiest, and third, by **experience**, which is the*

bitterest." (Confucious) Translated, you need to reflect based on the Holy Scriptures, and imitate God's Laws, or pay the consequences. A wise man learns from others' mistakes. **Prov.12:15**

In our world of information overload and propaganda, the skill of discernment has been lost, just as **the Holy Bible, which is THE primary reference**, has been relegated to, and even subject to **Man's non-contextual and biased interpretations, traditions, and dogma**. Is this not a parallel to the garden of Eden, the heretical *dogma* of the Rabbinic scribes and pharisees, and later, the Roman Catholic Church and her 'daughters', and also of Mormonism and Islam? These are the works of the Deceiver, the Counterfeiter, who has been marvelous in his success at perverting the Truth, and desecrating God's commandments and holy sacraments.

To overcome this, *The Religions of Men* offers essential truths, not addressed in secular circles, with the goal of creating an **accurate biblical worldview**, based on **biblical Truth and reality**, all to provide a strong basis for biblical Faith, and fundamental biblical apologetics.

Again, **context and paradigms are critical to understanding the truth**. Many Christian books are written with **Replacement Theology** **Rom.11:1,11:18-21, 29**, and, or, **antinomian perspectives** that we are warned about. **Rom.6:1-2, 6:15, Jude 4, Matt.7:21-23, James 2:14-26, 1 John 2:3-3, 3:4-9**

The goal is to reveal the Truth, offering you facts, context, and reasoning to strengthen your biblical Faith, as well as gaining a strategic perspective into God's Word, much alive and relevant in our world. This is truly empowering, and reassuring. It will help you to avoid many of the pitfalls, deceptions, and fallacies found today.

As you study the Bible, you will find only **design** and **concurrence**. There is no coincidence! These are not myths or fairy tales, but clear instruction, illustrations, historical fact, and prophecy, revealing the Truth of God's Words and Will for your salvation.

God does not change His mind. **Num.23: 19** His Word is constant. **Is.40:8**

B3. God's Sabbath

"Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbaths throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant, for it is a sign between Me and you forever."

Exodus 31:16-17

While you need to remember that most of the biblical Feast days are called High Sabbaths, God puts special emphasis on keeping His Sabbath, as it symbolizes **the goal of the Bible**. The 'end' is revealed from the beginning.

Not all '*mo'edim*', God's appointed times, are Sabbaths. **Passover**, for instance, is not a Sabbath! **This High Sabbath begins at the evening of Passover at sundown**. This is the start of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

When Jesus was crucified, He died at 3pm on the Thursday, on Passover. They had to hurry to get Him prepared for burial before 6pm that evening as that was the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a High Sabbath. So, Friday and Saturday were Sabbaths, which is why they could only go to Jesus' tomb on the Sunday, giving us 3 days and 3 nights. This is how we know that Jesus did not die on Good Friday, and the math actually works! Context is everything.

From the Beginning

The Sabbath is first mentioned in Genesis 2, where God rested on the 7th day of creation. **God sanctifies the Sabbath for all mankind**. **Gen.2.2-3, Ex.20.:11, Ezek.20:12** There were no 'Jews' then, so this was a **universal statute**. Biblically, we need to understand that the Creation is an outline of God's plan for mankind, with Israel set as the example to all.

The Creation was described with divine purpose, and is a **grand prophecy**. We know that one day can mean one thousand years in scripture, so the Creation can be broken down as follows: **2 Peter 3:8, Ps.90:4**

- The first 2 days represent **Yamim Tohu**, a time of desolation and chaos.

- Then 2 days, **Yamim Torah**, or **two** thousand years, represent the time of the Torah, after Moses.
- **Yamim Messiach** are the **two** thousand years since Yeshua (Jesus)
- **Atid L'vo**, the Sabbath rest, represents the Messianic kingdom.

So, by keeping the Sabbath, we not only acknowledge God as our Creator, but it reminds us to focus on the **Messianic Kingdom. This is God's goal and the aim of the Bible.** Jesus' death and resurrection is not the end of the story.

The year is now 2026. Jesus died and arose in 33 AD. That is almost two thousand years ago. We are drawing very near to that *Atid L'vo* time! Fulfilled end-time prophecies confirm that we are now in the "*last generation*". **Ezek. 37, Is.66:8, Matt. 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:22, Rev.11:9, 2 Peter 3:10**

After the Exodus from Egypt, **God established the Sabbath as a perpetual covenant**, known as the **Mosaic Covenant**, with a severe personal penalty to ensure obedience. **Exodus 31:14-15, Numb.15:32-36, Ezek.20:13-21**

Israel, over their centuries after God delivered them into Canaan, continued to disobey God. **Jeremiah** warned Israel that God would be merciful **if they would just keep the Sabbath**. But they refused. Despite **many warnings**, they continued to worship idols and not keep the Sabbath according to His Law. Eventually God said to them through Jeremiah "*if you will just keep my Sabbath, I will withhold My judgement on you*". But still they refused, and so were punished. This shows that God is patient and merciful, **but also just. Jer.17:24-27**

After Israel returns from captivity, the prophet Nehemiah continues to warn Israel from profaning the Sabbath. If the physical (OT) penalty for disobedience was death, surely this implies a spiritual (NT) death in the same way?

The Seal Commandment

***"If thou shalt turn away thy foot from the Sabbath ... and call it a delight, ...not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words."* Is.58:13**

In **Leviticus 23**, where God explains his *mo'edim*, or feasts, it begins with honoring the **Sabbath**. This places it highest on the rank of importance.

Jesus also said: *"The Sabbath was made for Man..."* **Mark 2:27** Throughout the New Testament you see Jesus and the Apostles keeping the Sabbath. **Luke 4:16, Acts 13,17, 18** In the Messianic Kingdom, we are told by Isaiah that *"all flesh"* will worship God on the Sabbath. **Is.66:23**

The **10 Commandments** all hinge around the **Seal Commandment**, as this declares *"His divine **authority, ownership, and protection.**"* Which commandment is this? The answer is, of course, keeping God's Sabbath day holy. There are many scriptures that point us to the importance God places on keeping this commandment, to the point where it could be read as what your eternal life as a believer hinges on.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" is the 4th Commandment. **Exodus 20:8+** We all know the scriptural Sabbath is on Saturday, but there is much more to it. It is mentioned over **170 times** in the Bible, 59 times in the New Testament, with 40 of these in the gospels. ***"It is also a sign between God and us that He sets us apart as His special people."*** **Ezekiel 20:12, Revelation 12:17**

Is this the 'sign' or 'mark' by which God will identify His true Church? **Genesis 1:14** suggests this, as the Hebrew word '**Oth**' means 'sign' or 'mark'. (Greek - *semeion*) In **Exodus 31:12-14** you can read: ***"Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death:"*** Axiomatically, the word to describe Satan's mark used in Revelations is the same Greek used: '*semeion*'.

How more bluntly could it be said? Surely that implies a, perhaps the, criterion for the final judgement! We know that God is consistent. How else can God know your faith, love and obedience? This is a minimum.

Your keeping the Sabbath is thus central to God's Will, followed by keeping His Feasts and Festivals, and to demonstrating your 'works' of **obedience**. **John 14:15** Not only does it recognize God as the Creator, it looks forward to the Millennial Kingdom, the New Age of perfection, blessings, and harmony. This is core to the **cornerstones of our Faith**.

Remember this when you pray "**Thy Will be Done**", which all Christians repeat without truly considering its meaning, or whether we are following His will, or Man's (Satan's).

Remember that "**No one can serve two masters.**" **Matt.6:24, Luke 16:13**

Read the following scriptures on the **Seal Commandment**. **Genesis 2:2-3, Deut.32:26, Lev.25:1-8, 26:2-3, Neh.9:13-14, Exodus 20:8-11.**

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
john1415.org/QandAs/Sabbath.pdf	About the Sabbath
John1415.org/01-02-Gen.MP3	Lesson on the Sabbath from Genesis

Sunday

Most churches today celebrate Sunday as the Sabbath. When did this change? In the first century the early church, both Jews and gentiles, were persecuted almost to extinction.

Of the apostles, only **John** managed to survive, after being boiled in oil by the Romans and then sent into exile on the island of **Patmos**. Gentiles had taken over the church, but decided to conform to the Roman culture, probably just to avoid persecution. Churches justified changing the Sabbath to Sunday, but this is not scriptural.

Few, if any, of 'Christian' holy days kept since then were prescribed by God, so that confirms an **unholy motivation**. These superseded God's instructions, creating a new paradigm, instilled by *dogma*, aka decrees.

Rome destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem in **70 AD**. The Jews were rebels, and would not bow to the emperors who claimed deity. According to Eusebius: **Vespasian**, in addition to imposing additional taxes on Jews, also ordered the execution of all descendants of the House of David!

Eusebius, an advisor to Constantine, is known as the **Father of Church History**. **Hadrian** (+138 AD), after the persecutions of Nero and Vespasian, **banned both Sabbath-keeping and the Torah**. *"In Roman eyes, adhering to the Sabbath could be interpreted as a political act of solidarity with the rebellious Jews, or as 'atheism' for refusing to partake in state religious festivals."*

Early Christians were considered a sect of the Jews, and rightly so. The early gentile church thus started celebrating Sunday as 'the Lord's Day' instead, the day Jesus arose. They were all done **out of context** of Scripture, and with God's holy days that had these events already considered. Thus, the pretexts were created, and God's Laws lost. **Rome did not convert to Christianity, it absorbed it.**

The Romans despised the Jews, and so any sign of Judaizing was avoided. Antisemitism spread as many now blamed the Jews for crucifying Jesus. Known as Canon 29, at the **Council of Laodicea 364 AD** the **Roman Catholic Church formally prohibited Sabbath worship, and all Jewish customs, on pain of excommunication or death!** This was a follow-up from **Constantine's Edict in 321 AD** where he made **Sunday**, the "**venerable day of the sun**", a public holiday.

For centuries, the Catholic Church continued to hunt and kill all those committing 'heresies' which included those not eating pork, and keeping the Sabbath. The new philosophy was that the gentile Church was no longer under the Law of God, also claiming that Paul said pork was now not an abomination. This is **antinomianism**, which is alive and well today in our Roman culture.

They thus moved away from God's Law to comply with Roman decrees. **1 Tim. 4:5** (Make sure that this verse is not left out.) You should only eat

food sanctified by God. That which is 'Lo Tochlu', Hebrew for 'never' to eat, is defined in [Leviticus 23](#), and called **abominations**.

This is highly ironic as it was this 'church' that was guilty of heresy against the holy scriptures, who murdered so many others who were innocent, under the same pretext. This portrays the **dualism** in Jesus' conviction when He was innocent, while the Pharisees tore their robes, which was against the *Torah*, and freed Barabbas, a thief and murderer.

Today we would call their actions 'genocide', or 'brainwashing' under totalitarian rule, similar to Hitler's Germany, Stalin's Russia, Mao's China and the Shiite's Iran. This enforced **syncretism** to Roman pagan traditions, away from God's Feasts and commandments, widespread under the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, once completed, God's 'Holy Days' were hardly recognizable from a scriptural perspective, thus rightly renamed as 'holidays'.

This term is no coincidence, as "*holly was used extensively by the Romans, especially during the festival of **Saturnalia in December**, to ward off evil spirits and bring good fortune.*" At Saturnalia, which was at the winter solstice, Romans exchanged small gifts, lighting candles and making merriment. Just like Christmas! So 'holidays' should be 'hollydays'. We assume differently, a subtle but clear misleading. These pagan Romans **traditions** remain in most churches today.

"All we like sheep, we have gone astray.." [Is.53:6](#), [Jer.50:6](#), [Ps.119:176](#), [1 Peter 2:25](#) Ironically, this is commonly preached on Good Friday. [Is.52:13](#)

Sunday is never mentioned in the Bible as a holy day. Many now say that you should "follow your conscience", or "what difference does it make?" Does that mean that you should do what God instructs you to do, or just do as you please? [John 14:15](#), [Matt.12:2](#), [Mark 2:27-28](#) Why then punish those who celebrated the Sabbath on the Sabbath? Is this not an obvious intention to deceive, and force many into disobedience? Furthermore, is this a sign of a 'true Church'?

Is it right then to observe God's holy day as 'Sun'day, the day of Mithras, the Roman sun god, even if decreed by a pope in the 4th century? Is that not blatant idolatry? **Consider the many warnings about worshipping idols, false prophets, and the deceptions of man, tradition, and**

doctrine. 2 Tim.4:1, Matt.7:15+, Neh.13:15-22, Is.56:1-8 Surely glorifying Him on a pagan holiday is an abomination to God, and blatant disobedience?

Is the 'seal' commandment exactly that? Will those who keep the Sabbath get God's seal at the coming rapture, similar to the Passover seal? A play on words? That is what the Bible says. **Sola Scriptura!** These are the facts. This is the Truth. God's Word does not change.

Lastly, consider the lengths God went to with Israel to teach them His *Torah*. Israel was to be a **"holy example to all nations."** Ex.19:5-6, Is.49:6 Then, is it at all logical that Jesus, who is God in person, would say to the gentiles: *"don't worry about keeping My laws that I said would last forever. As long as you believe in me, you'll be fine. I changed my mind. You gentiles don't need no Laws. Y'all good to go."*

Does that make any sense? The 'age of grace', which is **antinomianism**, is another lie. This would make the whole Old Testament obsolete, and God's covenants would not hold, nor the prophets, and your faith would be worthless. Despite what the world may tell you, know that this is a grand deception. Understanding the Great Battle, think too where this deception comes from. **Matt.7:13**

Now, with a better Scriptural understanding, you can read Catholic and even Protestant defenses of their heresies with a new mindset, detecting how they negate the Old Testament and God's Laws that were said to stand forever. **Ps.111:7-8, 119:160, Is. 40:8, Matt.5:18, 24:35, 1 Peter 1:25** This is a sign of your discernment, growing in the truth of Scripture.

Using misquotes and creating pretexts, many claim that Paul said that Jesus ended the Law. This is not true on both counts. Paul was himself a Pharisee who kept the Law explicitly. He understood the need to be **'grafted-in'**. *"I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews"*. **1 Cor.9:20** In the scriptures, when he was accused of not keeping the Law, and forsaking Moses, he undertook to prove himself by joining a purification rite and taking Nazarite vows.

Again, Jesus never said that He came to abolish the Law, **but to fulfill it.** 'End' is a synonym for 'goal'. That does not mean it goes away. Jesus and

His disciples all kept the Law, and Jesus told us to walk as He walked. **1 John 2:6, 1 Peter 2:21**

These ‘Sunday’ defenses are thus all unscriptural. The Catholic Church has a very dark history, and, like the Protestants in their day, you need to see it for what it is, and take a fresh look at its history.

So, these **locked paradigms**, promoted and enforced, have hidden the truth for almost 2000 years. They are **the religions of men** as to their origins, and obfuscation of the truth.

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
sabbath.org	Roman Catholic confessions about Sunday

Passover

The Hebrew term for Passover is **Pesach**, which refers to the **Passover lamb**. **Ex.12:3-5, Is.53:7** There can be little doubt as to this being a parallel to Jesus, “*the Lamb of God.*” **John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:19, 1 Cor.5:7, Revelations 5:6, +27 times.**

According to the Law, we must keep Passover in remembrance of God’s leading Israel out of Egypt, a prophecy fulfilled in Jesus' sacrifice. Most churches still keep Good Friday as the day Jesus was crucified, the lamb of God. Whether this is intentionally misleading or not, Jesus died on Passover, which was a **Thursday**, fulfilling the prophecy of 3 days and 3 nights. **Jonah 1:17, Matt. 12:40** This also aligns with God's Passover *mo'ed*. **Ex.12, Lev.23**

Friday does not compute, and breaks the prophecy, but at least it's not Jewish! Either way, getting this holy day wrong is a mockery of Christ's death, especially when God also told us in the *Torah* to keep this day as a memorial, **forever**. **Ex.12:14, Gal.6:7-8, Heb.10:29** Why is that? This is what Jesus was referring to when He said: “*do this in remembrance of Me*” at Passover. He was the lamb of God, and His shed blood was for the passing over of spiritual death. The parallel seems obvious, but not to most.

By keeping holy **communion**, we focus on Christ's death, every week. This ritual is **not Scriptural**, and nor is baptism at birth. This detracts from the bigger picture that we should be preparing for right now - your salvation, and the return of Jesus as King!

God's Feasts or *mo'edim* are essential contextual prophecies; ignored by the religions of men for lack of the God given context of the *Torah* and His prophets. By ignoring these we are in essence denying Christ, the king of the Jews, and how He lived, His teachings and Laws. (*Evidence* p.208) As importantly many miss the convergence, possibly at the cost of their faith and even salvation.

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
factsanddetails.com john1415.org/ Festivals	Mithraism beliefs 2021-Passover-Week.MP3

Keeping the Sabbath like Jesus

The Sabbath memorial, called ***Shabbat***, meaning 'rest', is also known as the Messianic Sanctification (Kiddush). With blessings of the bread and wine, the Sabbath is celebrated like this every Shabbat (Friday evening at sundown). *Shabbat* is a focus on the **recognition of God and family**.

Jesus is called "*the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath day.*"

Matt.12:8 This is how it follows:

All face Jerusalem and sing or say the **Shema**:

Hear O Israel the Lord our God the Lord is one. Blessed be the glorious name of His Kingdom forever and ever.

Hebrew: Shema Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad. Baruch shem kavod malchuto leolam vaed.

Read: "*And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying: Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout all generations: that ye may know that*

I am the Lord who sanctifies you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore, for it is holy unto you." Exodus 31:12-14

Lighting of the Candles

The Lady of the House should light two candles and say the following blessing:

"Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who sanctified us with his commandments, and commanded us to be a light to the nations and who gave us Yeshua our Messiah the Light of the world."

Hebrew: Baruch attah ADONAI, eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav, lehadlik ner shel shabbat.

Remembering the first Sabbath

The Father of the house should read **Genesis 1:31-2:3** while holding a glass of grape juice, to remember how God created the world and rested.

"God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good. It was evening and it was morning, the sixth day.

Heaven and earth, and all their components, were thus completed. With the seventh day, God finished all the work that he had done. He thus ceased on the seventh day from all the work that he had been doing. God blessed the seventh day, and he declared it to be holy, for it was on this day that God ceased from all the work that he had been creating so that it would continue to function."

Blessing Over the Bread

The preparation of the bread should be done in a braided way with three symbolic strands. **Two loaves** are prepared, symbolic of the double portion of manna provided by God every Friday in the wilderness. The Father of the house breaks the loaves of *challah* and holds them up:

"Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, Who gives us the Living Bread from heaven." Exodus 16, John 6:35, 48

Hebrew: Baruch attah ADONAI eloheinu melech ha'olam, ha-motzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Respond: Amen

Each person takes a piece. Husbands take for their wives and children.

Blessing Over the Fruit of the Vine

Then he raises a glass of grape juice, remembering the cup of salvation and how God rescued the Israelites out of Egypt.

“Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.” **John 15:1,5, Romans 11:17-18**

Hebrew: *Baruch attah ADONAI eloheinu melech ha’olam, borei pri hagafen.*

Respond: Amen

Blessing Over the Wives

Reading from **Proverbs 31**. This outlines the virtues associated with a good wife including: trustworthiness, diligence, generosity to the poor, wisdom in speech, spiritual strength, and a woman who fears the Lord.

Final Blessing Over Shabbat

The Father of the house raises his glass of wine and prays the following blessing over the Sabbath:

*“Blessed are You LORD our God, King of the Universe, who made us holy with his commandments and favored us, and gave us His holy Sabbath, in love and favor, to be our heritage, as a reminder of the Creation. It is the foremost day of the holy festivals marking the Exodus from Egypt. For out of all the nations You chose us, **grafted us in**, and made us holy, and You gave us Your holy Sabbath, in love and favor, as our heritage.*

Blessed are you LORD, Who sanctifies the Sabbath.”

Hebrew transliterated: *Baruch attah ADONAI, mekadesh ha shabbat.*

Respond: Amen

Everyone drinks wine from their cup, with a toast “*L’chay’im*” which means ‘to lives’, both this and the next.

*"If you **hold back your feet** on account of the Sabbath from doing whatever you please on My holy day, if you call the Sabbath **a delight** and call the holy one of the LORD honored, if you honor it by not making **your own way**, seeking whatever you please, or **speaking inappropriately**, then you will delight in the LORD, and I will let you ride upon the heights of the earth, and I will feed you with the inheritance of your father Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."* **Isaiah 58:13–14**

Lastly, the blessing is read from **Numbers 6:24-26**, which many churches still use. This is known as the **Aaronic Benediction**, used by Jews and Christians.

Challah Bread

The intertwined braids of this simple bread hold much symbolism. It reminds us:

- that God's Word is the bread of life. **John 6:35**
- of God's blessings and abundance. **Is.56:2, 58:13-14, Jer.17:24-25**
- and serves as a covenant reminder of the covenant between God and His faithful people, called Israel, reflecting faithfulness and obedience. **Exodus 31:3, Ezek.20:12**

This is the Shabbat format that Jesus and His disciples kept. **Matt.12:11-12, Luke 6:6-11** Of course the bread and wine remind us of communion, which has taken Jesus' words spoken at the Last Supper "*Do this in remembrance of Me*" out of context. Jesus' breaking "*this bread*" is the Seder '*afikoman*' at Passover, symbolizing His body being broken, His death, burial and resurrection. Communion is thus out of context with this *mo'ed*.

The ritual of communion using bread and wine was practiced under Mithraism, so acceptable to the Romans. It seems logical that the Jewish practice of Shabbat on the Sabbath would be permitted if done on a Sunday. Communion, a replica of the weekly Seder, celebrated only on Passover, was practiced weekly like Shabbat. Rome could not argue with this. However, there is no reference to this synchronized ritual in the Scriptures, and is thus *dogma*.

Below is a comparison of the Seder with Communion:

Aspect	Seder Meal (Passover)	Communion (Lord's Supper)	Shared Meaning
Foundation event	Deliverance from Egypt in Exodus	Death and resurrection of Jesus Christ	Both commemorate salvation events
Central act	Eating a symbolic meal	Eating bread and drinking wine	Physical act symbolizes spiritual truth
Sacrifice	Passover lamb	Jesus as sacrificial Lamb	Substitutionary sacrifice
Use of bread	Unleavened bread (matzah)	Bread representing Jesus' body	Provision and purity
Use of wine	Multiple cups representing God's promises	Cup representing new covenant in Christ's blood	Covenant relationship
Remembrance	"Remember this day" (Exodus 12:14)	"Do this in remembrance of me"	Intentional remembrance
Covenant identity	Marks Israel as God's people	Marks believers as part of new covenant	Belonging to God
Deliverance theme	Freedom from slavery	Freedom from sin/death	Redemption
Communal meal	Family/community gathering	Church/community participation	Shared identity
Ongoing practice	Celebrated annually	Celebrated regularly	Repeated remembrance

Table 2 - Parallel between Seder and Communion

At **Passover**, the scriptures tell us to prepare the **Seder**, which details **Christ's crucifixion**, including the breaking of unleavened bread. **Luke 22** This is the scriptural prophetic meal, a *mo'ed* of **remembrance** and **prophecy**.

Ex.12:14 also describes this feast as an "*everlasting ordinance*". It is a "*sign on your hand*" (action) and a "*memorial between your eyes*" (thoughts), being "*a renewal of the Covenant.*" **Exodus 13:9, 16, Ex.15:16, Num.9:13** Note the consequences of failing to keep this feast! It includes those "*grafted-in*". **Ex.12:48, Luke 22:20** **This is crucial to understand!**

Bear in mind that the “**stranger**” refers to gentiles who have not been baptized and repented. Circumcision was a physical requirement in the Old Testament, but in the New it applies spiritually to a “*circumcision of the heart*”, aka being **grafted-in**. **1 Cor.7:19, Phil.3:2-3, Rom.2:25-29**

The Table above clearly shows a direct parallel between the two. We know that the Last Supper was Jesus explaining the Seder which had been practiced as Passover to commemorate the Exodus from Egypt, from over **1000** years before. Why have the **Rabbinic Jews** not seen this fulfillment?!

Again, this shows a clear depiction of the physical example in the OT (micro) changing to a spiritual level in the NT (macro).

Was a version of Shabbat then synchronized with the anti-Jewish Roman churches?

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/ john1415.org/QandAs	Study on Mithraism Communion

Importance of the Sabbath

Can you now see why the Sabbath is important? Not only does it recognize God as the Creator, but it creates a picture for us of God's plan. The Sabbath represents God's ultimate rest in His **Messianic Kingdom**, which is now on our doorstep. Otherwise, why the emphasis on the Sabbath throughout the Bible?

According to this broad prophecy, it has been 6000 years since Adam, and 2000 years since Jesus rose. While many Churches are happy looking back, focusing on the passion of Christ, you need to look forward to the completion of God's plan, and the fulfillment of scriptures, and the prophecies of the Messianic Kingdom. This is the faith and hope of salvation of the Scriptures. These ‘*mo’edim*’, specified as **God’s Feasts**, are convocations to be kept forever. Without them many have lost the context, and the big picture.

Celebrating the Sabbath thus shows your **faith** in God in His Word, and by keeping it, demonstrates your **love** and **obedience**. **John 14:15+** These are God's marks of righteousness and truth.

B4. Christ's Crucifixion

"Tell the rabble to be quiet. we anticipate a riot. This common crowd is much too loud. Tell the mob who sing their song, that they are fools and they are wrong. They are a curse. They must disperse." (Lyrics from *Jesus Christ Superstar* - Webber, Rice)

Setting the Stage

As prophesied in **Zech.9:9**, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on the Sunday, to first stay at Bethphage, meaning "*the House of Unripe Figs*", fulfilling prophecy. **Zech.9:9, Matt.21, Mark 11** The crowds lined the streets singing "*Hosanna to the Son of David*". **Matt.21:9, Mark 11:9-10; Luke 19:38, John 12:13** The common people, or rabble, saw Jesus as their Messiah. Why then would they vote for Barabbas later that week? **Matt.27:20**

Jesus normally stayed at Bethany. Why stay at Bethphage? The name was symbolic. Jesus cursed the fig tree without fruit, prophesying Israel's diaspora and coming punishment for their lack of faith in Him. **Jer.8:13, Hosea 9:10.**

Explained in **Matt.26**, it was Thursday morning, just after midnight. After the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives to pray. Jesus was fraught by what he knew was about to happen. Betrayed by Judas, as prophesied, Jesus was kissed on the cheek to identify Him to the Roman soldiers, who then arrested Jesus and took Him to the Sanhedrin. He went willingly.

They had orchestrated this midnight kidnapping. The quote above explains why this was necessary. The chief priests were not supposed to meet at night, and at the time would not go to the Chamber of Hewn Stone in order to condemn Jesus there.

Jesus was arrested, without resisting, and was examined by the Pharisees, the Sanhedrin, the Romans, and the Herodians, and found to have no blemish, as with the sacrificial lamb taken at Passover. This was prophesied in **Is.50:6, 53:7, 53:12**. Much of Jerusalem were believers in Jesus, but those in powerful positions feared for their own loss, and so

promoted those around to call for Barabbas to be set free, and chant "We have no king but Caesar." [John 19:15](#) How easily people can be manipulated. (Classic Ash and Milgrim's)

This was a clandestine operation. Having organized many false witnesses to testify against Jesus, there were none to corroborated another. [Matt. 26:59](#) According to the Torah, there must be **two witnesses** to the misdeed in order to have any weight in judgement. [Deut.17:6, 19:15](#).

Finally, they produced a corroborated witness who used a quote of Jesus, taken out of context, to condemn him. When asked if He is God, Jesus replies that He is the Son of Man, soon to return on clouds. He was quoting from [Dan.7:13](#). This is also mentioned in [Matt.26:64](#) and [Rev. 19:11](#).

In [Matthew 26:65](#), the high priest tears his clothes. This is forbidden in the Torah, [Lev.21:10](#). The irony here is that the priests are guilty of an offense, while Jesus is innocent.

Pontius Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent, but his hand was forced to maintain 'Pax Romanus', and avoid a riot. He tried to give the Jews a chance to change their mind by presenting the innocent Yeshua (Jesus) against a thief and murderer called Yeshua Barabbas which translates as 'salvation, son of the father'. The **dualism** in his name is a foreboding, as the Jews choose the false Christ.

Will Israel, and the world, again put their trust in the anti-Christ in the end times? It seems so. The world, including Israel, will make the same error. History will repeat itself.

In [Matt.27:25](#), the Jews cry "His blood be on us, and on our children". They thus cursed themselves according to [Exodus 20:4](#). Only if they repent, and call on His name, can this curse be lifted.

Jesus was nailed to a tree, or an upright stake, at 9am on that Thursday, at the same time the lamb was being bound to the altar in the nearby Temple for Passover. After 6 hours they killed the lamb, the same time Jesus died, at 3pm. Surely the lamb sacrifice was a symbolic representation of Jesus? [John 1:29](#) Why have the Rabbinic Jews still not joined the dots in this obvious parallel to **Passover**?

The animal sacrifice was an instruction to Moses, a blood sacrifice, for the temporary atonement of Israel's sins. Abraham's test was a foreboding of Jesus' crucifixion to come at the same place. **Gen.22:8** Jesus' perfect sacrifice offered a permanent atonement, obviating the need for further animal sacrifice, or the Temple.

The **Feast of Unleavened Bread** began at 6pm on that Thursday, which was on Friday, a High Sabbath. The lack of leaven is symbolic of Christ's innocence, that Satan could not hold Him. As this was a High Sabbath, they had to hurry to get Jesus into the grave before sundown on Thursday evening. Saturday was also a Sabbath, so Sunday was the first day they could attend to Jesus' grave, and finish His embalming.

Note again that the *mo'edim* of Passover and First Fruits are **not Sabbaths!** The Feast of **First Fruits** is on a Sunday, the day Jesus arose.

The Temple was built from stones taken from the quarry called Golgotha. Jesus was crucified on Golgotha, the "*stone the builders rejected has become our cornerstone.*" **Psalm 118:22. Psalm 22:18**, written 1000 years before, describes the soldiers casting lots for Jesus' garments. **Matt.27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:34**. There is a dramatic irony in this in that in the nearby Temple they were probably singing **Psalm 118** as part of the Passover ceremony, at the time of Jesus death!

To not understand the tragic significance of this is of course **spiritual blindness, caused by a locked paradigm**. Shame on the Jewish rabbis.

We need to understand the fundamental prophecies behind these *mo'edim*, aka Feasts or God's Holy Days. They represent the **cornerstones of biblical faith**: the **crucifixion** (Passover), **burial** (Unleavened Bread), **resurrection** (First Fruits), the coming of the **Holy Spirit** (Pentecost), and the promise of things to come. The **barley** offering required at First Fruits represents the **Jews** in **Lev. 23:9-14**, while the **wheat** offering at Pentecost refers to the **gentiles**. **Lev.23:15-21, Ex.34:22** These are events of the **Feasts of Ingathering**. All these prophecies have been fulfilled.

Still to come are **the Harvesting**: the rapture, and resurrection of the saints, the return of Jesus Christ, Messiah Yeshua, as king, issuing the final judgment and the establishment of His kingdom.

These 4 Feasts thus represent Jesus' first coming; what has happened. These were prophetic according to God's *mo'edim* as prescribed in the *Torah*, and were accurately fulfilled by Christ's crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Sadly, Christian churches miss this context, for the same reason: spiritual blindness. Another shame.

Passover Fulfilled

***"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."* Heb.9:22**

Jesus was crucified on Passover, fulfilling prophecy. One of the key elements of the Christian and Messianic faiths is that Jesus died for us on the cross, his blood shed as payment for our sins, an offering of forgiveness and salvation. This is seen by many as the most significant time in history. We need to understand why, as it reveals both the **truth** in the Bible, and **major flaws** in other religions.

According to **Goel's Law**, a common practice in Jesus' time, a person in debt could be redeemed by a close relative. **Lev.25:25, 47-49**. This established the **kinsman-redeemer** principle of being "bought". Jesus blood atonement, symbolic of 'a life for a life', thus means that His blood was a proper atonement for us. Jesus, our kinsman-redeemer, perfectly fulfilled the three **legal requirements** of the *Torah's* redemptive laws. **Lev.17:11, Ex. 21:23, Heb.2:11-17, Ruth** What are they?

Again, **Ex. 12:14** also describes this feast as an "**everlasting ordinance**". It is a "*sign on your hand*" (action) and a "*memorial between your eyes*" (thoughts), being "**a renewal of the Covenant.**" **Exodus 13:9, 16, Ex.15:16, Num.9:13** Note the **consequences** of failing to keep this feast! It includes those "**grafted-in**". **Ex.12:48, Num.15:15, Luke 22:20**

Christ's resurrection began a change the world has never seen the like of, and today represents the cornerstone of the Faith of millions of Christians. God, who has paid off our 'debt' of sin, now offers everyone a **free gift of salvation**. All you have to do is accept His offer, and get **grafted-in**, as explained above.

His crucifixion is one of the **most recorded facts** in ancient history, including the Annals of Tacitus, a Roman historian and senator (116 AD); Flavius Josephus, a Jewish-Roman historian (93 AD); Lucian of Samosata, a Greek satirist (165 AD); and the **Babylonian Talmud** mentioned that Yeshua was **crucified on the “eve of Passover”**. (70+ AD).

So, while **Rabbinic Judaism** accepts that Yeshua was crucified, they still do not accept that He was the Messiah.

It is thus ironic that **Islam** also does not accept Jesus' crucifixion or resurrection as fact, despite all the evidence, but accepts His existence **11 times** as the **Messiah** in the *Qu'ran*, their central text, and in the *Surahs*. Muslims also supposedly believe in the Gospels, and that He will return to defeat the False Messiah (*ad-Dajjal*) **under the Mahdi**, and establish peace and justice. So perhaps Islam includes a revised version of Revelations, and not really the Gospels? Apparently, He is the Messiah, but not the Son of God? Scripturally, this is confusing, divergent, and sacrilegious.

Passover is on the 14th day of the 1st Jewish calendar month (*Nisan* 14 to 15 aka *Aviv*). It celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, and freedom from physical bondage. As with many of the scriptures, there is a physical and **spiritual dualism** in this, evident by Christ's fulfillment of this prophecy, where He offers us freedom from slavery and sin, avoiding eternal damnation.

Jesus said "*Do this in remembrance of me*" while celebrating the Passover Seder. **Luke 22:19, 1 Cor.11:24-25** Jesus is identifying Himself as the Paschal Lamb described in Exodus, explaining the meaning of the Seder. "*The bread in verse 26 is a piece of **unleavened bread broken** during the **Passover seder meal**. It is wrapped in linen cloth and hidden away (afikoman). After the meal, it is found and brought back to the father. This is symbolic of His death, burial and resurrection.*" **Matt.26** According to the ancient ritual since the 7th century BC, at this time they drink the **3rd cup of redemption**. The Seder itself is a prophecy. This 'cup' signifies acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior, as with a **marriage contract** where the bride agrees to a marriage by drinking from the cup offered by the groom. **Ephes.5:25-27, 2 Cor.11:12, John 3:29, Rev.19:7-9, 21:2, 9-10**

The Greek word for remembrance is ‘*anamnesis*’ which in this context means “*a memorial offering*”, a “*calling to God’s mind His Covenant promises.*” This was a command to keep celebrating Passover, as described in [Leviticus 23:4-8](#), [Exodus 12](#).

Scriptures record the history of Moses leading those in slavery out of Egypt. God allows Moses to perform miracles to convince the Pharaoh to let the people go. This is recounted in the *Seder*, aka the **Last Supper**, held on Passover. (Read p.112-144 of *The Action Bible*, or Exodus 1)

Passover was a foreshadowing of Christ's crucifixion, and also points to judgement day. A spotless (*tamim*) lamb's blood was placed over the doorway of the slaves so that the angel of death would pass over them. Just as these lambs were selected for inspection on 10th day of *Nisan*, as part of the remembrance of God's Holy Day, defined in the Pentateuch aka the *Torah*, so was Jesus selected, tested, and shown to be *tamim*.

To emphasize the **congruence** of Scripture, here is a comparison table of these two Passover events:

Passover (1500 B.C.)	Christ's Crucifixion
Young male lambs were selected without any physical defect.	Jesus is described as " <i>a lamb without blemish or spot</i> "
The lamb is selected on the 10 th day of <i>Nisan</i> and examined for 4 days	Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10 th <i>Nisan</i> , and was tested by the Roman and religious leaders for 4 days.
God commanded that no bones should be broken on the Passover lamb.	Jesus' legs were not broken, as was the custom, but done to those beside him.
The Passover lamb was to be sacrificed at twilight, 3pm. Exodus 12:6	Jesus dies at the ninth hour, 3pm, which is when the Passover lamb was slaughtered in the Temple.
In Egypt, the blood of the lamb on the doorposts saved the firstborn from death. A choice was taken.	Christ's blood was shed for believers to pay for their sins. A choice needs to be taken.

Table 3 - Congruence of Passover and Christ's Crucifixion

Christ was crucified on Passover at exactly the same time as the angel of death passed over in Egypt, thus fulfilling this prophecy.

John the Baptist was born on **Passover** to prepare the way of the Lord, preaching **repentance**. Again, the timing of his birth is prophetic of Jesus' death, dying for the sins of those who have repented. (Read *Action Bible* p.525-531)

But you have to ask, repentance from what?

Baptism, a holy sacrament, is the beginning of the process of repentance, to leave 'sin' behind. Thus, we can understand that the symbolism of **unleavened bread** is about spiritual cleansing. Leaven is symbolic of sin.

The Last Supper was recorded as Jesus celebrating **Passover**, except it was a day early. He knew that He was going to be betrayed by Judas for **30 pieces of silver**. Amazingly, this was prophesied in **Zechariah 11:12+** and **Ps.41:9**. Jesus knew His fate.

The **Seder**, called a 'memorial' or *Zikkaron* in Hebrew, is the ceremonial Passover meal, dating back to Israel's liberation from Egypt, a holy convocation of God's blessing described in Leviticus, marking God's Covenant with His people, now called Israel. **Exodus 12:14** **The details of this age-old meal are directly related to Christ's crucifixion.** A 'memorial' is a synonym for 'remembrance', "*Do this in remembrance of Me.*" Jesus was explaining the meaning of the *Seder* at Passover, linking the prophecy to His coming death and resurrection.

And so, you can see how important this Feast is, appointed by God in Leviticus as His Holy Day, long before 'Jews', thus meant for all. The details prophesied of this event are astounding. There are at least **15** prophecies that detail Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection in the Old Testament.

If you read Stoner's calculation of the vast improbability of only 8 probabilities being fulfilled, consider the impossibility of all of these! **Fulfilled prophecy can be shown as scientific, if not absolute, proof of the Bible's divine origin.** These 15 prophecies concerning Jesus' crucifixion will be detailed later.

Many blame the Jews for crucifying Jesus, however if the Pharisees had sentenced Him, it would have been by **stoning**. Crucifixion was a Roman punishment. The fact that Jesus was on trial before many proves that they were all part of this conviction of the Messiah. This requires **repentance from all mankind**.

Mammon

Judas' concern was more about **money** than for the life of Jesus. **John 12:4-6** This is a reminder that you cannot serve two masters. How many of us betray the truth, or are dishonest, for money? Jesus said that "*I am the Truth*", so doing this is the same thing.

Cheating, or false measures, is one the abominations. **Deut.25:13-16, Lev.19: 35-36, Prov. 11:1, Micah 6:11, Matt.21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19**

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
Evidence (McDowell) john1415.org/Festivals/ jewishvoice.org	Ch. 9. OT prophecies fulfilled in Jesus Christ 2021-Passover-Week.MP3 Jesus Passover Seder
sciencespeaks.dstoner.net john1415.org/QAs	Stoners Probability Calculations Does the Law apply to the Gentiles?

Syncretism

***"These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."* Is. 29:13, Matt. 15:9**

Most English Christian churches celebrate Easter, not Passover or *Pascha*. This is a result of the early church's syncretism with Germanic pagan festivals, celebrating **Eostra**, being a **fertility goddess**, symbolized by the rabbit and eggs. Whether the origin of 'Easter' is from *Ishtar, aka Venus*, or *Eostra* is immaterial. This pagan tradition continues unabashed. This is the work of the great counterfeiter. We have forgotten **Exodus 23:13** *"And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no*

mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth."

As discussed, Jesus died on Passover, not **Good Friday!** If He did not die on Passover, then the messianic prophecies were not fulfilled. This Roman syncretism makes a mockery of the prophecies of 3 days and 3 nights. While many will argue on this, they do not understand the Jewish context of Passover, God's *mo'edim*, or biblical prophecy. Friday also does not add up! Listen to the lesson listed above on this to get a full picture.

Most churches continue to follow the Roman and Roman Catholic Church's Edicts or Decrees from the 4th century. The Sabbath was declared to be kept on Sunday in **321 AD** by Constantine. This was followed up by the **Council of Nicaea**, under Constantine, which confirmed **Easter** as the time of Christ's crucifixion. This was formalized again at the **Council of Laodicea** in **365 AD**, where **Jewish practices** were dismissed in total, including the Sabbath. (Eusebius: *History of the Jewish Nation*) This was clearly **doctrine**, and contrary to the scriptures. So, today, many still follow the "**traditions of men**". **Matt.15:1-9, Mark 7:1-13, Col.2:8, 1 Peter 1:18**

You have to remember that the Jews were an anathema to the Romans, dating back centuries. And so, Judaism was in effect **outlawed**, and their practices punishable by **death**. God's festivals were thus replaced with pagan festivals that continue today from this ancient coercion. Daniel's description of Nebuchadnezzar's dream is thus relevant and accurate when referring to the Roman kingdom continuing to the end times.

Again, the *mo'edim* laid out in **Leviticus 23, Deut.16:1+** were festivals for the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua, and prophecies of His second coming and the Messianic kingdom. These were God's appointed times, and we are told to keep them forever. **Ezek.44:23-24, 45:21, 1 Cor.5:6**

While it is obvious that you should not follow pagan practices, how do you know that, as gentiles, you are meant to follow the Law? Many churches teach that the Law was abolished. This is not '*sola scriptura*', and obviously false doctrine. **The faithful are freed from sin, not to sin.** **Matt. 15:1-9; Mark 7:1-13, Col.2:8, James 2:2:14-26** What is sin? Lawlessness! **1 John 3:4**

Grafted-in

"...but now in Christ, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ...now therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Ephes.2:13

The **New or Refreshed Covenant** (Strong: G2537 *kainos*) is the extension of God's offering from only to the Jews, according to His Covenants with them in the Old Testament, to include the gentiles. It certainly does not replace the Jews with the Gentiles, as adopted in the Catholic **Replacement Theology**. God will not break His covenants.

The "**middle wall of separation**" between Jew and gentile existed until Jesus' death. Jews held the belief that they were superior to the gentiles, and could not mix with them. **Rabbinic Jews** still believe this, as do **Muslims**, who refer to non-Islamists as '*infidel*', or '*kafirs*'. Throughout history Christians have also treated 'Jews' with disdain, an extreme euphemism. All are guilty! This "wall" then still exists today. **These "walls" have caused the great dichotomies, the source of much friction, all created by the religions of men!** Ephes.2:14

However, God's plan was always to include **all nations** in His offer of salvation, otherwise He would hardly be just. This means that **gentiles** cannot expect special treatment, and still need to **obey the Law** in their "*transformed heart*". Rom.31:31, John 14:15, Ps.119:126, Num.15:15+ This is explained in Jer.31:33 and Ephes.2:10-19. Gentiles are often referred to as "*strangers*" in the Bible. Ex.20:10, Num.15:14+, Ephes.2, Matt.25:35+,

Being '**grafted-in**' means that gentiles can serve God as well, becoming part of the vine, or wild olive tree, under God's Covenants. Grafting occurs in the branches, not the root. **The roots remain as they always were.** Jesus, sometimes referred to as "*the root*", called Himself "*the True Vine.*" Rom.11:11-24. Rev.12:17, 14:12, John 15:1-11, Rev.5:5, Is.53:2

There is more to the **New Covenant**. In the Old Testament, animal sacrifices were used to atone for their sins to restore their relationship with God. However, "*atonement*" in this form was only a temporary relief, and thus had to be repeated. The principle of a 'blood sacrifice' was

laid out in [Lev.17:11](#). Jesus' blood was shed as a pure sacrifice that **offered** eternal redemption to those who are faithful. [Heb.9:12-22](#), [Matt.26:28](#). This then is an essential part of the New Covenant, where there is no Temple.

Prophecies Surrounding Jesus Crucifixion

Events Surrounding the Crucifixion and Prophetic Fulfillment

#	Event	New Testament Reference	Prophecy Claimed	Old Testament Reference	Estimated Probability
1	Birth in Bethlehem	Matt.2:1 ; Luke 2:4-7	Messiah born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	1 in 100,000
2	Entry into Jerusalem on a donkey	Matt.21:1-9	Humble king enters Zion	Zech.9:9	1 in 10,000
3	Betrayed by a close friend	Matt. 26:47-50	Betrayal by an intimate companion	Ps.41:9	1 in 1,000
4	Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver	Matt. 26:14-15	Price of betrayal	Zech. 11:12-13	1 in 1,000
5	Silver returned to buy potter's field	Matt. 27:6-10	Money thrown into house of the LORD, given to potter	Zech.11:13	1 in 100,000
6	Silent before accusers	Matt. 27:12-14	Silent suffering servant	Isa.53:7	1 in 1,000
7	Scourging and physical abuse	Matt. 27:26 ; John 19:1	Suffering servant wounded	Isa.53:5	1 in 500
8	Crucifixion (pierced)	John 19:18 ; Luke 23:33	Piercing of hands and feet	Ps.22:16	1 in 10,000

#	Event	New Testament Reference	Prophecy Claimed	Old Testament Reference	Estimated Probability
	hands and feet)				
9	Executed with criminals	Mark 15:27–28	Numbered with transgressors	Isa.53:12	1 in 100
10	Mocked by onlookers	Matt. 27:39–44	Mockery of the righteous sufferer	Ps.22:7–8	1 in 1,000
11	Cast lots for garments	John 19:23–24	Division of garments by lot	Ps.22:18	1 in 10,000
12	Given vinegar to drink	John 19:28–30	Offered sour wine	Ps.69:21	1 in 1,000
13	No bones broken	John 19:33–36	Bones not broken	Ps.34:20; Exod.12:46	1 in 1,000
14	Pierced side	John 19:34–37	They will look on one they pierced	Zech.12:10	1 in 1,000
15	Buried in a rich man's tomb	Matt. 27:57–60	With the rich in death	Isa.53:9	1 in 1,000
16	Crucifixion and death timed to Passover lamb selection and slaughter	John 19:14, 31–36; Mark 14–15; Luke 22–23; Matt.26–27; 1 Cor. 5:7	Messiah as Passover Lamb; death coincides with lamb slaughter; no bones broken	Exod.12:3–6, 46; Num.9:12; Isa. 53	1 in 10 ⁴

#	Event	New Testament Reference	Prophecy Claimed	Old Testament Reference	Estimated Probability
17	Resurrection on the third day	Matt.28; Luke 24	God will not abandon Holy One to decay	Ps.16:10; Hos.6:2	Historically debated?
18	Resurrection proclaimed publicly in Jerusalem	Acts 2; Acts 4	Vindication of God's servant	Isa.53:10-11	Dependent on resurrection claim

Table 4 - Independent Prophecies of Christ's Crucifixion

The direct parallels between the **Seder** meal, practiced by all Jews of faith, and Christ's crucifixion is clear. It is astounding that Rabbinic Jews who study the scriptures, including **Isaiah 9** and **Psalms 22**, have not been able to connect Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy. Again, this points to locked paradigms, or spiritual blindness.

Muslim's too have little excuse, as they should have studied biblical prophecy to the same conclusion. They are **required to believe** in the **Torah (Tawrat)**, the **Psalms (Zabur)**, and the **Gospels (Injil)**. The gospels bear actual **witness** to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. And yet, Islam disputes these historically recorded and witnessed facts.

So, it appears that the Muslim focus or faith has never been on the claimed biblical scripture, which merely gave them some credence to Abrahamic acclaim. *"Many Muslim scholars discourage or even prohibit reading the Bible, fearing it might lead to confusion between truth and falsehood."* Never a truer word was spoken.

There is more evidence that confirms these Scriptural events, again showing both congruence and truth of the Word.

Prophecies of Jesus' Crucifixion

Using **only events outside Jesus' control** and not dependent on disciples shaping the narrative, we can further accumulate the following **conservative probabilities**:

#	Prophesied Event	Probability
1	Born in Bethlehem	1 in 100,000
2	Entered Jerusalem on a donkey	1 in 10,000
3	Betrayed by a close friend	1 in 1,000
4	Betrayed for exactly 30 pieces of silver	1 in 1,000
5	Money returned and used to buy a potter's field	1 in 100,000
6	Silent before accusers	1 in 1,000
7	Crucified (Roman method, not Jewish stoning)	1 in 10,000
8	Executed with criminals	1 in 100
9	Mocked publicly during execution	1 in 1,000
10	Soldiers cast lots for garments	1 in 10,000
11	Given vinegar to drink	1 in 1,000
12	No bones broken	1 in 1,000
13	Side pierced after death	1 in 1,000
14	Buried in a rich man's tomb	1 in 1,000
15	Died exactly at time of Passover lamb	1 in 10,000

Table 5 - Probability of Prophecies of Christ's Crucifixion

Accumulated Probability Calculation

Multiplying this out:

More Miracles

There were two more miracles that occurred at Yeshua's crucifixion. Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded that **darkness** came over Jerusalem from noon to 3pm. Most assume that this must have been an eclipse. However, the Hebrews used a lunar calendar. Passover always coincides with a full moon. Solar eclipses only occur during a new moon. They also only last under 10 minutes, not 3 hours.

The second was the tearing of the **Temple veil** in two, from top to bottom. Firstly, this was a thick woven cloth which would have been impossible to tear. **Matt.27:51** We also know the implication from scripture where a father, losing his son, would tear his tunic in grief. **Gen.37:31+,2 Sam.1:11, Job 1:20-22**

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
messiahinthepassover.com	Messianic <i>Haggadah</i> used in Seder meal

B5. Christ's Death and Burial

“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.” Lev.23:1-2

These are God's Feasts, aka *mo'edim*, or 'appointed times', mentioned many times. These are convocations (*mikra*) and 'holy rehearsals' of important events. Remember that 'Israel' was called out to be a living example of keeping God's Commandments. **Deut.4:5-6** However, God's appointed times have universal significance and **apply to all**.

Unleavened Bread begins on the 15th day of the 1st month (based on the lunar month) Nisan, aka Aviv. It is a **High Sabbath**. We are told to purge out our **leaven** (yeast), **which is a symbol for sin**. **Matt.16:5+** The remaining six days of Passover, where people are instructed to clean out the yeast out of their homes, and only eat bread without leaven, called matzah, bears the symbolic sign of Christ's passion for our sin, and that He had no sin. Leaven is yeast, which when mixed into bread, permeates the whole loaf. Sin is the same. This cleansing time is the origin of 'spring cleaning'.

It is important to remember that the biblical significance of the **17th day of Nisan is that it is a day of deliverance**:

- the **Ark settled on Mount Ararat on the 17th** day of the 7th month **Gen.8:4**, and
- the Israelites journeyed to Migdol and began crossing the **Red Sea** during the late daylight part of the 17th day of Nisan. **Num. 33:1-8**.
- on the **17th day of Nisan**, they ate of Canaan's new spring crops: fresh food from the land of promise. **Joshua 5:12**.
- **Jesus was crucified on Nisan 14th, a Thursday, AD 33, the very day of the first Passover. He rose in the 17th day of Nisan! Now our Lord has said the Old Testament was about Him. Luke 24:27, 44-46**. The early church commemorated *Pascha*, meaning Passover, which is still used in Latin, Spanish and Greek churches.

'Easter' is a regional word applied in English and Germanic churches. **Ex.23:13** However, most churches place His crucifixion on a Friday, 'Good Friday', and 'Easter' is celebrated on the Sunday. This is not Passover, and thus not God's Holy Day. This scenario yields only part of Friday's daylight period plus a full day on Saturday and **just two nights**. Such *dogma* violates four scriptures that declare Christ arose from the dead after three days and three nights. **Mat.12:40, 27:63; Mark 8:31; Luke 24:21**

If it violates Scripture, then it must be argued that prophecy was not fulfilled. This illustrates the syncretism adopted by the Roman Catholic Church to suit Constantine in the 4th century, and never corrected. Perhaps these were Mithraic festival dates that were just given Christian reference by the existing Babylon Mystery church from Revelations! The latter makes more sense as nearly all 'Christian' holidays reflect Mithraic customs. (Flurry)

The instruction for Passover, a High Sabbath, has a prophetic link to Jesus' paying for our sins, as He was crucified at the exact same time. "*Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*". **1 Cor.5.**

In summary, His death, burial, and resurrection are represented as a prophecy from the establishment of Passover, with the Israelites crossing the Red Sea from Egypt away from slavery (to sin), and into God's care (from sin). These are all reflected in the *mo'edim* from Leviticus.

This draws a simple parallel, with prophetic fulfillment of Passover, and fulfilled Daniel's 70-week prophecy **to the day** of Israel's rejection that He was the Messiah. (*Apocalypse* p.24-27) After 69 weeks, according to this prophecy, this is when God's clock stopped. This began the **Church age**, aka *Yamim Moshiach*.

B6. Christ's Resurrection

“And that he was buried, and that He rose on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve, and after that, he was seen by five hundred brethren at once...and has become the first fruits of them that slept” 1 Cor.15:4-6, 20

All 4 Gospels documented the resurrection. Peter and Paul gave their own testimonies. **1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 28** describe His resurrection that was **witnessed** by many, and Jesus even physically touched by Mary and Thomas.

There are only 3 Feasts: Unleavened Bread; Feast of Weeks (Shavuot); and the Feast of Tabernacles, within which there are 7 'appointed times', or *mo'edim*.

The Feast of First Fruits occurs on the day after the Sabbath during the week of Unleavened bread, but has no fixed date. It occurs during the week of Unleavened Bread. This '*mikra kodesh*' requires the offering of the season's first fruits for God's blessing (a bundle of sheaves).

Matt.28:1-8 This marks a **deliverance date**, according to God's timing. It was the prophesied day of **Jesus' resurrection**. It is the first day of the **Counting of Omer**, that marks the coming of Pentecost, that always falls on a **Sunday!** These are all defined in Leviticus.

You must remember from **John 19:39** that Nicodemus, from the Sanhedrin, brought a large amount of expensive lineament for Jesus' embalming. **Is.53:9** This was an acknowledgment that Jesus was the King of the Jews. He also brought strips of linen to wrap Him in. Roman guards had been placed outside His tomb. Mary found the stone had been moved on the Sunday morning.

So, Jesus was **crucified on Thursday**, and **arose on Sunday**, the **Feast of First Fruits**, a *mo'ed*. That is **3 days and 3 nights in the grave**. Similarly, there will be three harvests of souls. This was the first, or First Fruits. The next will be the **main harvest** at the time of the **Rapture** of the faithful, just before the Tribulation, at the **Feast of Trumpets**. **Rev.4, Thess.4, 1**

Cor.15 The last, the **gleanings**, will be at the return of Jesus for His Millennial Kingdom. **Rev.20**. This is all scriptural.

In the previous chapter, we listed the significance of the 17th day of Nisan.

It should be evident how these events were prophetically defined by God in the *Torah*, where He described His *mo'edim*. And yet *the religions of men* have left the Christian world still keeping Mithraic tradition, believing that this is the Truth because the Church decreed so!

This is fruitless to say the least, and scripturally inexcusable.

Remember the fig tree.

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
oneforisrael.org john1415.org	The fruitless fig tree Under Festivals: Firstfruits.MP3

B7. Pentecost

Counting of the Omer

This is a 49-day period (7x7) from the Sabbath of Jesus' resurrection.

The Feast of Weeks, aka **Shavuot** aka **Pentecost**, is a High Sabbath, always on a Sunday. **Lev.23:15-16, Acts 2**. Pentecost comes from the Greek word '*pentecoste*' which means 'fiftieth'. This is celebrated by both Christians, marking the descent of the **Holy Spirit**, and in Israel, by the Rabbinic Jews, as the giving of the **Law to Moses**. Again, this shows the convergence of God making important things happen at His 'appointed times' from Leviticus.

It occurs 7 Sabbaths or weeks after Passover, the **50 days** is the reason it is called Pentecost, opening the **season of harvest**. Shavuot thus marks God's giving of the *Torah* to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and is also the time **the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles as prophesied**. **Joel 2:28-29**

There is an excellent Bible study and podcast on this at John1415.org, as with all the festivals and books.

Pentecost is a fulfillment of '**the first planting**', a symbol of the **start of God's Church**, and the first four "*mo'edim*" completed. It can be seen as the official opening of the times of the **gentiles**, where the apostles are given the **Great Commission**. **Matt. 28:16-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:44-49, John 20:21, Acts 1:8** It is the handover point from the 'micro' to the 'macro', from the Jews to the gentile world. **Gen.49:6, Is.42:1,6, Is.49:6**

Again, there are three main 'Feasts' known as '*Shalosh Regalim*', the pilgrimage festivals. They are:

- **Passover** (Pesach), commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, also a symbolic prophecy. This was fulfilled by Jesus' crucifixion.
- **Feast of Weeks** (Shavuot), celebrates the giving of the Torah to Moses. This was fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, marking the new era opening salvation to the gentiles. **Is.42:6** This is associated with the **main planting**.

- **Feast of Tabernacles** (Sukkot) which recalls the 40 years wandering in the desert. This will soon be fulfilled at the end of the 'season', with the **main harvest** (rapture) followed by the gleanings (last chance) after the tribulation. These details are well expounded in the recommended book *Apocalypse*.

These Feasts are a call to 'Israel' in the broader sense, meaning those grafted in Faith, not just the 'Jews', which is a derivation from Judah, the house of David and Jesus. They are holy convocations, or appointed times, to all true believers, known in Hebrew as '*Mikrah kodesh*'.

Pentecost always falls on a Sunday, as celebrated by Christian Churches today. The fact that it was a Sunday probably satisfied the Romans, especially as it could have coincided with their festivals around that time. Rosalia was around this time, when Romans commemorated the dead with roses at the graves. This tradition of placing flowers at graves continues today.

If you do not learn these feasts, you will not understand the scriptures fully, or see the many prophecies behind them. You may also pay a heavy price for your ignorance, and possible disobedience, if you continue to keep pagan holidays, and not celebrate God's Holy Days. This could be seen as idol worship, or luke-warm at best. [Rev.3:15-16](#), [Math.7:21](#), [John 15:6](#)

While some would argue that intent matters, you have to refer back to Sunday worship, 'Easter' and even Christmas. 'Intent' is just an excuse for disobedience, as is ignorance of the Law.

C1. The Synoptic Gospels

There are four gospels written by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They bear **witness** to the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Each has a specific message while **confirming** what Jesus did, **independently** of the other gospels, while showing **convergence** with the rest of God's Word.

These include various miracles, teachings in parables, authority and confirmation of the Law. The parables teach about the Kingdom of God, and salvation. These include the Mustard Seed, and the Sower of Seed, parallels to the planting and harvesting times of the *mo'edim*.

Throughout, Jesus is emphasized as the Messiah and the Son of God. Conflicts with religious authorities highlight Jesus' contempt for *dogma* and hypocrisy, which leads to spiritual blindness. Legalism, portrayed by the *dogma* of the Rabbinic Jews, is clearly rejected.

This is an overview of the four canonical Gospels—**Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**, from different aspects:

Aspect	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Date (approx.)	50–68 AD	50–68 CE	50–70 CE	60-95 CE
Audience	Jewish Christians	Roman Christians (Gentiles)	Gentile Christians, Greek-speaking	Mixed, more universal/ Christian communities
Purpose / Emphasis	Shows Jesus as Messiah fulfilling Jewish prophecy	Presents Jesus as the suffering Servant ; action-oriented	Presents Jesus as Savior for all people; emphasizes compassion	Presents Jesus as the divine Logos (Word of God); theological reflection

Aspect	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portrait of Jesus	Teacher and fulfiller of the Law, Messiah	Human and suffering, Son of God in action	Savior and friend of the poor	Divine Son of God, pre-existent, performing miracles
Genealogy / Birth	Traces to Abraham (Jewish focus)	Begins with Jesus' baptism; no genealogy	Traces to Adam (universal focus); detailed birth narrative	Begins with eternal Word; no genealogy
Style	Structured teaching blocks	Fast-paced, short narratives.	Detailed, orderly account with historical notes	Reflective, symbolic, long discourses
Miracles / Signs	Miracles often confirm Jesus' teaching	Miracles show authority; focus on deeds over words	Miracles show compassion and inclusivity	"Signs" show divine identity and inspire belief
Death & Resurrection Focus	Emphasizes fulfillment of prophecy and Jesus as King	Emphasizes suffering, abandonment and human reaction	Emphasizes mercy, prayer, and universal salvation	Emphasizes glory, divine plan, and Jesus' control over events
Unique Features	Sermon on the Mount, parables with clear moral lessons	Shortest Gospel, sense of urgency, Messianic secret	Parables like Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son; attention to women and poor	"I am" statements, long discourses, focus on belief and eternal life

Table 6 - Summary of the Gospels

The Synoptic Gospels, written around the same time period by **Matthew, Luke, and Mark**, all recorded their experiences of their time with Jesus. They thus bear **clear witness** to the **chronological events** of Jesus' life, **corroborating** each other's accounts. Each Gospel has some unique parables, miracles, and events that reflect its audience and purpose.

John's work is more distinct and less chronological. His Gospel and Revelations was written later and are more theological and symbolic, so is not considered synoptic. We must be aware of the increased persecution in John's time of writing, which may be why much is hidden in symbolism.

Mark

“Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” Mark 7:7

Jesus described the fate of all those who go to *Gehenna*, “*where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.*” **Mark 9:43-49** He emphasized the importance of righteousness on earth, worthy of any sacrifice. Mark emphasized the need for inner change, especially with **religious leaders**.

Mark wrote the 'action' gospel, and emphasized Jesus' suffering while John emphasized His divinity.

This is the earliest and shortest of the gospels, where Mark identifies who Jesus really is by detailing some of His miracles, and the realization of the Roman centurion at Jesus' death. His gospel is written for **Roman Christians**, thus there is no need to show Jesus' genealogy.

Mark shows Jesus as both human and servant, where His blessings will be known to His servants. This is illustrated by Jesus' commands to those he heals to stay silent about His true identity, known as the **Messianic Secret**. **Mark 8:30** This, and Jesus' example, illustrates our need to be a humble servant to God, and that He works with us individually. Only when Jesus dies, is this Messianic truth proclaimed. **Mark 15:39**

Mark uses what is known as '**Markan sandwiches**' by which he uses an additional story to conclude the first. So you get a 'twofer'. An example of this is the healing of Jairus' daughter, and His healing of the hemorrhaging woman on the way. **Mark 5:21-43** This illustrates the **importance of faith**,

and Mark shows how **Jesus had the authority to perform miracles**. Another example is where Mark shows Israel's **religious leadership** as a fig tree that bears no fruit. He links the **fig tree** to the Temple of Jerusalem where Jesus drove out the money changers. This reminds us of Jesus in Bethany, and is a prophecy of the **coming judgement** on the Temple in 70 AD. **Mark 1:44, 5:43, 11:12-25**

Lastly there is the **illustration of unbelief**, both from family, and so-called priests and teachers of the Law. Jesus completes this with "**whoever does God's Will is My brother, sister and mother.**" **Mark 3:20-35**. Mark shows that **obedience** is more important than words. This is convergent with 'Israel' not being the nation, but representing His true Church, who are obedient to God's Laws.

Matthew and **Luke** build on Mark but add birth narratives and more teachings. They expand on Mark but have different emphases: Matthew is on prophecy, while Luke emphasizes the fact that Jesus was human, with very real feelings and emotions.

Matthew

"Not everyone that saith to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" **Math.7:21**

Remember the definition of 'iniquity', from '*anomea*'? This verse should be of great concern to many.

This gospel was written around 65 AD. Matthew emphasized fulfillment of **Jewish prophecy from Hebrew scriptures**, specifically referring to Jesus' death and resurrection. Starting with Jesus' genealogy, he shows that both Mary and Joseph were descendants of priests and kings. Jesus, as an 'adopted' son, was entitled to this birthright. Not surprisingly, the Rabbinic Jews and scholars have not paid attention to this.

The old saying "*don't confuse me with facts, I've already made up my mind*" rings true, again. Dogmatic and *dogma* have much in common.

Matthew's introduction focuses on Jesus' lineage, emphasizing that He was correctly called "*King of the Jews*". The genealogy in **Matthew 1** describes in great detail Jesus' heritage from Judah, tracing the lineage **from Abraham through David and Solomon, down to Joseph**. The list includes both good kings, like Hezekiah and Josiah, and bad kings like Ahaz, Manasseh and Ammon. **Matt.1:10-11, 2 Chron.33 and 34**. Jeconiah, aka 'Coniah, son of Josiah, was cursed by God, and taken into captivity by the Babylonians. **2 Chron.36** God decreed, through Jeremiah, that none of his descendants would ever rule. **Jer.22:24-30** The sons of Jeconiah produced the line of Jacob, ending at Joseph. **Matt.1:15** However, this bloodline decree was avoided as Jesus was not Joseph's biological son. According to Jewish law an adopted son could become a legal heir, also obviating the curse on 'Coniah's descendants.

Mary was also of royal lineage, tracing back to Nathan, King David's son. Thus, Jesus was a legitimate heir to the throne of Judah! This is a fulfillment of the **Davidic Covenant** from **2 Sam. 7:12-16, Is. 11:1-2, Jer. 23:5-6, Ps.132:11, Micah 5:2**. Also **Luke 1:32-33, 3:23-28**

Is this not another amazing convergence, and fulfillment of prophecy?!

Matthew, from the house of Levi, wrote his gospel for **Jewish believers**, thus the need for the genealogy. Like Mark, Matthew recounts a number of miracles, including how Yeshua was protected at birth from Herod the Edomite's demonic killings of all Jewish first-born sons under two years old in Bethlehem. **Matt.2:16** This is a **parallel of Exodus**, where the Pharaoh had all Hebrew male infants killed, but **Moses** was miraculously hidden.

Matthew's miracles include the recounting of Jesus' walking on water, and His feeding of the five thousand.

The well-known **Sermon on the Mount** highlights what God is interested in. **Matt.5-7** This is revered as one of the most enlightening and complete sermons that Jesus gave.

This includes what is known as **the Beatitudes**, which outlines **Godly virtues** and spiritual values, namely: **Matt.5:3-12**

- The peacemakers, who work to reconcile, both man to man, and man to God.

- The humble and meek, who are gentle and self-controlling
- The poor in spirit, who understand their need for God.
- The persecuted for doing what is “right” in the eyes of God.

Jesus is clear about **fulfilling the Law**, not abolishing it. Fulfillment is synonymous with a full teaching of its meaning. Here He explains the meaning of **righteousness**, Godly wisdom, and avoiding hypocrisy. **Matt. 5:17-48, 6, 7**

Luke

“And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” Luke 6:46

Greek was the *lingua franca* in the Eastern Roman Empire in the first century. Luke's gospel was written to **Greek speaking gentile believers**. His emphasis was on the inclusivity of God's salvation. While he includes various events where Jesus did miracles, and taught parables, his focus was on the compassion and mercy of God.

Luke also describes the annunciation of Jesus through John the Baptist, delineating when John was born, on Passover. Through that one can tell when Yeshua was born, at the Feast of Trumpets, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, aka the Feast of Booths.

There is no coincidence that these were *mo'edim*, and that this was the time when God “*tabernacled*” among us. **John 1:14** This is the tradition of dwelling in a *sukkah*, or temporary dwelling. This is why Joseph and Mary were traveling to Jerusalem, as part of the *Shalosh Regalim*, a required pilgrimage to the Temple. This is why Jesus was born in a '*sukkah*' of sorts, a sign of His temporary dwelling among us.

Sukkot is the commemoration of the time God tended Israel in the desert. There is a prophetic parallel in **Revelations 12**, where God will hide His people in His *sukkah*, similar to the closing of the Ark doors for **7 days**. It represents the '**in-gathering**' of the faithful, either at the rapture, or later to avoid the punishment during the Tribulation. **Ps.27:5** *Sukkot* lasts for **7 days**, and the Tribulation lasts **7 years**.

Does this represent a preparation for the prophetic end-times?

Zech.14:16-17 Of course it does, much like the *Seder*. It is a *mo'ed*. The Tribulation is said to follow the Rapture, represented by **Rosh Hashanah**, while **Yom Kippur** is the time of the final judgment.

C2. The Gospel of John

"For by this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments..." 1 John 5:2-3

There are four gospels written by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each has a specific message while **confirming events independently** of the other gospels, and showing **convergence** with the rest of God's Word.

John's gospel is focused on the deity of Jesus Christ, showing Him as being *"in the beginning"*, God Himself in spirit. Perhaps this was to discount the teachings of **Arianism** at the time. He emphasizes that 'belief' is just an acknowledgement, and is not enough. Faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior requires inner change towards **righteousness** and **obedience to His Law**. **John 14:15+** This surely was to denounce prevalent **antinomianism** being spread by the Mystery Church in Rome.

Signs: Chapters 1-12

Seven miracles are described, showing the **divine power** of Jesus. John illustrates various quotes from Jesus illustrating His purpose and nature, always pointing towards **salvation** through Him only. These are known as the **"I am"** statements. This should remind us of God's reply to Moses. **Exodus 3:14**

Glorification: Chapters 13-21

Jesus' passion, death, resurrection and ascension are declared as a victory, illustrating the glory of God in His completed mission.

This level of **witness** is one of the cornerstones by which we can rely on the truth of the events. A **corroborating witness** was critical as valid evidence in Jewish Law. Despite this, and clear **historical evidence**, both Judaism and Islam deny this Messianic event. **Gal.1:8**

Revelations aka The Apocalypse (*apokalypsis*)

According to Tertulian, after surviving unharmed from being "cast into boiling oil" by Emperor Domitian, John was banished to the island of Patmos. There he wrote Revelations, the last book in the Bible.

This table shows the **congruence** of this book to Old Testament Prophets:

Comparative Table: Old Testament Prophets and Revelations

Prophet	Key Themes / Visions	Parallel in Revelation	Alignment
Dan.7:7, 13-14,25; 12:1	Beasts representing kingdoms, Son of Man, end-times judgment	Beasts (Rev.13:1-2), Son of Man (Rev.1:13,14:14), Final Judgment (Rev.13:7, 20)	Strongest overlap— Revelation builds directly on Daniel’s apocalyptic framework
Ezek.1:5-10, 38:2, 40-48	Throne vision, living creatures, new temple, Gog/Magog	Throne (creatures) (Rev. 4:6-8), Gog/Magog (Rev.20:8), New Jerusalem (Rev.21:10-22)	Shared symbolic imagery and restoration themes
Is.6:1-3, 65:17	New heavens and new earth, judgment, Messiah reign	New creation (Rev.21:1), final judgment, reign of Christ (Rev.4:8)	Direct conceptual fulfillment of restoration and kingdom
Zech.4:2, 6:1-5	Horses, lampstands, apocalyptic visions, coming king	Four horsemen (Rev.6:1-8), lampstands (Rev.1:12), messianic rule	Symbolic parallels in visions and messianic expectation
Joel 2:31	Day of the Lord, cosmic disturbances	Sun darkened, moon-like blood (Rev.6:12)	Shared “Day of the Lord” imagery

Prophet	Key Themes / Visions	Parallel in Revelation	Alignment
Amos 5:18	Judgment on nations, justice of God	Judgments on the earth (seals, trumpets, bowls) (Rev.8:12)	Moral judgment theme expanded globally
Jer.51:7-8	Fall of Babylon, covenant judgment	Fall of Babylon (Rev.17–18:2)	Strong thematic connection (Babylon as symbol of corruption)
Zeph.1:14-15	Day of wrath, global judgment	Wrath of God (Rev.6:17, 16)	Intensified final judgment imagery

Table 7 - Revelations' Congruence with Prophets of the Old Testament

Daniel and **Ezekiel** provide the **visual language** (beasts, thrones, heavenly scenes) while Prophets like **Joel** and **Zephaniah** describe a coming day of judgment. **Revelation** expands and combines these into a final vision, and global fulfillment.

Warnings

For many years John was the pastor at Ephesus, a gentile church. His first letter in Revelations was written to them. John had witnessed the gentile denigration of Jesus and the scriptures. He had witnessed the rising of the **Great False Church** and the heresies of:

- **antinomianism**, a doctrine that Christians are **freed by divine grace** from the obligation to obey God's Laws.
- **Gnosticism**, emphasizing secrecy or **mysticism** required for salvation, and
- **Docetism**, taught that Jesus was an apparition, not a real person. Luke has a focus on dispelling this notion in his gospel.

Simon Pater

This is where much confusion arises. **Simon Pater**, aka **Simon Magus**, was considered to be the **“father of all heretics”** by St. Irenaeus. He was condemned by Peter when he offered to buy the Holy Spirit in Samaria,

where Peter and John were teaching. [Acts 8:18-24](#). Also read [Micah 3:11](#), [2 Kings 5:15-27](#), [Matt.10:8](#)

Easily mistaken with Simon Peter, Simon Pater was deified in Rome, according to Justin Martyr. He was a magician from the Babylonian Mystery Church, the home of Mithraism. He appeared to the Jews as the **Son**, to Samaritans as **Father**, and the rest of the world as the **Holy Spirit**. (Irenaeus, Hippolytus) The Roman Catholic tradition of calling priests 'father' probably comes from the Latin 'pater', which stems from his name, as does 'simony'.

Simony was made illegal for centuries and was foundational to the Reformation cause. Original members of this church were called Simoneans.

Simony is the act of buying or selling spiritual things, like forgiveness, just as he tried to buy the Holy Spirit. It was viewed as a sacrilegious corruption. The Roman Catholic Church used 'simony' extensively, where 'offerings' to the Church were almost obligatory, especially when confessing sins to a 'father' or priest. Simon Pater taught **antinomianism**. He also taught **Gnosticism**, according to Irenaeus and Justin Martyr.

The original creation of the Roman Catholic Church, or, as John calls it in Revelations, the **Great Mystery Church**, thus almost certainly falls under Simon Pater, whose successors openly claimed authority over God's Word. His popularity in Rome lends credibility to the later syncretism of the Church with Roman pagan holidays, rather than keeping God's Will as prescribed in the scriptures, specifically the *Torah*.

Peter would never have agreed to their syncretism. Perhaps that is why he was crucified. It also lends itself to the reason for the persecution of the true Christians and Jews under **Nero**, and ongoing for centuries, long after the fall of Rome. Can we blame Rome alone for this?

John wrote his gospel over 30 years later than the others, before the death of Roman Emperor Domitian in 96 AD, who ruled after Nero. Both rulers were despised by the Romans. On his death, Domitian's name and all his statutes were erased. Addressed as Lord and God (*Dominus et Deus*), he is deemed second in persecution of Christians to Nero. It was he who had John thrown in boiling oil at the Latin Gate.

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
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D1. The Big Picture

Genesis 1

You have read that the 7 days of Creation outlined in Genesis shows us the times of specific 'ages' so that you can understand both the importance of the Sabbath, and the coming Messianic Kingdom. **Ps.90, 2 Peter 3:8** With each day representing 1000 years, as we are told, this big picture is split onto 4 strategic time slots:

1. *Yamim Tohu* - 2000 years, or days of desolation.
2. *Yamim Torah*, or the days of Torah, begins from Moses, for 2000 years.
3. *Yamim Moshiach*, or the days of the Messiah, for 2000 years, since Jesus. This is the time of the gentiles. **Luke 21:24**
4. *Atid L'avo*, or the Millennial kingdom after 6000 years, to last 1000 years, the 7th day. Thus, the Sabbath is a memorial to remind us of this time to come, and the reign of the Messiah.

Daniel's 'Big Picture' Prophecy

There is another 'big picture' depiction of His plan explained in Daniel, from a different perspective, but with the same conclusion.

This image represents the world time-line from the time of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to the returning of Jesus Christ, the last coming of Christ to judge the world. This then represents Daniel's interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

The four metals in the image regress or diminish in value; gold is more valuable than silver, silver than brass, brass than iron, and iron than clay. These four metals speak of four great kingdoms, governments or empires who will rule the world in their order respectively.

Know that these four kingdoms, governments, or empires, are those who have or had a direct bearing to the nation of Israel. Apart from that, these four governments ruled the entire world in their times.

The Image from King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



Figure 5 - Daniel's Big Picture Prophecy

The power and glory of the four governments diminish from the first to the last accordingly, as seen in the changes in value of the four metals from gold to iron and clay. Their strength diminished in comparison with the former power, not in comparison to any world power at their time.

The Head of Gold (the Babylon Empire)

Dan.2:37-38: "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 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."

Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler and king of the Babylon Empire, thus the head of gold. The Babylonian Empire was an absolute monarchy and relatively the most powerful, superior empire there ever was in the world. It had an absolute effect and ruled the entire 'world', more than any other empire there ever was.

Breast and arms of silver (the Medes and the Persians)

Dan.2:39: "And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, ..."

In 530 BC the Medes and the Persians overthrew the Babylon Empire. There are **two arms** of silver in the image for a reason; one arm representing **Medes** and the other representing the **Persians**. The Empire of Medes and Persians were inferior to the Babylonian Empire but they overthrew it anyway. They were a **constitutional monarchy**, not an absolute monarchy as the Babylonian Empire.

The vision of the overthrow of the Babylonian Empire and giving it to the Medes and the Persians was presented to King Belshazzar, who was a son of the former Babylon king, King Nebuchadnezzar. **Dan.5** A hand wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, "**MENE, MENE, TEKEL and UPHARSIN.**" In interpreting the writings of the hand to the wall to King Belshazzar, Daniel told him, "*Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.*" **Dan.5:28** That night they were defeated.

It is during the reign of King Belshazzar when the Babylonian Empire was given to the Medes and Persians. The Medes and Persians were not as powerful as the Babylonians thus being of silver.

Belly and thighs of brass (Grecians)

“...and another third kingdom of brass.” Dan.2:39

The Medes and Persians were overthrown in **330 BC** by the Grecians (Greece). **Alexander the Great** conquered the world, including the Medes and Persians, before he was 33 years old. After conquering them all, Alexander the Great cried and said, *“are there no more worlds for me to conquer?”*

The Grecians, led by Alexander the great, were less powerful than the Medes and Persians, thus being the belly of brass in the image. Brass is less in value than silver and gold.

Legs of iron (Roman Empire)

“And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: for as much as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.” Dan.2:40

The Grecian Empire was overthrown by the Roman Empire by **146 BC**, being represented by the two legs of iron in the image.

Again, two legs because the Roman Empire was split into two; East (Constantinople) and West (Rome). Iron, because it was a brutal empire which crushed every person and government to submission, even the Grecian Empire. Relative to the times, this empire was less powerful than the Grecian Empire in its time, the Medes and Persians and the Babylon Empire, thus being of iron as seen from the image.

Under the reign of the Vespasian, the Roman emperor after Nero, the Romans came down into Israel, destroyed the temple in 70 AD, slaughtered many people, raped women, and wiped out everything in their path. All Jews remaining in the **Southern Kingdom**, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, were scattered all over the world.

This was a fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy holding the Jews accountable for not listening to prophecies, and complemented by **Daniel's 70-weeks prophecy**. **Mark 13:2** On Jesus' death, the thickly woven veil that separated the Holy of Holies was **torn in two**, signifying the end of the Holy Temple worship with God's presence. Jesus' blood is now the only

way for atonement. This is explained in [Matthew 27:51](#); [Mark 15:38](#); and [Luke 23:45](#).

Israel is God's time-piece as revealed in the article; *the Church in Daniel's 70-weeks*. After the Romans came down, destroyed and wiped out the Jews, Israel ceased to be a sovereign nation. [Luke 19:4-44](#)

Immediately after the end of World War 2, a miracle happened. Israel was proclaimed a nation **in one day!** On May 19th, 1948 AD, Israel became a sovereign nation, **as prophesied**. [Is.66:8](#), [Matt.24:32-24](#), [Ezek.37](#)

Perhaps the Noah precedent of **probation** years to judgment started then, with the spread of the Gospel on the internet. According to Daniel's 70-week prophecy the Tribulation, or the 70th week, begins with the signing of a peace treaty with the Anti-Christ. This could be soon.

When did the iron legs become the toes of iron and clay? Was it in 396 AD, or 1948 when the Big Ten was formed? The answer is moot. Note however the timing of Israel becoming a nation, and the formation of the future European Union and the creation of the Free State of Palestine.

Also note that Israel ceased to be a nation in 70 AD until 1948 AD, almost 2000 years, as prophesied "after 2 days ..." [Hos.6:2](#) If you include the inclusion of **Jerusalem** into Israel in 1967, it is almost exactly 2000 years later. [Luke 21:24](#)

Feet part of iron and part of clay

"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, for as much as thou saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

*And whereas thou 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.**"* [Dan.2:41](#)

The foot of the image has **Ten Toes** partly of iron and partly of clay. [Dan.2](#) **In May 9th 1950 AD, immediately after Israel became a nation in May**

19th 1948 AD, six nations came together in the City of Rome, formed the Treaty of Rome and started what will become the new resurrected Roman Empire. There were **10** European Nations in NATO, and **10** Western European countries formed the Council of Europe, and in 1981 the European Union had **ten members**. This also draws an eerie parallel to the **Ten Horns** in **Rev.17:12, Dan 7:7,24**. Is this another prophecy?

The six were; **France, Germany, Italy**, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. They signed the treaty the European Common Market calling themselves **The Big Ten** (Their plan was to be 10).

Remember that the **Free State of Palestine** was created in **1948** as well. Israel's all-time arch-enemies came back to life simultaneously! It is as though the clock has been put back in time!

Are these just coincidences? Or is history repeating itself, and God's plan being fulfilled after 2000 years to complete the 70-week prophecy?

A few years later, **four other nations** became part of the European Common Market forming the **complete Big Ten**. Greece was the last to sign the treaty thus becoming the tenth nation of the European Common Market what is now called the European Union (EU). **The European Union, which is the ten toes of the image, is an extension of the old Roman Empire, with both legs of the image.** The nations in the European Union had an agenda of forming one common market and holding on in unity, but they are struggling to unite, thus partly of iron and partly clay.

Broadly speaking, **we still live in Roman times**, with the same holidays, pagan day names, a Roman based solar calendar, and even our government structure. With the formation of the **Big 10**, to all intent and purpose, the **Roman Empire** has been reformed, perhaps not yet Holy.

Our Christian churches are largely oriented on **Mithraicism**, the Roman belief system incorporated by Mystery Church. Many still commemorate **the dates** of Mithra's birth on **25th December**, and the Easter celebration of *Astarte (Ishtar)*, the fertility goddess in spring, and keep the practice of **Lent (Tammuz)**. Catholics still pray to Mary (*Isis and Horus*) and dead saints (*Di Manes*), and many still have regular communion. **Deut.18:10-**

12, Lev.19:31, 20:6, 1 Sam.28, 1 Chron.10:13-14 This goes directly against 1 Tim.2:5, Heb.4:16, Eccles.9:5-6, Ps.115:17, Is.8:19

However you view this, the specific scriptural commandments of keeping the Sabbath, and Passover ("*do this in remembrance of me*") have been changed in **name**, **time** and **law**. Does this not strike you as a problem?

Stone cut without hands

"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 forever." Dan.2:44

This refers to the Messianic kingdom, just around the corner. The stone cut without hands refers to Jesus Christ, the stone rejected.

"The Big Ten are the ten nations of the newly resurrected Roman Empire, each nation having a ruler or a king. And in the times of the ten kings a stone cut without hands will smote the image and break it in pieces and consume all kingdoms, governments or empires. That is, God will set His kingdom in the days of these ten kings." (Revelation and Bible Prophecy: Dr. E. Knorr)

"The 'stone cut without hands' is Jesus Christ, the rock of our salvation." 1 Peter 2:6: "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on Him shall not be confounded."

*"Jesus said unto them: **did you never read in the scriptures**, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore, say I unto you; The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation **bringing forth the fruits thereof**. And **whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken**: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." Matt.21:42-44*

If we look at the accuracy of this prophecy, then we can see the implication of the last aspects of the 10 toes. The book of Revelations tells us about the 10 horned "*beast*" (the EU), ridden by the "*whore*" from

the “7 hills” (Rome) “whose colors are red and purple” (the great Mystery Church). This indicates that what we have found so far is correct. [Rev.17](#)

Prophecy refers to the ancient names of these countries, so these events are how the prophecies of Revelations could come about. [Gen.10](#) With Israel making final plans to rebuild the 3rd Holy Temple, we know that this is one of the signs for the return of Christ! [Ezek.40-48](#), [Dan.9:24-27](#)

The prophetic battle of Armageddon, where many nations come against Israel is the beginning of the end, when God will reign fire and brimstone on her enemies. This has been said many times. God will defend Israel, **but Israel must accept Christ as His Son, the Messiah, first!** [Matt.23:39](#), [Luke 13:35](#)

Watch for the prophetic signs of the return of Christ, and take note of “the great gathering”. [Rev.16:16](#) Being mindful of this will help you to see the truth of what is happening, and not be deceived by the world. With most of the God’s nation now in one place, isn’t this Satan’s ideal opportunity to destroy His people?

While we can only observe the end-times unravelling, we can control our choices. We need to align ourselves to one master, and serve Him only.

Which one will you choose?

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
Biblehub.com	What are the four beasts in Daniel?
thetorah.com	The Table of Nations - Descendants of Noah
en.wikipedia.org	Generations of Noah
Book	Apocalypse – G. Jeffrey
John1415.org	Lessons on Revelations

D2. The Micro becomes the Macro

"As it was in the days of Noah... so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man."

Luke 17:26

"All these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world have come."

1 Corinthians 10:11

The overall theme of the Holy Scriptures is one of creation, covenant, testing, judgement, and rest. If you look at the Bible in this context, the big picture is clarified. The Old Testament is thus a physical example, a microcosm. Israel was the example, and now the world, including all gentiles, are on notice. Do you follow God's example and instruction, or pay the price?

God follows a pattern in His offer of salvation. First, there is the deliverance, then obedience to the Law. This follows with a falling away, or apostasy. God issues warnings, followed by His judgment on those who choose otherwise. There is always a remnant, which then brings restoration.

So, God tested His people individually, and locally, and will repeat this nationally, and globally. The micro has become the macro. Will history repeat itself? It appears so. The gentiles now stand in the shoes of the 'Jews.' **Is.11:10-11** Will they make the same choices? Will they ignore scriptural warnings and prophecies? Will they again choose Yeshua Barabbas, the Antichrist?

What will you do?

Israel's Test will thus become the **World's Test** before Judgement. The parallels are obvious.

Here is an illustrative **comparison** to show the Scriptural congruence of how the ‘**micro**’ of the OT will become the ‘**macro**’ in the NT:

Old Testament	New Testament
Enoch pre-Flood (Gen.5:24)	Rapture pre-Tribulation
Noah's worldwide flood	Worldwide judgement
Angelic abduction (Gen,6:2,4)	Demonic abduction (Rev. 9:1-11)
Nimrod's global kingdom	Antichrist's global kingdom
Plagues in Egypt	Plagues in the Tribulation (Rev.8, 16)
Moses vs Sorcerers Elijah vs Jezebel/Ahab	Witnesses vs Antichrist (Rev.11)
Israel tested in the wilderness (Deut.8)	Worldwide Tribulation test (Rev.3:10)
Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed	Mystery Babylon, Great Harlot Destroyed (Rev. 17-18)

Table 8 - Israel vs Gentiles: A Comparison of Major Events

These tables present an overview of biblical typography, demonstrating how specific events in the OT foreshadow NT prophecy and revelation.

The comparison reveals the **continuity and congruence** throughout Scripture, linking events in Israel’s journey in **purposeful alignment** with Revelations.

These in themselves are a form of prophecy taken from the physical experiences of Israel, pointing to the similar fulfillment on a macro scale in the end-times. Passover is an important example of this.

Israel's Tests Relative to The World's Tests Before Judgment

Historical Type compared to the *Prophetic Antitype*

Old Testament Event (Israel / Type)	Purpose & Test	New Testament / End-Time Prophecy (World / Antitype)
Covenant at Sinai (Exod.19–24)	Obedience after redemption from Egypt	Everlasting Gospel to all nations (Rev.14:6–7; Matt.28:19)
Ten Commandments given	Reveals God's authority and moral law	God's commandments upheld by the saints (Rev.12:17; Rev. 14:12)
Sabbath as covenant sign (Exod.31:13–17; Ezek.20:12)	Sign of loyalty to the Creator	End-time worship test (Creator vs Beast) (Rev.14:7–9)
Golden Calf (Exod.32)	False worship using an image	Image of the Beast enforced (Rev.13:14–15)
7 Plagues on Egypt (Exod.7–12)	Judgment on false gods; deliverance of God's people	7 Last Plagues (Rev.15–16)
Passover (Exod.12)	Blood marks God's faithful before judgment	Christ the Passover Lamb (1 Cor.5:7; Rev.5)
Exodus from Egypt	Liberation before national judgment	Final deliverance before Christ's return (Rev.18:4; Rev.19)
Wilderness testing (40 years) (Deut.8:2)	Faith and obedience tested	End-time perseverance of the saints (Rev.3:10; Heb.3–4)
Rebellion & apostasy in wilderness	Majority fail the test	Great end-time deception (Matt.24:24; 2 Thess.2:3)
Prophets rejected (2 Chr. 36:15–16)	Resistance to warning messages	Rejection of final warning (Rev.11; Matt.24:9–11)
Sealing of the faithful (Ezek.9:4–6)	Protection before Jerusalem's judgment	Seal of God vs. Mark of the Beast (Rev.7; Rev.13)
Fall of Jerusalem (586 BC / 70 AD)	Close of Israel's national probation	Close of human probation (Rev.22:11–12; Matt.24)

Old Testament Event (Israel / Type)	Purpose & Test	New Testament / End- Time Prophecy (World / Antitype)
Babylon oppresses Israel	Political–religious power against God’s people	End-time Babylon (Rev.17– 18)
Faithful remnant preserved (Isa.10:20–22)	Not all abandon God	End-time remnant (Rev.12:17; Rev. 14:12)

Table 9 - Historical Events compared to Prophetic Antitype

These parallel tables illustrate how the ‘micro’ example of Israel, depicted in the Old Testament, sets the stage for the ‘macro’ events in the end-times. When looked at strategically, you can verify the **consistency** and **convergence** of the Holy Scriptures. This is God’s plan for the world!

Another Parallel: Egypt’s Plagues relative to End-Time Judgments

Egypt (Exodus)	End Times (Revelation)
Water turns to blood (Ex.7:20)	Seas and rivers turn to blood (Rev.16:3–4)
Darkness over Egypt (Ex.10:21-23)	Spiritual darkness over the world (Rev.16:10)
Plagues distinguish God’s people (Ex.8:24, 9:3+, 9:8+, 10:12-15)	Plagues do not harm the sealed (Rev.7; Rev.16:2)
Pharaoh hardens his heart	World rejects God’s authority (Rev.13:8)
Death of Firstborn (Ex.12:29)	Widespread death (Rev.6:8, 9:15)
Deliverance follows plagues (Ex.12)	Second Coming follows plagues (Rev.19)

Table 10 - The Parallel of Egypt's Plagues

Even Another Parallel: Israel’s History relative to the 7 Seals in Revelations

Israel’s Experience	7 Seals Parallel (Rev.6–8)
Conquest and covenant expansion	White Horse – gospel advance
Persecution of the faithful	Red Horse – persecution
Spiritual famine	Black Horse – truth scarcity
Death from rebellion	Pale Horse – spiritual death
Martyrs cry for justice	Fifth Seal – souls under altar
National collapse	Sixth Seal – cosmic disturbance
Protection of the faithful	Interlude: Sealing (Rev 7)

Table 11 - The Parallel of Israel to the 7 Seals

All are guilty

When you look at the Venn diagram on the cover, the meaning is perhaps obscure, as are the blurred circles and names of the religions. This is intentional, highlighting the uncertainty and weakness of Man’s *dogma*, relative to the clarity of the Scriptures.

To convince you of Man’s ungodly nature, review the comparisons between the supposedly ‘holy’ Godly leaders in these three religions.

Broadly speaking, **all** have:

- interpreted scripture through tradition, **creating *dogma***
- developed **interpretive authority**, with detailed legal applications
- guarded **orthodoxy**
- created a structured leadership, and have a **formal hierarchy**
- justified their own authority for power, and **murder** [Matt.26:59-66](#), [Matt.27:6](#)

- **prohibited** freedom of religion, and **persecuted** those who questioned their faith and *dogma*
- **denied** that the whole Bible is the only divine authority

This reinforces the dichotomies of these Abrahamic faiths, which, in their rejection of the Bible, *sola scriptura*, and in their emphatic legalism and focus on tradition and *dogma*, have all ignored the Truth. These are thus lawless teachings, filled with pride, and the desire for power, control, and mammon.

Does this hypocrisy, hiding behind a cloak of righteousness, not remind you of “*ravenous wolves*”? [Matt.7:15-23](#)

Nothing has really changed. The micro has become the macro.

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
Free Book: theTrumpet.com	Jerusalem in prophecy (Flurry)

D3. Israel and the End-Times

Israel

In [Gen.32:28-9](#), God renamed Jacob to **Israel**, and Jacob's 12 sons became the **tribes of Israel**, God's chosen people. [Ex.3:16](#) The mixed multitude who left Egypt were called "**the children of Israel**", and were included in God's covenant. So, even from [Exodus 19](#), 'Israel' is the term used for those who keep God's Mosaic Covenant, and treasure Him. [Exodus 19](#). The book of Ruth confirms this, as does [Romans 9:6](#).

So 'Israel' includes those who are '**grafted-in**'. [Mark 3:31-35](#), [Ephes.2:19](#)

Israel, formerly Canaan, is the **territory** promised to Abraham's descendants, from the Nile to the Euphrates. [Gen.15:18](#) In the New Testament, the term 'Israel' is clearly expanded to all who have **faith** in Christ. [Gal.6:16](#), [Rom.9:6](#) This implies those who are "*grafted-in*", and thus obedient to God's Law. [Rom.11:17-24](#) This meant a breaking down of the "*middle wall of separation*", reconciling a spiritual Israel, both Jew and gentile believers. [Ephes.2:14+](#)

Obedience is the sign of "*a royal priesthood, a holy nation.*" [1 Peter 2:8-9](#)

This history around Jerusalem starts in [Genesis 22](#), when Abraham ascended Mount Moriah to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. This was a foreshadowing of Jesus' crucifixion, known as 'the binding of Isaac'. He called the place *Jehovah Jireh*, which means "*The Lord will provide*". Mount Moriah is now the **Temple Mount**, the place where both **Holy Temples** were built. It is thus a place ordained by God.

The Hebrew letter *shin* is considered holy. There is a *shin* shape in the typography of Jerusalem's valleys, the original City of David. This too is a sign that Jerusalem is a place ordained by God. [Deut.12:5](#), [1 Kings 14:21](#)

God's Covenants with Israel

Throughout the Old Testament God made **five Covenants with Israel** after Noah. These are significant to bear in mind as God will not break His Covenants. [Ps.89:34](#), [Numbers 23:19](#): [Heb.6:17-18](#)

Briefly these are:

1. **Abrahamic Covenant** by which God promised Abraham a great nation, a specific land (Canaan), and that his descendants would be blessed. **Genesis 12:1-13, 17:1-8**
2. **Mosaic Covenant** where God gave Moses the Law. Blessings were promised for obedience, and curses for disobedience. **Exodus 19-14**
3. **Palestinian Land Covenant**, a renewal of God's promise to Abraham, assured Israel of final possession of the land after exile. **Deut.29-30**
4. **Davidic Covenant** where God promised David that his throne and kingdom would endure forever through a specific descendant, the Messiah. **2 Sam.7:12-16**
5. **New Covenant**, promised to 'Israel' and Judah, to write **His Law** on their hearts and provide total forgiveness of sins. **Jer.31:31-14**

Moses' Warning

The Israelites were warned by Moses around 1400 BC. if they did not serve the Lord and keep all that He had commanded, the Lord would scatter them from one end of the earth to the other. In **Leviticus 26**, God told the Israelites that He would punish them seven times more if they rebelled against Him. For generations they continued to worship other gods, despite God's prophets sent to warn them **to repent**, and **at least keep the Sabbath holy**.

The warnings were recorded in countries through the prophets where they were dispersed. In 585 BC, Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple and took Judah into captivity for 200 years. As prophesied, Cyrus, on defeating the Babylonians, allowed the Jews to return to Israel and rebuild their Temple. But they did not learn their lessons. This was the **first regathering**.

After the betrayal, crucifixion, and denial of Christ as their Messiah, Jesus' prophecy of the **destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple** was ultimately fulfilled in **70 AD**. Titus, the Roman general, invaded Israel and finally Jerusalem. **Matt.13** The Roman army slaughtered thousands of Jews (from Judah, the southern kingdom). Many more were taken captive by the Romans and were forced into slavery across the Roman Empire. In **132 AD** the Jews revolted again, and again Rome crushed them, banning

all Jews from Jerusalem. The remainder ran for their lives. **Rome** renamed Israel as **Palestine**, a land of the Philistines, their enemy.

They scattered into every country on the earth in perfect fulfillment of Moses' prophecy. **Deut.4:25-30** The prophet Jeremiah, also addressed this subject. **Jer.30** He said that the Jewish people would be banished to all countries **Jer.16:15** and **Jer.23:8**. Remember that Israel was split into two. The northern kingdom that had adopted pagan idol worship, and was unrepentant, were the first to go. Judah, from where we get 'Jews', were in the southern kingdom, who were later also judged as unfaithful for not keeping the **Sabbath**, and also sent into captivity.

2nd Regathering

However, according to the scriptures, **there are to be only two regatherings of Israel**. This is confirmed by the prophet Isaiah. One of the prophecies that states this is **Isaiah 11:11-12**. It says, *"And it shall come to pass 'in that day', (i.e. the end times) that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."* (KJV). Other scriptures that affirm this return include **Isaiah 43: 4-7; Jeremiah 16: 14-16; Jeremiah 23: 7-8; Jeremiah 29:14; Jeremiah 30: 3; Ezekiel 36:24-28 and 39: 25-29; and Amos 9:14- 15**.

Reflect on the realization of **all these prophecies, proving God's Word**, and know that this miracle is all part of God's Plan.

A Nation in a Day!

There is some interesting history concerning the fulfillment of these prophecies. When the British Mandate terminated on **May 14, 1948**, **Israel became a nation in one day**, thus fulfilling Bible a prophecy on this. **Is.66:7-8. Amos 9:14, Jer 33**. Why did this happen? It started after the 1st World War, supposedly as a tribute to a Jewish scientist, Chaim Weizman. The World Zionist Organization was instrumental in promoting this restoration.

However, to show that Satan, the counterfeiter, is also at work, the **All-Palestine Protectorate** was formed in the same year! The ancient clock had been reset, with the Philistines back in Gaza. In 1964, the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) was formed in Jerusalem with the goal of “*liberating Israel*”. Note the word 'liberate', as in 'liberal', as in fomenting chaos under the auspices of evil. (*the Plot*)

At the turn of the twentieth century there were only about 40,000 Jewish people in the **desert** known as Palestine, a name first given by the Romans after 135 AD. By **1948**, when Israel declared their independence and statehood, there were about 500,000 residents. Today, there are over **9 million** people in Israel. [Zech.2:4](#), [Is.54:2-3](#), [Ezek.36:10-11](#) Looks like the prophets were right, again.

However, the world, specifically the Palestinians, will continue to push against Israel. [Gen.16:12](#), [Zech.12:2-3,14:2-3](#), [Ezek.38:15-16](#), [Joel 3:2](#)

Isaiah also tells us the day would come when **Israel would “blossom and sprout” and “fill the whole world with fruit”**. [Isaiah 27:6](#) This prophecy is being fulfilled as Israel has become one of few **net food-exporting countries** in the world, which means they export more than they import. As of this writing, Israel is exporting food products to over 90 countries! Considering that this was a **desert** before 1917, this is truly another miracle! But many choose to ignore this, or not to attribute it to God’s work and blessing, according to His Covenants with Israel.

It is evident in the prophetic scriptures there is at least one more time coming for **Jerusalem** when she will be trampled under-foot by the gentiles. [Luke 21:24](#), [Rev.11:2](#) This will be during a seven-year period known as the Tribulation, in the 70th Week of Daniel. [Dan.9:24-27](#). This period was also predicted by Jeremiah as the “*time of Jacob’s trouble*” [Jeremiah 30:7](#), and is expounded in Revelations.

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
biblehub.com	Jacob’s Trouble
Book	Apocalypse p.24+ Daniel’s 70 weeks prophecy

Major Prophecies about Israel recently fulfilled.

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

Isaiah 66:8 prophesied that Israel would be born in a day. This almost unbelievable event actually occurred on 14 May **1948**. Based on Genesis' genealogy, it has been calculated that Abraham was born **1948** years after Adam. God promised Canaan aka Israel to his descendants. What a coincidence!

Here are some of the prophecies about Israel that have been fulfilled:

1. **Regathering:** *"And He will gather you in from all the nations to which the Lord your God has scattered you."* **Deuteronomy 30:3** and **Jeremiah 29:14** The regathering of the Jews in Israel, from 6,000 in 1840 to 60,000 after the Balfour Declaration in 1917, to 600,000 in 1948 when Israel became a nation in a day, has grown to over **9,650,000** today.

The similarities to Egypt are astounding. These are 3 factors to consider:

- The Jews spent **200 years** in captivity in Egypt for worshiping idols, but now around **2,000 years** before returning to Israel, after rejecting the Messiah Yeshua, aka Jesus. This was punishment indeed against those who cursed themselves and their children after calling for Jesus to be crucified.
- Originally, they returned out of **one country** (Egypt), while now they have returned from over **100 countries**.
- Originally, they were from **one cultural base** (southern Kingdom of Judea), but today they are from many different countries, **now all speaking original Hebrew and sharing the same culture in peace**.

2. **Land of Loyalty.** *"I will make the land desolate, and your adversaries who dwell in it shall be desolate too."* **Lev.26:32** and **Isaiah 49:19**. In 1850 Mark Twain described Israel as *"a land of desolation"*.

3. **Agricultural abundance:** **Ezekiel 36** prophesied a rebirth: *"But you, O mountains of Israel, give forth your branches and bear your fruits for MY people Israel, for they are soon to come."* **Ezek.36:8** Israel planted **250 million trees** in the last century. It now has **300 wineries**, with

grapes, olives and citrus production that exceeds world standards, and Israel **exports** much of this. Even the deserts are coming to life! **Is.35:1**

4. **Hebrew:** *“For then I will make the nations change to speak **one clear language...**”* **Zephaniah 3:9** All Jews in Israel speak Hebrew, one national language, despite their previous cultures. **This is the only language that has been revived, ever.** Another miracle.
5. **Torah:** *“For out of Zion shall go forth Torah and the word of God from Jerusalem.”* **Isaiah 2:3** **There are more people learning the Torah today than in any other time in Jewish history, as this is the key to obedience to God, and salvation.**
6. **Economic abundance:** *“And He will do good to you and make you more numerous than your forefathers.”* **Deut.30:50** Israel has doubled its GDP in the last 10 years! (and is now greater than France, and Britain).
7. **“A land flowing with milk and honey.”** **Exodus 33:3** The ‘Israeli cows’ produce the **highest average amount of milk** in the world! “Honey” must refer to **date honey**. Israel’s dates are the best in the world. Israel has also been working on converting and **cultivating the Negev desert**, with remarkable results!
8. **The building of Jerusalem.** *“Jerusalem will be settled beyond her walls, because of the multitude of her people.”* **Zech.2:4** The population has grown to around 10 million. New construction, including a new efficient port facility in Haifa, is facilitating ongoing trade. This man-made structure has a very innovative design.
9. **A source of global blessing and wisdom.** *“All nations on earth will be blessed through you.”* **Genesis 22**. Israel is the hub of technological advancement, winning more **Nobel prizes** than any other country. They have paved the way in restoring deserts, a major breakthrough.
10. **Standing amongst the nations and the Abraham accords.** *“Nations will see your righteousness and all the kings your glory.”* **Isaiah 62:2** Despite the retaliatory war on the Philistine Gaza and Hezbollah, Israel has been long suffering with the aggression of her Arab neighbors.

11. **Ezekiel 47:8-10** refers to the Dead Sea coming back life, being 'fresh'. There are fresh water springs currently welling up beneath the Dead Sea. There are now fish in the Dead Sea!

One more miracle!

One of the most amazing things is that Israel has restored itself to ancient times. **It is as though time has stood still for the past 2000 years! All the towns have been rebuilt using their original Hebrew names, with the exception of 3, which Jesus cursed.**

Matthew and Luke's gospels record Jesus' message of woe to the unrepentant cities of **Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum**, located around the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, for their refusal to repent. *“And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”* **Matt.11:20-25** Capernaum was Jesus' headquarters as it were. They witnessed many of His miracles, and still did not believe. Isn't that spine chilling! They are the only towns to remain rubble.

End-times Warning

“In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning My inheritance, My people Israel, for they scattered My people among the nations and divided up My land.” Joel 3:2

The Hebrew Prophet Joel clearly indicates that in the Last Days, God will judge the world for dividing the Land of Israel, which is His Land. **Ezek.25:14, Gen.12:3, Zech.14:3**

It is also important to note God's promises to Abram in **Genesis 12:3** where those who **curse Israel** will be cursed by God. **Numb.24:9, Zech.2:8, Is.54:17, Jer.31:35-36, Rom.11:1-2, 26-29, Heb.6:13-14, Acts 3:25**

Reflect on this chapter and how epic these events really are! In a world driven by power, with so many in poverty, Israel, a former dessert, stands

out head and shoulders as a blessed, thriving country after so short a time. Under God's protection, the culture driven by biblical law is fundamental to reward. This all lies within the '*1st Quadrant*', where Godly values and obedience to His Laws in faith form the cornerstone of their productive culture.

They are an example to the world.

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
Gracetogospel.com	15 Prophecies about Israel in the Bible

D4. Harvest Feasts: Things to Come

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

God's Plan Revealed in His *Mo'edim*

It is apparent that Christian churches have lost their way, when no-one understands, or keeps the *mo'edim*, aka God's 'appointed times', defined at length in the Bible. **Lev. 23** These are known as Feasts and Festivals in the Old Testament. Their implication and prophecy further explain God's overall plan.

Again, **this proves that the Bible is not a ‘bunch of stories’, or that the Old Testament has been replaced with the New.** You can now clearly see the convergence of individual facts, laws, and prophecy, that offer you a big picture.

This is summarized in the table below:

- The **Spring or Planting Feasts** (Passover, then First Fruits, then Shavuot) point to Messiah's **first coming**: His death, burial, resurrection, and the giving of the Holy Spirit. The timing was EXACT in their fulfillment! **Now we can begin to understand how Christ came to ‘fulfill the Law’, by fulfilling these prophecies. This not only proves that He was the Messiah, but it proves God’s Word as true, set from the beginning.**
- The **Fall or Gathering Feasts** (Trumpets, then Atonement, then Tabernacles) prophesy Messiah's **second coming**: The rapture, His return, judgment, Israel’s final restoration, and the Messianic Kingdom.

These Feasts are summarized in the table below:

Feast	Traditional Jewish Meaning	Messianic / Prophetic Fulfillment for the World
Sabbath (Shabbat)	Weekly rest, covenant sign between God and Israel - Exod.31:16-17	Messiah is our ultimate rest - Matt.11:28-30; Heb.4:9-10 Eternal rest in the Kingdom is promised from Genesis in God's Holy Sabbath.
Passover (Pesach)	Deliverance from Egypt by the blood of the lamb - Exod.12	Yeshua (Jesus) is the Passover Lamb, sacrificed for our redemption - John 1:29; 1 Cor.5:7 Jesus fulfilled this to the exact day and time!
Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot)	Eating unleavened bread for 7 days, recalling haste in leaving Egypt Exod. 12:15-20	Messiah's sinless body (without leaven) buried; believers called to walk in righteousness by obedience to God's Law 1 Cor.5:8, 1 John 2:3-4, John 14:15, 21
Firstfruits (Yom HaBikkurim)	Offering the first of the barley harvest Lev. 23:9-14	Yeshua rose as "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" 1 Cor. 15:20-23 His resurrection shows precedent for the raptures.
Weeks / Pentecost (Shavuot)	Giving of Torah at Sinai; thanksgiving for wheat harvest Exod.34:22	Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem (Acts 2), points to writing Torah on hearts in the Messianic kingdom Jer.31:33
Trumpets (Yom Teruah / Rosh HaShanah)	Blowing of shofars; start of civil year; call to repentance Lev.23:23-25	Points to Messiah's birth, the 1st rapture , His return, and final gathering of His people. Matt.24:31; 1 Thess.4:16-17; 1 Cor.15:52
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	National repentance; high priest enters Holy of Holies for atonement. Lev.16	Messiah is our High Priest, offering His own blood (Heb.9:11-14). Final judgment and cleansing of Israel. Zech.12:10; Rom.11:26-27

Feast	Traditional Jewish Meaning	Messianic / Prophetic Fulfillment for the World
Tabernacles / Booths (Sukkot)	Joyous harvest feast; dwelling in booths recalls wilderness journey. <i>Lev.23:33-44</i>	Jesus born at this time. Foreshadowing His dwelling (tabernacling) with His people <i>John 1:14, Rev.21:3</i> Messianic Kingdom celebration. <i>Zech.14:16-19</i>
Eighth Day Assembly (Shemini Atzeret)	Solemn closing of Sukkot; day of spiritual reflection.	Symbol of eternity and “ new creation ”: living water and eternal dwelling with God. <i>John 7:37-39; Rev.22:1-5</i>

Table 12 - God's Feasts or mo'edim.

So, from this table you can see that the first '**planting**' season has happened, ushering in *Yamim Moshiach*. What you can look forward to now as part of His faithful and obedient church, is for the '**harvesting**'. These will happen at the appointed times as symbolized by the last three Feasts. We know that we are now "*in that time*". *Ezek.37, 38, Matt.24, Luke 21:24, 2 Tim.3:1-15, Dan.12:4, Rev.13.*

There is much detail contained in end-time prophecy that it is not covered in this book. Signs of the end-times are important to research. Your reference book on this topic, *Apocalypse*, will provide the accurate scriptural detail of "*the time of Jacob's Trouble*". Beware of the writer's antinomian, or 'grace' mindset, but otherwise it is an excellent resource.

E1. Jesus' Warnings: Key Issues

"And Jesus answered and said unto them: Take heed that no man deceive you." Matt.24:4

Spiritual Blindness

Have you trusted your beliefs, but never tested them? If so, is this not highly risky for such a big decision? Are you perhaps *"echoing what was said by the weary?"* In decision-making terms this would be called 'assumption' or even 'arrogance', and certainly filled with fallacy and pitfalls. This is why Decision-making, Logic, and Fallacies, are essential topics of study. These are included in the *MEga' Wisdom Series* (ME-WS2) courses in Canvas.

On as many as **32** occasions, the Bible, and Jesus specifically, warns us of **false prophets and false churches**, and not to be deceived. Jesus specifically gives warnings on this. **2 Cor.11:13-15, 2 Peter 2:1, Matt.7:15-20, 16:11-12, 23, 24:4, 1 Cor.6:9, Gal.6:7** Why is this? The phrase thinking 'outside the box' refers to objective perspectives. **'Locked paradigms'** minimize our ability to see reality, and can place your working ladder against the wrong wall. This is also be a reference to **spiritual blindness**. This flaw is why we need to *"renew our minds"*, and *"not be deceived"*. **Rom.12:12, Ephes:4:22-24, Col.3:10, Ephes.5:6, James 1:16**

When Science Fails (Tiner) illustrates the history of how science, specifically medical science, was bound by this limitation, resulting in untold unnecessary deaths. ***Dogma, aka the religions of men***, has produced its own **locked paradigms**, also lasting centuries before being challenged, and also resulting in untold unnecessary deaths. **This subject is discussed in 26 of the 27 New Testament books, so it is important to grasp in your quest for discernment and Truth!**

The Two Great Dichotomies of The Religions of Men

The first great dichotomy, or division, was created by the traditions of the Scribes and Pharisees. Christ rebuked them for their *dogma* which they had placed above the Law. They misled Israel away from what was important in Moses' Law as given by God. In the years following Christ's death, *"the Rabbi's Council of Yavne reorganized Judaism because the*

*Temple was gone and the sacrifices were abolished. Originally directed towards the **Sadducees** and other “heretics,” in the **Genizah** version, the word ‘minim’ was replaced with the word ‘**Nozerim**’ (Nazarenes), a direct reference both to Yeshua (Jesus) and to the Messianic Jews who followed Him.” (messianiclearning.org – Model for Messianic Learning p.67)*

This **Rabbinic dogma** continues today where Christ’s fulfillment of biblical prophecy is denied, defiant that He was not the Son of God, the Messiah. And so, Rabbinic Jews only believe the Old Testament, denying the New. Consider the impact of this dogmatic spiritual blindness.

The second great dichotomy, or division, was the wedge driven between gentile and Jew, between the Old Testament and the New. The early Great False Church, which somehow 'forgot' that God's Covenants were with His chosen people Israel, and, presuming their own superiority (**Replacement Theology**), relegated the teaching of much of the Old Testament in favor of the New. Certainly, the Pentateuch or *Torah* was dismissed, leaving us merely with the 10 Commandments from Deuteronomy, and even those they amended!

Their *dogma* has become a 'locked paradigm' for many believers since the 4th century, with blinding and murderous results. The impact of this has been to **shuffle the cards; “changing times and laws”** from biblical times, creating **confusion, and heresy**. **Dan.7:25, Ex.23:13, Deut.4:2, 12:32, Prov. 30:6**

Here is an excerpt to illustrate the nature of this decision:

A Profession of Faith from the Church of Constantinople in the year 325 C.E.(A.D.) Under The Emperor Constantine

*"I renounce all customs, rites, legalisms. unleavened breads & sacrifices of lambs **of the Hebrews**, and all other feasts of the Hebrews, sacrifices, prayers, aspersions, purifications, sanctifications and propitiations and fasts, and new moons, and **Sabbaths**, and superstitions, and hymns and chants and observances and Synagogues, and the food and drink of The Hebrews; in one word, I **renounce everything Jewish, every law, rite and custom** and if afterwards I shall wish to deny and return to Jewish superstition, or shall be found eating with The Jews, or feasting with them, or secretly conversing and condemning the Christian religion*

instead of openly confuting them and condemning their vain faith, then let the trembling of Gehazi cleave to me, as well as the legal punishments to which I acknowledge myself liable. And may I be anathema in the world to come, and may my soul be set down with Satan and the devils." (*The Conflict Of The Church And The Synagogue* - J. Parks)

This then created a **spiritual blindness** for all believers from that time. Accentuated again at the **Council of Laodicea circa 365 AD**, this 'false church' merely became a vehicle for the continued persecution of Jews under Roman rule. Jews were treated as second class citizens throughout history, even though **Jesus was a Jew**, and heir to the throne of Judah. As Israel were God's chosen people, **under His covenant**, early believers were commonly Jewish.

Terrorized, persecuted, and ostracized by the Romans, this persecution mindset continued within this Church in Rome, through the Inquisition, and exists today in the form of antisemitism and anti-Zionism. For centuries to come, anything or anyone Jewish was treated with disdain. History has shown this.

Thus, the holy Feasts, aka *mo'edim*, and Laws laid out in the Torah of the Old Testament were largely replaced by *dogma* and Roman pagan traditions, under what is known as Replacement Theology, or supercessionism, where gentiles replaced Israel as God's chosen people, despite God's Covenants.

What a master plan to destroy God's true church, and His people!

These paradigms continue today. Orthodox (Rabbinic) Jews still deny Christ, lack biblical faith in the New Testament, and continue their tradition and *dogma*, **as do most Christians**. They follow their own rules, or 'traditions of men'. **Col.2:8, Mark 7:1-13, Matt.15:1-9, 1 Peter 1:18** Although re-established as a nation, Israel remains in dire straits, as prophesied. Why?

Like Martin Luther, Christians still believe that Jews need to convert to Christianity, when in fact, Christians need to submit to the Laws and Commandments of the Old Testament, "*to be grafted into the olive tree*", if we are to be obedient to God's Word. **Rom.11:17-24** They too mostly follow '*the religions of men*' as defined in the 4th century under

Constantine. Can you see the irony of these paradigms? **They both ignore, or dispute, God's Word.** [John 1:1](#)

God's Word however does not change, and His laws, covenants, and prophecies are consistent throughout the Bible, with many prophecies fulfilled even today!

All biblical prophecy will be fulfilled, otherwise they were not true prophets. This has been the case so far. End-time prophecies are unfolding, and others are imminent.

E2. Heresies

"But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute." 2 Peter 2

The Religions of Men Scoreboard

It is remarkable how many wars have been fought in the name of religion, which supposedly stand for peace. Even Islam from the root "S-L-M" or salaam meaning 'peace'. Perhaps the prime reasons for this friction are from the **dichotomies** created by *the religions of men*. All claim to be right. All are entrenched. And yet, according to the Holy Scriptures, all are fraught with problems.

As you can see from the table below, it is as though the picture has been deliberately scrambled to cause confusion, and disobedience.

	Judaism	Islam	Christianity
Accepts that Jesus was the Messiah	No	No	Yes.
Accepts that Jesus was crucified	Yes	No	Yes
Believes in the Torah	Yes	No	No
Keeps the Feasts and <i>mo'edim</i>	Yes	No	No
Eats pork, abominations, etc Lev.23	No	No	Yes
Has torn down the "middle wall of separation"	No	No	Yes?

Accepts, adheres to the whole Bible as God's Word	No	No	No
Believes that God offers salvation by faith	Yes	Yes	Yes
Believes that God offers salvation by obedience	Yes	Yes	No
Believes in baptism as the step of repentance	No	No	No
Keeps the biblical Sabbath	Yes	No	No
Promotes goodwill, compassion in the world	Yes	No	Yes
Has instigated war under religious pretention	No	Yes	Yes

Table 13 - Scriptural Adherence of Major Religions

With the **bold** scores as unscriptural, the scores are pretty even, and none are accurate scripturally.

There are many churches where adult baptism is practiced, but if this is out of context without the Law, there is no real repentance. **Is.1:16**, *"..for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill **all righteousness.**"* **Matt.3:15** *"... that you **remember Me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.**"* **1 Cor.11:2**

Remember that *"sin is lawlessness,"* or not keeping the *Torah*, our instruction for righteousness. **1 John 3:4, Matt.7:23**. This then is the restoration and goal of repentance. (Hebrew - *teshuvah*)

Rabbinic Judaism

Developed over centuries, this **foundational religion** has remained entrenched in its Old Testament beliefs. Jesus was overly critical of their **legalism**, with additional man-made laws and traditions. He tried to teach them how His Law should be interpreted. Rejected as their Messiah, they arranged to have Him killed.

Today, Israel has been restored according to prophecy, but we are waiting for **Israel** as a whole **to return**, (Hebrew - *teshuvah*) to their *Messiah Yeshua*, **to repent, and call on His name**. **Matt.23:39, Luke 13:35, Acts 3:19-21, Rom.11:25-26, Deut.30:1-3, Hos.5:15, Zech.12:10**

Judaism has the **strongest foundation** in the *Torah*, keeping God's Holy Days and the Sabbath. In this regard, they are still a 'holy nation'. They too have their own doctrines, external to the Bible, which are also sources of reference. The **Tanakh**, based on the traditional Hebrew Masoretic Text, is the Old Testament with a few extra books like Maccabees, Tobit, and Judit.

Nevertheless, the Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus' passion and resurrection have somehow been 'missed', or misinterpreted. Also, the Babylonian **Talmud**, a foundational Rabbinic text, describes 'Yeshu' as a sorcerer who was executed on Passover for leading Israel into **idolatry**, confirming his death by crucifixion, then called 'hanging' from a tree. Jewish law states that one hanged on a tree is cursed by God. **Now read 1 John 2:22-3.**

Considering **Psalm 22** and **Isaiah 53, 66, Daniel 9**, and the fulfillment of Passover and the Feasts, their continued **spiritual blindness** is an anomaly. Perhaps the Old Testament was also '**abrogated**' by the Rabbinic priesthood?

Islam

Where does Islam stand on Jesus?

In the Arabic context: "*God questions Jesus on the Day of Judgment about whether He told people to worship Him and his mother besides God.*"

Common English translation (Yusuf Ali–style wording):

"And behold! Allah will say: 'O Jesus the son of Mary! Did you say unto men, "Worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allah"?' He will say: 'Glory be to You! Never could I say what I had no right to say. If I had said such a thing, You would indeed have known it. You know what

is in my soul, though I do not know what is in Yours. Truly, You are the Knower of all that is hidden.”

(Qur'an 5:116)

Key Points:

- The exact phrase “*Son of God*” does not appear, but the concept is directly addressed.
- Jesus (Īsā) denies any claim to divinity, and affirms his role as a servant of God. (According to some hadiths, not in the *Qu’ran*, (meaning “*the recitation*”) Jesus is coming as a ‘sort of Messiah’ to support the Mahdi in defeating the antichrist.
- Only God and Muhammed are worthy of worship. (*1st Pillar of Islam*).
- This verse is foundational in Islamic Christology, emphasizing:
 - God’s absolute oneness (*tawhīd*).
 - Jesus’ prophetic status, while elevating Muhammed.
 - Rejection of both divine sonship and Trinitarian worship.

Related Verses

- **Qur’an 5:72–75** – Explicit rejection of Jesus as God or Son of God
- **Qur’an 19:30** – Jesus says: “*Indeed, I am the servant of Allah.*”
- **Qur’an 3:59** – Jesus is compared to Adam in creation

It is interesting that this is the conclusion, despite the Islamic ‘belief’ in the Gospels and “*His revealed books*” according to their **Articles of Faith**. However, apparently “*only the Qu’ran is available in its original pure form.*” **Gal.1:8** This means that the Bible is not believed to be ‘pure’.

It is apparent that the Islamic writings were concocted to demote the status of Jesus, and thus elevate the prophetic status of Muhammed, and Islam. Somehow, they ignored **Matthew 1:22-23** who recalls the angel referring to Jesus as **Immanuel**, meaning “**God with us**”. **Is.7:14**, Jesus’ divinity is often confirmed in the Gospels. **John 10:30, John 14:9-11, John 8:58, Matt.26:64** These have obviously not been recognized.

In considering Islam objectively, you should refer to two ancient scholars, both well versed in Islam, and consider their conclusions.

St. John of Damascus

St. John of Damascus (+749), is considered one of the great '**Fathers of the Church**', wrote the first great *Summa of Theology* called the *Fount of Knowledge*, with part 2 called *Heresies*. He wrote a critique of Islam called '*the Heresy of the Ishmaelites*'.

The following represents extracts from this reference:

Ishmael, born to Abraham and Agar, his wife's Egyptian maidservant, is where it all began. Ishmael, despite being the **first-born**, was not considered the rightful heir to Abraham's birthright. **Gen.15,16 Ishmael's descendants** were idolators who worshiped **Aphrodite** (*al-Uzzah, al-Lat*), "*a most prominent daughter of Allah*", who they called the **Khabar**.

Muhammed, it is said, had heard about the New and Old Testaments from an **Arian** monk, supposedly called Bahira. (**Arianism** was the belief that Jesus was merely a mortal. This is probably the source Muhammed used in developing his 'thesis', without any proof).

From this Muhammed devised his own heresy, claiming that his writings had been "sent down from heaven". These writings were then presented for veneration. These writings have never been found. Many variations have since been written. (Dr. Jay Smith)

In these later books, 'Muhammed', or whoever wrote them, makes various claims that are **not scriptural** by any stretch of the imagination, specifically acknowledging the **immaculate conception**, but later denies that Jesus is the Son of God. According to the *Q'uran, Surah al-Mā'idah* (5:116), when Jesus ascended, he says that God asks Him: "*O Jesus, did you say that "I am the Son of God?" To which Jesus replies: Be merciful to me Lord. Thou knowest that I did not say this and that I did not scorn to be thy servant..." Again, read 1 John 2:22-3.*

As far as Muhammed's **evidence** that he was sent these things from God, there is nothing. There were **no prophets** that foretold of him. There are **no witnesses**, such as Moses and the people of Israel who heard and saw God's presence. There are **no witnesses or writings** of those around him, as we see in Gospels on the life of Jesus. What did he actually do that he should be "worshipped"? His only 'miracle' apparently was producing the

Qu'ran! 29:51. Anything else was recorded by oral tradition around 200 years later.

How can Muhammed claim any Godly providence? It all came in his sleep apparently. This despite the **Islamic rule** that you can only possess wives and property **through witnesses**. Yet his faith and writings are unsubstantiated and unwarranted from any source. Despite this, he had the audacity to call the *Qu'ran* a '*mussaddiq*', a confirming witness sent down to the Torah and Gospels. This is clearly not true, and the concept of any form of witness appearing centuries later, when the *Qu'ran* was 'finalized', is nonsensical.

Muhammed claims that Christ is the Word of God and Spirit, but accuses Christians of being Hetaerists, or Associators. Surely then if the Word of God is in God, then Jesus is God.

Christians are accused of being **idolators** for venerating the cross. However, Islam believers rub themselves on the Ka'aba, and kiss it. Why? Because some say that Abraham took Agar upon it, or perhaps he tied a camel to it to sacrifice instead of Isaac. It is supposedly the symbol of divine presence. This stone presents a head of **Aphrodite**, the Hellenized version of Akkadian, Babylonian and Phoenician names like Ishtar, Astarte and **Khabar** within the context of pre-Islamic Arabian worship. (**Ka'aba** and **Khabar** are phonetically identical. Surely this is no coincidence!)

Muhammed also made up his own rules regarding women, contrary to the **Torah** (aka *Tawrat*) which is considered a sacred divine revelation in Islam, and mentioned **18** times in the *Qu'ran*. He makes provision for taking four wives, and up to a thousand concubines, if they can be maintained.

Now read: [Gen.2:24](#), [Matt.19:6](#), [Heb.13:4](#).

The Torah is considered a Pillar of Faith (*Iman*) for Muslims. And yet, they too **do not keep the Feasts**, or the **Sabbath**, or obey the details required. They too have failed to connect the dots between the Feasts as prophecies of Jesus, the Messiah.

If not almost entirely ignored, many of the **laws of the Torah are thus 'abrogated' by the Qu'ran**. Despite the claim of a "*pillar of faith*", there is

thus little in Islam that concurs with their accepted elements of the Bible. Again, it is apparently acceptable that Man can alter God's Commandments.

In the *Heifer*, 'Muhammed', or whoever wrote this, made a law that men be circumcised, but orders them not to keep the **Sabbath** or be **baptized**. What better way to subjugate man than by creating 'orders' supposedly heaven sent, while at the same time bastardizing the *Torah*, a pillar of their faith.

So, was this another 'synchronized' form of eastern beliefs with a minimum of Judeo-Christian origins to give it some credibility? It appears that this system of beliefs is as flawed scripturally as the Book of Mormon, and has selectively maintained the anti-Judaism prescribed by Rome (and Hitler), despite contrary confirmations that the children of Israel are favored by God. *Qu'ran* 44:32, 45:16, 5:21, 17:104.

"Interestingly verses (2:65, 5:60) describe Sabbath breakers being transformed into apes and swine!" Yet in Islam, there is no Sabbath per se.

On the other hand, is there any **convergent** or even basic **historical truth** pointing to Muhammed as a 'prophet' himself, or evidence of any message of divine origin? Based on the lack of any prophecy alone, it appears not.

This, despite the many prophecies and evidence to the contrary taken from the Torah, the Psalms of David, and the Gospels, which Muslims are required to believe. [John 8:43-44](#)

St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas critiques Muhammad and Islam in his writings, particularly in the *Summa Contra Gentiles*, written in the 13th century. St. Thomas addresses Islam from an apologetic perspective, defending the Christian faith against other religions.

His primary critiques focus on **three key aspects**:

1. **Muhammad's Authority as a Prophet**

St. Thomas questions Muhammad's **legitimacy as a true prophet**, arguing that his message is not based on clear divine signs, such as

miracles, but on military force and territorial expansion. According to Thomas, a genuine prophet should confirm their message with supernatural acts that unequivocally point to their divine origin.

2. The Nature of Qur’anic Revelation

The Angelic Doctor observes that the Qur’an blends elements from previous religions, such as Judaism and Christianity, and argues that this synthesis **lacks theological coherence**. From his perspective, **revelation must be consistent and reflect divine perfection**, something Thomas does not find in Islam.

3. Islamic Ethical and Legal Precepts

Thomas also critiques certain ethical and legal provisions in Islam, which he perceived in his time as permissive on issues of **sexual morality** and the use of **violence**. He contrasts these teachings with Christianity, which, in his view, elevates human dignity and seeks spiritual perfection.

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Christianity

"...and the hand of the Lord shall be known to His servant, and His indignation toward His enemies....They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the garden, while behind one tree in the midst eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumer together, saith the Lord." Is.66:14-17

Sadly, Christianity is little different in its deviation from God's Will and Word. **Replacement Theology** has created both pretext and scriptural deviations, leading to a wide misinterpretation. The fact that *“there are over 45,000 Christian denominations and traditions globally”*, and 100 different Bible versions should be a warning sign.

It is ironic that **Luther**, in his drive away from Catholicism, finally rejected the Jews as they would not convert to his version of Christianity. This was due to the flaw in **Replacement Theology**, forgetting that gentiles were called to be **grafted-in**, not the other way around. We should know that Replacement Theology is false as it contravenes all the Covenants God made with Israel, and as it is inherently **antinomian**.

False Churches

“..that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and the doctrines of devils;” **1 Timothy 4:1**

Roman Catholic Church

*“Hadrian committed himself to stamp out Jewish nationalism entirely. Traditions such as circumcision, the Sabbath, and reading the Torah became forbidden under penalty of death. He also resolved to rename the region after the Jew’s worst enemy, the **Philistines**.”* (Koinonia House)

It is no news that Rome was aggressive towards the Jews, and did what they could to stamp them out. **Edomites** (e.g. **Herod**), **descendants of Esau**, were used by Rome to persecute the Jews, descendants of **Isaac**. Later on, in 313 AD, Constantine publicly recognized Christianity and legalized the Catholic Church (RCC), **on his pagan terms**. Most believe that this should have ended the persecution of believers.

‘Catholic’ means ‘**universal**’, from ‘*katholikos*’ in Greek. It seems that the naming of this church was Roman inspired, to unite Rome under one religion. It took on the title of ‘**orthodox**’, which indicates ‘the true Church’. How better to be able to define heresy?

Was this reason to celebrate? Perhaps not. The RCC was formed, and then became the new instrument for persecuting spiritual freedom, the 'true Church' and their 'Jewish' customs. **Old Testament laws were merged and 'cast down', and God's *mo'edim*, or *holy days*, were replaced with the Roman festivities, using Christian terms.** The Sabbath, Saturday, was replaced with Sunday by rule of Constantine in 321 AD. Sunday was the Roman day of rest.

Commemorating Christ's crucifixion over Passover (*Pesach*) was changed to the first **Sunday** after the vernal equinox. So, the church continued to call it *Pascha*, Greek for Passover, but celebrated it according to their decree, not as prescribed in Leviticus. It was now a celebration of Christ's resurrection. **Those that disobeyed these laws were punished or killed.**

Polycarp, based on Smyrna, was a disciple of John. He took John's place as head of God's Church. They continued observing Passover on *Nisan 14*, whereas Rome had changed the day to its equinox on a Sunday. Polycarp confronted Victor, bishop of Rome in 197 AD concerning their changing the date. Subsequent to this Polycarp was arrested and burnt alive for failing to worship Caesar. (Eusebius)

Polycrates, Polycarp's successor continued this confrontation with Rome. This became known as the **Quartodeciman Controversy**. In 325 AD at the Nicene Council, the Roman churches had this date formally changed to a Sunday, which was not on *Nisan 14*, the Passover *mo'ed* as defined in Leviticus. Constantine then made it Law. (Flurry, Armstrong)

The origins of the name 'Easter' is attributed to *Eostre*, a Germanic goddess of spring, around the 7th century, where the *Osterhase*, or easter hare, a sacred animal, played a part. There are however strong links to the spring festivals of *Ishar*, aka *Astarte*, aka Venus, by the Romans in the 1st century. Either way, this then was another synchronization.

This persecution of Christ's True Church, and specifically Jews, continued for centuries under the Catholics. 'Heresy' became the Pope's mandate for domination. Satan now was again in control of killing God's true believers. This is the **great 'Mystery Church'** in Revelations, born of **Simon Magus**, the Babylonian mentioned in Acts, who founded this 'Church' incorporating many of its pagan traditions. **This is 'the whore' described in Revelations 17, "it's colors are red and purple, surrounded**

by **seven hills**, steeped in the **blood of martyrs**." This has to be the Vatican City. The Romans called this area *Ager Vaticanus*, linked to soothsayers, and is where Simon Magus was buried.

This was thus the new spiritual power behind Satan's control over the world, working to undermine God and destroy His people. This is plain to see when you look at the bigger picture of their keeping God's Word in Latin, burnings 'heretics' at the stake, the wars against Jew and Protestant, changing names, times and laws away from God's Word, and other abominable cruelties inflicted under their rule.

Simon Magus

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty." 2 Peter 1:16

Why 'Mystery Babylon'? **Rev.17** History has shown that **Simon the Sorcerer**, a Magus from Babylon, was greatly taken by Christianity, but was rejected by the apostles. **Acts 8:9–24** **It was this Simon the Sorcerer (aka Simon Magus, aka Simon Pater from Samaria,) and not Simon Peter**, who purportedly instigated the founding of the Roman Catholic Church after 33 AD, **incorporating many of the Babylonian Mystery Church's and Roman traditions into the Roman Catholic Church (RCC), or vice versa**. How could this be?

Both Luke and Peter recorded how Simon Magus tried to buy the Holy Spirit so that he could also perform miracles! *"When in Rome, Simon Magus won the respect of Claudius and the Roman Senate by using magic. He began to be worshiped as a god, and was honored with a statue. He became known as Simon Pater. In the pagan world, the name 'Pater' was used for certain gods, such as Zeus Pater. Among early Christian writers, he became known as the father of heresy."* (First Apology - Justin Martyr)

So, Simon Peter the apostle did not found the RCC as claimed. **The apostle Paul, an educated gentile, went to Rome, not Peter**. There is no biblical record of Peter being in Rome, although he was apparently crucified there.

In Acts, Luke revealed that **the one responsible for heresy was Simon Magus**. Paul also exposes his **antinomian lies** when he wrote to the Romans and said *"shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"* **Rom.6 1-2 This 'false gospel' created a focus on Jesus himself, and forgot about His teachings, God's Laws, and the promise of the Messianic kingdom.** It's a classic red herring. Paul warns us about heresies spreading through the church and turning into the *"gospels of men."* Jesus understood this, and warned us in His **Olivet prophecy**. This mystery church was referred to as 'Mystery Babylon' by John. It is commonly believed that *"Babylon"* was used as a coded reference to the pagan Roman Empire.

Also read **Gal.1:6-9, Malachi 2:1-4, 2 Peter 2:1-3, Acts 20:29-31, Col.2:1-8, 2 Cor.4:3-4.**

"Many think that this was about Christian groups causing these problems, where in fact it was the Babylonian mystery religion trying blot out God's church and take it over!" (H. Armstrong)

Secondary Resources:

Source	Topic
hwalibrary.com	Peter was not in Rome
hope-of-israel.org	Mithraism and the Catholic church NB!
Britannica.com	Mithraism
Free Book	<i>The True History of God's True Church</i> (Flurry)

Restoration?

Over the next millennium, the popes hid God's Word from the people, **creating a synchronized religion of superstition and dogma**, and using the absolution of sin by priests as a form of blackmail to increase its wealth and spiritual control. People were fed minute random parts of the Bible, never given a 'Total Truth', and kept in emotional superstition.

Is this not true of many Churches today, with a focus on **arousing emotional involvement**, singing sentimental songs supported by abstract sermons? **Matt.7:22-23** Using emotion is a form of trickery, or distraction, another red herring. However, **emotional decisions are seldom right, lack**

foundation, and can easily distract us from the truth. We hear what we want to hear.

The RCC kept the Bible **in Latin**. Over time, those who could read the translated Bible, saw a distortion against scripture, and so the Protestant movement began to undermine and challenge the RCC's authority and doctrinal teachings.

Early on, the RCC redesigned or removed God's 'sacraments', **as defined by the stages in God's Holy Temple**, from the people. These include:

- **Sacrifice:** Repentance or '**absolution**' was needed from a priest;
- **Laver: Baptism at birth** avoided the need for true repentance and *teshuvah*;
- **Bread of Life:** Keeping the **Bible** a mystery in **Latin**;
- **7 Candles:** Removing the light of the world, God's *7 mo'edim*;
- **Ark of Creation:** Changing the Sabbath, and removing the *Torah* as a foundation of obedience and righteousness.

Perhaps it was because they were 'Jewish'. However, as a result of the **Reformation**, God's 'sacraments' had been mostly restored circa **1844**, with some formally recognizing that Saturday is the True Sabbath. This **fragmented restoration** of the sacraments was a major setback for Satan, as God's True Church was once more established, even though not whole. This began a new spiritual awakening, and the start of the final battle.

This all gives us some context of the origins of our churches, and the totalist *dogma* instilled in all through fear over centuries.

Plan B

Now we come to Satan's phase 2, or perhaps Plan B, in the final unraveling, the denouement, involving **Man's 2nd Fall**, his last challenge and choice in the face of God's final judgement.

Today, this Plan centers around mammon, envy, pride, and rebellion. These are the tenets behind humanism (socialism) and its sister, communism, both fostered by those instigating the French Revolution, and simulated by subsequent revolutions against traditional governments and their values. "*The French Revolution was the first **totalitarian***"

revolution, and the spiritual model for the Italian Fascist, German Nazi, Russian and Chinese revolutions... **led and manipulated by an intellectual vanguard determined to replace Christianity with a religion that glorified “the people,”** anointed the revolutionary vanguard as priests, and abridged the rights of individuals.” (Liberal Fascism)

"Everything means everything. Something means anything. Some things mean something." (Movie - Vengeance)

This quote could be the definition of creating a pretext, and the “do as you please” philosophies of humanism and relativism, promoting confusion and chaos. Those in power, or financially wealthy, probably understand that these ideologies will only make them richer, and more powerful. **Communism**, despite its promises, never benefits the poor. North Korea and South Africa are recent examples. In China, the level of ‘poverty’ is defined as those earning less than \$340 a year!

The **Reformation** started the process of fragmenting the Catholic Church, but these apples (daughters) could not, and did not, fall far from the tree. Slowly dissension and new perspectives have created rifts, where today we now have many 'denominations.' Each of these may as well be their own religion in that there is little to no cooperation between these churches, while **in essence** they still follow many of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. They certainly keep **traditional Roman holidays**, and **deny the Law’s** and *mo’edim* as set for Israel, and the need for the “stranger” to be **grafted-in** to God's vine, of which He is the root. **John 15:1-5**

After all this, you need to discern if they represent the body of Christ, as His true Church, teaching **according to Scripture**. If not, on what basis do you base your faith and your salvation? Man's doctrine?

Today, there are many 'false Churches,' preaching variations to God's Word and scriptural heresies, and even ‘**ideologies**’ that become religions of men.

*"For in the elimination of the supernatural in Christianity... it has become a mere part of human culture. So, in subordinating Christianity to culture we have really destroyed Christianity, and what continues to bear the old name is a **counterfeit!**" (Christianity, Culture, and Liberalism - J Machen)*

Common Heresies Today

What is the difference between heresy and apostasy?

Apostasy in Christianity is the rejection of Christian faith by someone who formerly was a Christian, or who wishes to administratively be removed from a formal registry of church members. The term apostasy comes from the Greek word *'apostasia'* meaning 'defection', 'departure', 'revolt' or 'rebellion'. **Weishaupt**, founder of *'the Plot'* that spawned the 'enlightenment' movement, followed by its offspring, humanism, evolution, and communism, was an apostate. These 'religions' all have the same root.

*"Heresy is a 'Christian' term that denotes the formal **denial or doubt of a core doctrine or dogma** of the Christian faith **as defined by the Pope.**"*

'Heresy' was first defined at the **Council of Nicaea** in **325 AD**. This marked a continuation of Roman persecution by the RCC, maintained onwards until and through the various Inquisitions. *"The purpose was to maintain Catholic Orthodoxy."* Interestingly, **heresy is not defined as one who denies, or doubts, or changes, the Word of God**. How revealing as to the spiritual nature of this Mystery church! **Is.5:20**

While some of these have been covered, this is a summary of the apostasies and biblical heresies prevalent today:

1. **Denying Jesus**, but believing in "grace only" as supposedly preached by Paul. Peter warns us about misinterpreting Paul's writings. **2 Peter 3:15-17** Both Rabbinic Jews and Muslims deny Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah, but somehow believe that their faith will earn them salvation.

2. **Denying the divine inspiration of the Bible.**

Many now believe in selective aspects only, or by creating abrogations of it. Most religions today revolve around traditional **dogma**, not a focus on the Word of God. They thus follow Man's doctrine by disobedience to God's Commandments and Laws. The Mormon Bible and the *Qur'an* are extreme examples of this, but there are many more who have missed the mark as defined in the scriptures. It seems that 'abrogation' is a common

practice, despite God's specific commands against this. **Deut.4:2, 12:32, Rev. 22:18-19.**

Despite multiple historical accounts, there is one sentence in the *Qur'an* that denies that Christ was crucified. But **Islam** itself has been shown to lack valid historical evidence on any of its **three pillars for existence; Muhammed, Mecca, and the Qu'ran**. Questions arise as to the existence of **Muhammad**, to **Mecca** being a city at the time, or that the *Qur'an* was written at least by contemporaries or witnesses who knew him. According to some renowned academics, there is little to **no historical evidence** of these 'divine' claims. (Dr. Ibrahim, Dr. J. Smith, Patricia Crone at Oxford, Cambridge, and Princeton)

"It is believed that the Qur'an is the literal word revealed to Muhammad." (EBSCO.com). We now know that most of the writings are dated from 200 to 800 years after the death of Muhammad in 632 AD! If you are interested, listen to studies by Dr. Jay Smith. Some of their practices stem from ancient Jewish rituals, like the circling of Jericho, while some reflect pagan worship, such as the Black Stone in the **Ka'aba**, which apparently stems from Aphrodite.

In Islam, there is **no prophecy**, or proof of fulfillment, no miracles, **no witness** corroboration, and no original writings, as found in the Bible. There is **no clear promise** of salvation, or any convergence of theme. This appears then to be a *Religion of Men* designed to **control through fear**. **Gen.16** Many refuse to stand against them because of their terroristic ruthlessness and cruelty. A *fatwa* for murder is an example. Is it just another totalist fixed mindset ideology, that none dare question? There is no reflection, mercy, or humility, as projected in Jesus' life from the Gospels. It is a control paradigm.

Perhaps this will change in the end-times when the truth is revealed.

In Christianity, the Old Testament Law was mostly rejected after the 4th century under the auspices of Constantine. Since then, the Christian faith has created its own *dogma* 'under grace', promoting Replacement Theology, ignoring God's Word and the instructions of the *Torah*. Even relative to the NT, Jesus' teachings and example have been almost fully eroded through antinomianism, much like Baalism. These are now critical

hidden truths lost in the paradigms created by Rome and the early gentile church.

3. Preaching two Gods.

This refers to a 'difference' between the New and Old Covenant or Testament, but there is none. The Greek word for New is 'kinos' which means **refreshed**. The New Testament does not replace the Old Testament. The New or Refreshed Testament merely opens the door to the gentiles to be grafted-in to the root of Jesse, Israel. **Jer.31:31, Rom.11.** There is no change. **Salvation** has always been by faith, followed by obedience. Under the New Covenant, Jesus pointed to a crossover from the **physical realm**, with Israel originally set as the example, to the **spiritual dimension for all**, requiring a "*circumcision of the heart*". **Rom.22:29**

The Old Testament is often described as the God of wrath, and the New Testament by Jesus as one of love. Possibly a by-product of Gnosticism, this is a low-level interpretation by the ignorant. In **2 Tim.3:14-16** Jesus tells us to "*continue in the holy scriptures*"... as "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God*". The focus on the Old Testament has been lost because it's 'nasty' and 'Jewish'. This is Replacement Theology. However, **God's Word does not change.** "*My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*" **Ps.89:34**

We are instructed specifically that Jesus is God, that He was the Creator, He is Emmanuel, God with us. "*I and My Father are one*" **John 10:30, Col. 1:15-17.** This misunderstanding has been a block for many. All Christians are supposed to believe in the **Trinity**. The conclusion then must be that Jesus gave the *Torah* to Moses, inspired the prophets, and thus there can be no discrimination between New and Old Testaments. **All the scriptures are God's Word, and all prophecies will be fulfilled.** **John 1:1, Matt.5:18, 24:34-35, Luke 21:22, 24:44** So far, facts have shown this to be accurate and true.

When studying both Old and New Testament, we also find out how wrong this perception is. God showed His patience and mercy in the Old Testament. Jesus said that He came to **fulfill the Law**, not change it! How do you do His Will? **John 14:15+** explains that, specifically keeping God's

commandments of the Old Testament. **Keeping the Feasts or 'appointed times' was continued by the apostles after Jesus' resurrection.**

Paul specifically declares this. Also read [Rom.2:13](#), [Acts 24:14](#) and [25:8](#). *"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."* [Rom.3:20](#) **What Paul is saying is that 'sin' is defined as being disobedient to the Torah, God's instruction to righteousness for all of mankind.** Knowing this offers Truth, and completes the picture. [Gen.26:2+](#), [Ps.19:7-9](#), [Deut.29:29](#), [Ps.119:142](#), [Rom.6:13](#), [1 John 3:7](#), [John 14:15](#)

4. **Changing the dates and times.** [Deut.12:28-32](#), [Dan:7:25](#),

God's 'mo'edim', appointed times, aka Holy Feasts, are fundamental to an understanding of the Bible, God's purpose, and prophecy. And yet, the whole of Christendom continues to ignore these, and **God's Laws**, written **to last forever** in the Bible. Instead, they remain stuck in the traditional 'non-Jewish' mindset from Roman times. [Lev.23](#), [Matt.5:17-18](#), [1 Peter 1.22](#), [Ezek.44:23](#). This reminds us of our conformity (Classic Ash) and submission to authority (Milgram) biases, following bandwagon and similar fallacies. Paradigms are hard to change!

5. **The prosperity gospel**

This focuses on a message as to how we can individually be financially 'profitable', by taking a short-cut to *"a divine right to wealth"*. The Bible teaches forbearance and sacrifice, components of a growth or 'GRIT' mindset, all in order **to add value as a whole**, not to grow rich materially. Scripturally 'profit', as opposed to 'idle' or 'barren', is a spiritual reference. [Matt.12:36](#), [2 Peter 1:5-9](#) **We cannot serve both mammon and God.**

This spirit of sacrifice, and obeying God's Law, ultimately drives a society to be 'profitable', and, with obedience, brings God's protection. We are seeing this in Israel today. There is a subtle but distinct difference between selfish gain through "unequal measures", and the community prospering through a commitment to righteous, sacrificial living. This means that one needs to 'add value' together, without prejudice, under God's Law. Look at Israel today. It is not hard to do.

6. The conviction that God will never judge sin. 2 Cor.5:10-11 and John 3:36

The implication is that we should not be judgmental, and allow 'freedom' of expression and illusion. This is a **humanist philosophy**. Some even say there is no evil, or Satan, despite Jesus' direct confrontation with him. If there is no Satan, why do we need the church? This is pure rebellion from the Word, procrastination, and a lack of discernment. This 'culture' is not scriptural as we need to be taught to grow **in righteousness and truth**, in fear of God's judgement, without blaming others for our choices and consequences.

As explained in the fall or harvest Feasts, one of the cornerstones of the Bible is Christ's return and **final judgement**. Israel was punished for disobedience, and their rejection of Christ. Similarly, in the macro, or gentile context, those of us who have still not learnt God's Will, **repented** and been **grafted-in**, but continue to live lawlessly, will be cast into an eternal lake of fire. **Matt.25:41, Rev.20, 21, 25**. This is known as a 'second death' on judgement day.

Remember the definition of 'sin'. The rules do not change!

7. Denying that the Whole Bible is God's Word.

Some say that it is a collection of myths, while others look for ways to discredit God's Word. **2 Tim.3:14-16, Matt.4:4** This breaks down Christendom as a whole, and creates **disunity and chaos**. Isn't this what **'the Plot' (Satan)** aspires to? (Explained later)

Many churches only preach the gospel, ignoring the foundation set in the Old Testament which contains God's Commandments. Others just refer to the Old Testament, or their version of it. How can we fulfill **John 14:15** without understanding, and following God's Law? How can we understand righteousness? How can we be obedient?

Those who think the Bible is just "*a guide*" are preachers of iniquity, the blind leading the blind. We cannot live in lawlessness, aka darkness, and expect salvation! **Rom.13:12, 2 Cor.6:14, Matt.4:16, Gal.1:8-9 Luke 6:26, 12:9**

8. Avoiding Prophecy

'...**Thy kingdom come.., deliver us from the evil One**" is core to Christian prayer, and yet, in many churches, there is seldom to no mention of the end times, the tribulation, Satan, and Christ's second coming. This prophecy is one of the cornerstones of biblical Faith. *Ha'satan* is described from Genesis to Revelations, and lives today!

The focus with many remains on Christ's crucifixion, arousing **emotional** sympathy in worship instead of promoting faith and righteousness, and studying God's Word. Many of us make decisions based on emotion, but these are like the sand, and are only meaningful if we follow God's Law. No doubt, Christ's crucifixion was prophesied, and foundational to our Faith and purpose, but this is only half of the picture. It is only **the planting**.

Your focus now must be on your preparation for His return, and make sure of your salvation! Prophetically, we are due for a repeat in history, but instead of the judgement of Israel, the judgment of the world. Can you see the deception here by the **misplaced emphasis on the past**?

The creation in Genesis is also a prophecy, where the Sabbath refers to Christ's return, and the millennial kingdom. Why has this been lost?
Fulfilled prophecy proves that the Bible is God's Word.

If we understand the *mo'edim* in the *Torah*, this can provide you a clear picture of God's plan for the Millennial Kingdom. Most Churches are ignorant of this and remain focused on Christ's crucifixion and doing good works! [Ephes.2:8-9](#), [Rom.3:20](#), [Is.64:6](#)

There are two types of lies; by **commission, and by omission** (i.e. "the whole truth, and nothing but the truth").

This then is another critical **omission** by many churches that has not been labeled as a heresy, but is probably the most common, and the worst, as the fulfillment of prophecy confirms the Truth. The Old Testament is full of prophecy, explained in God's Feasts and Festivals, Israel's punishments for disobedience, and the need to serve Him, or face a final judgement.

There is consistency in the messages and lessons learnt by Israel over time. Many prophecies have been fulfilled, but **we seldom hear about**

them in churches today. This is the great omission, as it denies the fundamental reason for God's Word: the pending return of Jesus Christ, and the final judgment! History will repeat itself, until we realize the Truth, which lies in the *Torah*, and begins obedience through faith.

More than a quarter of the Bible is Prophecy! Many churches today never teach about biblical prophecy, thereby including all the above false doctrines. This is the 8th heresy. **Bible Prophecy is one of the hallmarks of God's Word, proven by the accuracy of fulfillment.** Do not take these lightly if you believe in God and His Word. The two are one and the same.

In fact, these should now be the focus of study as they keep you mindful of reality and the future, especially events leading to the return of Christ.

9. Not keeping the 4th Commandment.

*“Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the **children of Israel** by an everlasting covenant.”* **Lev.24:8**

The “*children of Israel*” includes all those ‘grafted in’. Make sure that you reread the “*everlasting covenant*” part! This promise is also in **Ex.12:49, 31:12+** Now read **Isaiah 24:4-6** which refers to the end-times, and those who have transgressed the “*everlasting covenant*”. An everlasting covenant in Hebrew is a ‘*brit olam*’. **Hebrews 13:20** refers to this.

Critically, we need to attend to the 4th Commandment, known as the ‘**seal commandment**’. This applies to ‘lukewarm’ Christians from the Roman Catholic Church and “*her daughters*”, who have been lured into false teachings, and thus missing one of God's fundamental Commandments. **Lev.23:2** This instruction is addressed to “***the children of Israel***”, which implies all of God's faithful, not just the ‘**Jews**’!

The seventh day Sabbath commandment is the only commandment that is **repeatedly referred to as a seal or sign of God** as seen in the following references: “*Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant*”; “*Hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and*

you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God" Exodus 31:16;
Ezekiel 20:20 also 20:12

In the New Testament, Jesus declared that He never changed the Law, or abolished the Sabbath. Matthew 5:17,18, Matthew 12. This official time change came in the 4th century, when the Catholic Church, under Roman influence, transferred the sanctity of the seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday, thus violating this commandment from God. Exodus 20:8-11

'Sun'day is the first day of the week, and the day when Jesus rose from the dead, but really it is the day of the sun god, *Sol Invictus*, of the Mithraic religion. The Pope discarded one of God's main Laws for this, with the excuse that Jesus rose on a Sunday! God has that event covered with the *mo'ed* of **First Fruits** already! Churches read the 10 Commandments, part of the *Torah*, say the Lord's Prayer with "*Thy Will be done*", and then blatantly disobey this command! Exodus 20, Lev. 23

Again, in Hebrew '**Oth**' refers to a sign or a mark. The word used for "sign" of the Lord's Covenant is the same word used in Revelations for the "mark" of the antichrist.

Ignorance of the Law is no excuse. *"But he answered and said: Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Matt.15:13-14

10. **Antinomianism. Keeping pagan 'Holly days', and not following God's instruction or Torah, practicing abominations.**

Nearly all of the Christian 'holidays' originated from Roman Mithraic tradition, and were synchronized into the Catholic church in the 4th century under Constantine, forsaking all that is Jewish. These are the "*traditions of men*" that Jesus warns us about, and are the foundation of the "lukewarm" or Laodicean churches today. Rev.3, Matt:5:13,7:21-23,24:12-13, 25:31-46. Do your own research on these 'holly' days. You will not find them biblical, but papal and pagan.

Remember the Popes who described themselves as "*Vicars of Christ, forbidding anyone from interpreting the Bible contrary to the sense held by the Church*"? At the First Vatican Council in 1870, they defined the

dogma of **Papal Infallibility**, asserting that the Pope's definitions are 'irreformable'. Pope Leo X111 said "***We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.***" That alone should be an indicator.

Why is this the real form of heresy? This should be obvious, but sins can also result from omission. Ask yourself why the main body of Churches do not keep the Feasts as commanded in Leviticus 23. This is what God refers to as **lawlessness**, aka iniquity, and is why he punished Israel severely. It seems that these warnings have been lost in the *religions of men*. We are warned of the outcome in the opening quotation.

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" 2 Cor.6:14

Abominations

God's Word is clear in His denouncement of the cultures and actions, pronounced '*toevah*' in the Hebrew Bible, that He abhors. "*The term "toevah" is used in the Hebrew Bible to describe actions, practices, or objects that are considered **detestable or abominable in the sight of God.***" They are permanent laws, called '*lo tochlu*', meaning '**not ever**'.

These practices have been reflected in pagan idol worship throughout history. Today we are returning to those pagan ways, as prophesied. However, it is important that you know that these things are what disgusts the Lord, and so you should have nothing to do with them. Again, we see God offering forgiveness if we repent and change our ways.

These laws apply to Jew and gentiles. Acts 10 and 11:18.

- **Homosexuality:** Lev.18:22; Lev.20:13; 1 Cor.6:9
- **Sexual immortality:** Lev.18:26+; 1 Cor. 5:1; Acts 15:20; 1 Thess.4:3; Jude 1:7; Rev.9.20
- **Idolatry:** Deut.7:25; Deut.12:31;
- **Unclean food:** Deut.3:41; Acts 10:1+; Ephes.2:11; Ephes.5:3+
- **Witchcraft:** Deut.18:9; Gal.5:19; Rev.9:21; Rev.21:8

- **Cross dressing:** [Deut.22:5](#)
- **Unjust weights and measures.** [Deut.15:15](#): [Prov.6:161+](#)

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The Greatest Crimes

Why is it that the gentile world no longer keeps God's *mo'edim* and basic laws? [Matt.24:12-13](#)

Since Jesus, it started legally with **Constantine** and the **Mystery Church (RCC)** culminating in the decrees of the 4th century, where all things Jewish were denounced, and rigorously enforced. With the stroke of a pen, God's true Church was virtually destroyed, along with it the understanding of God's Law. This all began in the time of the apostles.

Then the counterfeit of **Islam** further led people in the wrong direction, creating another division of enmity.

Centuries later, came the "*enlightenment*" era, or Satan's **Plan B**, which spread **godlessness** even further though humanism, leading to socialism and totalist **communism**. This was then duplicated with the totalist mindsets of **Nazism**, with **Islam's Jihad** following in Hitler's wake. These are all godless **human religions**.

These are the greatest crimes committed by Man, all fueled by "the Dragon", typified by hate for God's faithful, Christian governments aka 'Israel' (symbolized by the west), and the Jews. These antagonists are now being clearly identified, and their ideologies are in sync with "*the Plot*." This New World Order, aka the globalist agenda, has been behind the denigration of western cultures. This explains much of what is going on today.

"The well-known Soviet mathematician Shafarevich, a member of the Soviet Academy of Science, has written a brilliant book under the title,

Socialism. It is a profound analysis showing that socialism of any type and shade leads to a total destruction of the human spirit, and to a leveling of mankind into death.” (Solzhenitsyn)

In the USA, this division was further enhanced with the separation of God from government (at the instigation of the Illuminist Jefferson et al) that remaining Christian structures have been lost. We now have humanist governments directing and controlling our beliefs through public schools, controlled media, and laws. Rome prevails today in the prideful USA, Britain, and Australia, all pervading lawlessness.

We have to understand Roman history, a precedent of today. We are its remnants, still largely abiding in their traditions, laws, and culture. Remember the 'big picture' from Daniel? It is no coincidence that our form of government was based on a Roman structure and culture, even incorporating their beliefs of Mithraicism, and often promoting pagan and/or Hellenistic practices. Little has changed.

The Nicodemus Challenge

While many reading this should acknowledge the accuracy of these heresies relevant to Scripture, there is always the Nicodemus challenge, which was pivotal in Jesus' teaching.

Nicodemus had realized that Jesus was the Messiah, and defended him at the Sanhedrin. He even bought expensive spices for Jesus' burial. **John 7:50, John 19:39** But he would not formerly follow Jesus. He would not risk giving up his position and wealth to walk in the Truth.

Preachers and ministers, and even academics who read this book may be faced with the same challenge. It is not a new one. After all, the Protestant churches have remained kowtowed to the Catholic church's Mithraic traditions, despite all the efforts and sacrifices of the 'reformation' martyrs. **Few dare stand up against tradition, unless it's PC.**

And so, the paradigm overrules the change. None dare admit to their congregation that they were wrong, and that all need to ask forgiveness, repent, and follow God's Word. Many preach the Word, but do not follow it. Is that not like the Pharisees?

Peter, in his denial of Christ thus represents all of us who say that "we believe" but are not willing to take a stand for God's Word. Is this not then the same betrayal? Is this not what is meant by standing up for your faith? Is this not what we are called to do?

Isn't it time to change the paradigm, back to God's Word, and back to keeping God's Law? ***Thy will be done.***

E3. Antinomianism, Replacement Theory, Catholic Church Syncretism

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Romans 6:1-2

False Churches

Even in the first century, there were problems with misunderstanding and confusion concerning the spoken Word. You need to understand that there were no books to study, and so hearsay and religious leaders were bound to get it wrong. Also, there were those who saw the opportunity to take advantage of others. The problem lies in the entrenchment of these 'ideas' or pretexts. On reflection you will see that the same mindsets that existed then are prevalent in various churches today.

Nicolaitan practices (Baalam), Antinomianism, and Gnosticism, were the most prevalent of false teachings amongst the gentiles. **Rev.2:6,15** John addresses the Nicolaitans in his letter to Ephesus. The Nicolaitans were gentiles who had been brought up in Hellenism, or pagan traditions, which they believed could be excused, "*under grace*". The term means "*victory over the people*".

Gnosticism was a different belief.

Gnosticism

Paul addresses **Gnosticism** in Colossians and in **1 Timothy 4** and **6:20**, warning against what is falsely called knowledge (*gnosis*), aka "*doctrines of men*", that are required for salvation. He also warns against the worship of angels, aka saints. **Col.2:8-22**

*"Gnosticism was perhaps the most dangerous **heresy** that threatened the early church during the first three centuries. Influenced by such philosophers as Plato, Gnosticism is based on two false premises. First, it espouses a **dualism regarding spirit and matter**. Gnostics assert that*

matter is inherently evil and spirit is good. As a result of this presupposition, Gnostics believe anything done in the body, even the grossest sin, has no meaning because real life exists in the spirit realm only.

*Another branch of this philosophy was "that the only way to attain true spirituality is to deny their flesh (matter) of anything that might tempt them to sin. Those who thought this way became **ascetics**."*

(bibletools.org/gnosticism) Under the Catholic umbrella, this gave rise to later practices of self-denial, self-abuse, and more, in the belief that this would cease carnal desires and increase spiritual righteousness.

*Secondly, Gnostics claim to possess an elevated knowledge, a "**higher truth**" known only to a certain few. Gnosticism comes from the Greek word *gnosis* which means "to know." Gnostics claim to possess a higher knowledge, **not from the Bible**, but acquired on some mystical higher plane of existence. Gnostics see themselves as a **privileged class elevated above everybody else by their higher, deeper knowledge of God.**"*
(gotquestions.org/Christian-gnosticism.html)

Though there are differences, Gnosticism still exists today in the form of **Mormonism**, claiming the restoration of lost truth through revelation to Joe Smith. Secret knowledge is needed for **salvation**. They believe that through this process man can be transformed towards divinity. Like Islam, both rely on extra-biblical writings and superseding 'revelations'.

John's epistles 1, 2, and 3 were written on this. There was another branch of this called **Docetism**. **1 John 4:2-3, 2 John 1:7** "*Docetism and Gnosticism shared similar philosophical roots but developed in distinct ways. **Docetism primarily distorted the nature of Christ, denying His true humanity**. Gnosticism went even further, constructing an elaborate system of secret knowledge, multiple divine beings, and a complex cosmology that denied the biblical understanding of God, creation, and salvation.*" Luke emphasized Jesus' humanity, possibly to allay these beliefs at the time.

Antinomianism

Antinomianism, which is prevalent today in most Christian churches, is the belief that 'grace' exempts believers from God's Law, and even moral

law. It means “*against the law*”. The core belief is that ‘faith’ alone is sufficient for salvation. Obedience to God’s Law is not required to be righteous.

Paul was charged with this, which he refuted in **Rom.6:1-2**. As a Pharisee, he also underwent a cleaning at the Temple, and joined the Nazarite Vow. **Acts 21** Peter also wrote against false teachers who “*turned the grace of God into a license for immorality*”. **2 Peter, Jude 4**. Peter warns against those who are promised 'freedom' while being slaves to depravity. **2 Peter 2:19**

Nicolaitans

Nicolaitans are rebuked in Revelations. **Rev.2:6, 14-15** Believed to be the doctrine of Balaam, this 'mystery church' compromised or synchronized with paganism. It permitted sexual immorality under the guise of Christian liberty, pagan temple rituals, and antinomianism. Eating foods sacrificed to idols was deemed acceptable.

The term originates from the Greek '*niako*' which means 'to conquer, or overcome', and '*laos*' meaning 'the people', or 'the laity'. "*This suggests that this group may have promoted a hierarchical structure, or domineering leadership structure that subdued common believers.*"

Any ideas as to where you will find this today?

Worship of Baal

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” **Matt.7:15**

Baal is mentioned as many as **90** times in the Bible, so it is significant. Baal was a Canaanite fertility god, periodically worshipped by the Israelites. **1 Kings 16 and 18, Judges 2, Num.25, 31, 2 Kings 1, 2 Chron.28:2, Jer.19:5**

Here are some facts about Baal:

*“Any religion or philosophy that does not believe in the God of the Bible and Jesus Christ is **Baal**. The Baal religion began with Nimrod. Nimrod’s kingdom was Babel. **Gen.10:8** Nimrod means, ‘he rebelled’ or literally, ‘he returned to Baal’ or Satan. The people of Babylon built the Tower of*

Babel, which was a tower to their god Baal, in rebellion against God. The word Baalzebub comes from its root word BAAL. 2 Kings 1:2 talks of BAALZEBUB, the god of Ekron.”

Baalam is a choice **to promote falsehood for financial reasons** 2 Peter 2:15 or the willingness to accommodate pagan beliefs out of greed, “perverting the grace of our God into a license for immorality” Jude 1:11 or to turn ‘liberty’ into a **freedom of promiscuity**. Rom.13:13, 1 Peter 2:16, Gal.5:13 The doctrine of Balaam teaches compromise, wanting Christians to forget they are called to be separate and holy. Leviticus 20:26; 1 Peter 1:2; **The doctrine of Balaam makes believers indistinguishable from the unbelieving world.** Matthew 5:13

The doctrine of Balaam is a belief that “a little sin” doesn’t hurt. Galatians 5:9, especially if there’s some **financial or personal benefit** involved. 1 Timothy 6:5 A person following the doctrine of Balaam is willing to **compromise his beliefs for the sake of economics**. He acts to enable sinful behaviors for personal gain or even participates in them. Romans 1:32 This, mammon, is a driving force behind civilization today, leading many away from God's spiritual reality.

The **principal pillars** of Baalism were **child sacrifice, sexual immorality** (both heterosexual and homosexual) and **pantheism** (reverence of creation over the Creator).

*“Modern liberalism deviates little from its ancient predecessor. While its macabre rituals have been sanitized with flowery and euphemistic terms of art, its core tenets and practices remain eerily similar. **The worship of ‘fertility’ has been replaced with the worship of ‘reproductive freedom’ or ‘choice’.** Child sacrifice via ‘burnt offering’ (‘holocaustein’, used in sorcery) has been updated, ever so slightly, to become child sacrifice by way of abortion. The ritualistic promotion, practice and celebration of both heterosexual and **homosexual immorality and promiscuity** have been carefully whitewashed – yet wholeheartedly embraced – by the cults of radical feminism, militant ‘gay rights’ and “comprehensive sex education.” And, the pantheistic worship of “mother earth” has been substituted, in name only, for **radical environmentalism.**” (The Gods of Liberalism - Barber)*

Baalism has a focus on **sensual pleasure** in any form. Today, sex is central to our entertainment and media, in whatever form. Deviancy is almost celebrated, and many subscribe to abortion. Homosexuality is portrayed as normal, and common. Chaos is promoted, creating confusion and friction. (According to *'the Plot', to be explained later.*)

"And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth." Judges 12:13 **Asherah being exclusively the goddess of fertility**, whereas Ashtaroth passed into a moon-goddess. These beliefs all began in Babylon.

Referred to by many of the prophets in the Old Testament, the Canaanite religions included **fertility cults**, usually focused on Baal and Asherah. **In the Bible, God condemns fertility cults and rituals.** Much of the Mosaic Law dealt with the detestable practices of the **Canaanite pagan religions**. Specifically, God commanded the Israelites not to set up altars to Baal, or plant trees to Asherah. **Deuteronomy 16:21**

Scripture repeatedly condemned the horrible practice of **sacrificing children to Moloch**, which was done in part as a fertility rite. **Leviticus 18:21** Furthermore, God also denounced shrine prostitution and prohibited any Israelite from becoming a shrine prostitute. **Deuteronomy 23:17** Despite these commands, the Israelites often disobeyed God and participated in these fertility cults. One time, the Israelites *"yoked themselves to Baal of Peor"*, sacrificing to Baal and engaging in blatant immorality. In judgment, God sent a plague that killed 24,000 people. **Numbers 25:5-9**

So, you can now see how pagan traditions have been synchronized into our traditions today, and Christian 'festivals'! Mithraism, was the official Roman religion prior to Constantine, so it is no wonder that their feasts and festivals were instituted instead of the 'Jewish' *mo'edim*. *"The first official mention of **December 25** as a holiday honoring Jesus' birthday appears in an early Roman calendar from **336 AD**. They likely wanted the date to coincide with existing pagan festivals honoring Saturn (the Roman god of agriculture) and Mithra's birthday (the Persian god of light)."* In 274 AD Emperor Aurelian established this day dedicated to the Sun god, **Sol Invictus**. Sun'day became the **Sabbath** in 321 AD under Constantine,

and later ratified by the church. This tied in with the celebrations of Saturnalia, a 'hollyday'.

Remember that Daniel's statue illustrated that we are living in Roman times just before Christ's return? Now you can see why.

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The Roman Catholic Church

“Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues.” Rev.18:4

False doctrine began within some of the gentile Churches established by the Apostles. Gnosticism had begun, and was spreading as it appealed to man's ego and rebellion. It was most certainly the foundational influence of the great Mystery Church. **It taught antinomianism**, which in Greek means *“opposed to the law”*. Thus, its efforts were to move away from obedience to the Laws of God, prescribed in the *Torah* (Hebrew for Law or instruction).

Referred to as the 'Nicolaitans', this 'christian' philosophy became foundational in the early gentile church, aka the Roman Catholic church. This is what is being referred to in **Matthew 7:23** and **Revelations 2:6!**

History has shown that this 'micro' situation has become the 'macro' perspective or paradigm in our 'Roman world' today. This insidious **control cycle** has strengthened over the centuries. Make no error in understanding this, and that God hates it! **Anomia** (antinomianism) was translated from Greek as **'lawlessness'** and **'iniquity'** in the New Testament, so this is what they were referring to. **Matt.7:23** Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (the Beatitudes) refers to this, and warns us about 'false prophets'.

In accordance with this gentile rebellion against God's Law, the Popes intended to convert the world to 'Christianity', or their form of it. Like the Roman rule of a forced religion, a 'control' structure was used, combined with maintaining ignorance, denouncing God's Laws, and counterfeiting God's *mo'edim* amongst believers. The Dark Ages refers to this.

This was inspired within the 'religion' of the **Holy Roman Empire**, with the Pope, aka 'Pontifex Maximus' or high priest, as the **absolute authority**. He should be allowed to excommunicate kings, who should kiss his feet, but also be judged by no one. Gregory 7th, the first Pope elected by cardinals, was the beginning of this quest for power and the indirect world domination by the Roman Catholic Church. **Those who did not comply were sentenced as heretics, or cast out (excommunicated)**. History has many examples of this, including Wycliffe, Tyndale and Rogers.

Despite having knowledge of God's covenants with Israel, the RCC still chose to go against them, *"and to have no fellowship with the **perjury of the Jews**"*. (Eusebius) *"Perjury in Jewish law means violating the Torah, is considered a grave religious and civil offence."* How can this be scripturally justified, especially when we are warned not to go against Israel in **Zechariah 2:8, Isaiah 60:12, Malachi 3:6, Romans 11:1-36, Joel 3:1-3**, and more?

Changing Laws and Times

The second key is to look at how the Papacy overturned God's 'sanctuary' in every way, **specifically changing God's Law**. **Dan.7:25**

Is this another 'conspiracy theory' just because it conflicts with what we have been taught? The devil is in the details, literally. Read, verify the facts, and then challenge your assumptions. Mostly, distrust the untruths that we have been taught and their resultant paradigms. Ask the right questions! Learn the history in context with biblical truths. Take the trouble to think this through for yourself. It should result in the convergence of fact and prophecy, leading you to Truth.

The Deception Paradox says: **"Ignore the Truth in order to find the Truth."** (*Spy the Lie* Ch.4) This refers to looking objectively at entrenched beliefs. It is also called looking for *"disconfirming facts"*. (*Decision Traps*) For instance, the indoctrination of the Roman Catholic Church and her

daughters' traditions, embedded into our culture over the centuries, may be hard to challenge. This *dogma* has been entrenched in our minds, which is why we must seek "**a renewal of minds**". Rom.12:2, Ephes.4:23, Phil.4:8

For example: what day is the Sabbath? Here's a hint: In Italian, which is directly from the Latin, it is named '*sabato*'. Is it the last day of the week? Why is this so important? It relates directly to the 'seal commandment', and the acknowledgement of God, our Creator, who told us to rest on His Sabbath. The details have been covered already.

We need to reflect on the Bible, God's Word, as the real source of Truth, not trust Man's word or tradition; and test our beliefs. When the preponderance of facts and a **convergence of biblical evidence** point in the same direction, then we need to accept that this is most probably the Truth.

Which will you choose?

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The stage has been set for the Great Battle. **The same focal messages for the end times are emphasized by the angels' warnings in Revelations.**

3 Angels' Warnings

1. The First Angel's Message: End lawlessness! Teshuva!

The first angel proclaims the everlasting gospel and calls for the restoration of the true worship of God as Creator, **because of Mans' 'lawlessness'**, as the judgment hour has arrived. This means that Man has not kept His Laws, specifically the 10 Commandments, and God's Feasts. **This 'lawlessness' is the biblical definition of sin! 1 John 3:4, Deut.12:32** Judgement is from not obeying God's Laws, explained many times in the Old Testament.

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the

everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water’” Revelation 14:6, 7 Noah gave similar warnings for 120 years! They did not have a Bible to refer to, as we do today. Still, they chose evil. **Gen.6:5**

2. **The Second Angel’s Message: Do not be Deceived!**

The second angel warns against all humanly-originated forms of worship and beliefs that are not based completely on God’s Word, i.e. **False Churches**. **Deut.12:29-32**

“Another angel followed, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” Revelation 14:8 Again, this is reference to the Mystery Church and her daughters who follow in her traditions and ordinances.

The appeal is the same as all the true prophets throughout the Bible. Go back to God’s Word and the way to the Lord, following the sacraments as specified in the Sanctuary of God’s Holy Temple, and in His Commandments.

3. **The Third Angel’s Message: Do not worship the beast!**

Finally, the third angel proclaims God’s solemn **warning against worshipping the beast and his image**.

*“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and **receives his mark on his forehead** or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation....**they have no rest, day or night**, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.’ **Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**” Revelation 14:9-12*

Rev.17:3 warns us of *“the beast, dressed in scarlet and purple, with **seven heads**”*. These clearly point to the Catholic Church, which purportedly originated from **Simon Magus** of the Mystery church of Babylon. He 'adopted' Christianity but perverted it with pagan beliefs and *“cast the truth to the ground.”* *“In apocryphal writings, it is written that he is*

known for his great sorcery and a being a corrupt Samaritan.” Acts 8:9-11
(Martyr, Irenaeus)

While we cannot be sure what the mark or the beast will be, we do know how God marks His people. Remember that in Hebrew the word **‘Oth’** means sign or mark. According to **Ex.31:12-14** and **Ezek.20:12** you can realistically believe that those who keep God's Sabbath, in His service, will carry His mark either for His protection, or for the Rapture that will occur before the Tribulation.

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Roman Influence

Over centuries, under Roman rule and afterwards, the Roman Catholic Church created a 'counterfeit church', requiring the following of alternatives to the purpose and design of God's Holy Temple: The Sanctuary was cast down.

It must be remembered that Rome was a shapeshifter, adopting beliefs and cultures to maintain control over its people. Roman gods were merely renamed Greek gods. **Mithraism** was the Roman religion of the time, before Christianity. Rome thus used religion as an excuse for manipulation and control of its disintegrating empire. A common, peaceful religion could have helped to unite them.

Rome understood the power of culture, drawn from religion, in motivating people, and in securing their loyalty. But despite the persecution of Christians over a few centuries, the growth in Christianity had been extraordinary. In a declining empire, it thus became expedient to adopt Christianity in order to consolidate their position. So, Constantine merged Christian believers into Magus' Mystery religion, thus the terms 'whore' and 'mystery church' in Revelations.

Christianity was formalized, bishops and 'high priests' positioned similarly to those already existing in Rome and the Mystery Church (Gnosticism), and laws were promulgated to enforce this new, expedient 'culture'. This was not the church Christ intended, as it distorted the intention of Holy scripture and God's commandments. Many 'festivals' celebrated today in Churches stem from this, perpetuating lawlessness.

Examples include:

The Mystery Church, specifically **worshipping Mary**, which is not scriptural at all. "History proves that the Tower of Babel religion was all about a supposed *"holy mother" who had a miraculous conception and gave birth to a "holy child."* Both the woman and child are pictured in ancient carvings and inscriptions all over the world, with halos over their heads, and both are worshiped as part of this whole religious system." We assume these images are Jesus and Mary, but are these are counterfeits?

Lent, taken from the '**weeping of Tammuz**', as described in **Ezekiel 8:14**. This is a **counterfeit** of the 40-day period of atonement called *Teshuva* leading up to the Feast of Trumpets, as defined in **Lev.23:26-27**, and warned about in **1 Tim.4:1-3**! **Christmas day** is the same day Mithras was supposedly born! **Communion** was further changed from the annual Seder meal at Passover to a form of weekly Shabbat. It is a combination of the two biblical traditions into one. The synchronization was within the similar Mithraic tradition so obviously acceptable to Rome.

Mithraism was the dominant Roman religion up to this time. So, the Romans kept much of their tradition, merely changing their 'holly days' to the Christian convention, a political 'synchronization' of both beliefs.

Thus the 'Holy Roman Empire' began. And the true Christians were now persecuted under a new rule called 'heresy'. 'Heresy' is defined as **the formal denial or doubt of a core doctrine or dogma of the Christian faith as defined by the pope** or one or more of the Christian churches. Under the influence of Rome, the pope was all powerful and sought to **control** the world's beliefs. **Daniel 7:8, 21, 25** Is this not a foreboding of the Antichrist?

4th Commandment broken

'Sun'day came from the same source. Under Constantine in **365 AD**, the **Council of Laodicea** recorded that "**Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but on a Sunday.**" Sunday was the Roman day of rest. Thus the 'marginalization' (a euphemism) of Jews was legalized, and continues today. The Christian Sabbath was thus no longer the true Sabbath, and could come to mean 'the mark of the beast'.

So, the Roman Empire, in many ways, still exists today! Much of our culture, calendar, laws, and 'holidays', remain Roman. This ties in with Daniel's prophecy of the statue with feet made of iron, representing Rome, and clay.

Easter, not Passover

Although the dates of *Pascha* (*Pesach*) were changed under Constantine, it seems that the name 'Easter' became the term used circa 8th century. *Eostr*, a pagan Germanic tradition was renamed to Easter Sunday, removing any link to **Passover**, the day of Jesus' crucifixion, and a *mo'edim*.

At the **Council of Nicaea**, it was ruled that the **remembering of Christ's death over Passover**, which fulfilled prophecy from Leviticus, was no longer to be kept. From 325 AD and before, **Easter** was held on a Sunday, dependent on the vernal equinox. Those who kept Passover would be killed!

So began the persecution of true believers by 'Christians', a favorite pastime of the Roman Catholic Church. Constantine further ruled that any biblical remembrances of Jewish origin were 'superstition meetings' and positively deprived every gathering point, public or private. (*Life of Constantine*: Eusebius).

Rome was removing any original Christian opposition to Catholicism. Many Christians (probably Israelites) fled to England and Ireland where there are records of Christian belief as early as 430 AD. However, the Christianity practiced here was not in line with Catholic *dogma*, which eventually led to Queen Margaret of Scotland (664 AD) acting to purge

Sabbath keepers and those observing the Passover instead of Easter.
'Christians' were again killing God's true Church!

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E4. Cultural Pitfalls Today

"But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." 2 Peter 2:10

Synopsis

Whether we like it or not, our culture is being driven to extremes. Conflicts, both internal and external, are commonplace. These events are part of the Great Battle between God and *Ha'Satan* (the evil one) in a spiritual realm. Satan wishes to obliterate Israel and the Word of God, all things that stand for good, and those who worship Him. He has used various tools and ideas to turn Man against himself, to create chaos and death. Communism, eugenics (genocide) and liberalism have been the recent core divisive mediums.

As we now know, in order to defeat God, Satan's goal must be reached before the Hebrew nation, representing the 12 tribes of Israel, accepts Jesus Christ as the Son of God. This has to happen before the Messiah, Jesus (Yeshua), will return to earth to rule as our king.

As the end-times clock ticks down, so the efforts of Satan are becoming more obvious. Working through his 'enlightened' followers, he continually uses fallacy, as laid out in *'the Plot'*, to create distraction, division, and confusion, while executing his plan.

Jews and Christians are being persecuted world-wide more than ever before, and now face political opposition, even in the 'Christian' West, the last bastion of God, alongside Israel. Western governments are welcoming Islamist supporters! Islam is bent on their mission. Destroying Israel, and including the lost tribes of the northern kingdom, which some believe includes the USA, Britain and Australia, is Satan's goal. A common chant in Islamic Iran is "Death to the USA!"

We can also see the world devolving into a **godless place**, where humanist secularism, materialism, wokism, and 'science' deny the existence of God, or any spiritual existence. We see this in our schools,

where Baalism, evolution, and other religions, are taught and practiced openly, while anything biblical is banned. These circumstances are not coincidental.

To them; atheists, nihilists, Darwinists, eugenicists, and communists, to what end does life matter? We supposedly have no souls to care for anyway. It's about hatred, money, control and power. These are all temporary temptations, and useless in life after death.

You can see Hollywood being an active center of **discordianism**, preaching a form of anarchism to cause civil disobedience through dissident humor and hoaxes. Commonly these 'comedians' call evil good, and good evil. **Is. 5:20** The Late-Night Shows are full of examples, still promoted by the media, but are now being called out. However, they continue.

Politics is now Machiavellian, in that truth is often twisted for gain and popularity, filled with empty promises. *“These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an **abomination** unto him: A **proud** look, a **lying** tongue, and hands that shed **innocent blood**, A heart that deviseth **wicked imaginations**, feet that be swift in running to **mischief**, A **false witness** that speaketh lies, and he that **soweth discord** among brethren.”*
Prov.6:16-17

Today, there are many radical philosophies, often bent on exerting their beliefs on others by any means. Rebellion and lawlessness have led to misery for all. *“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”* **Matt.24:12**

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But where do these originate from? Where did this all start?

The Illuminati

“Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law” (Ordo Templi Orientis)

The satanic plan (Plan B) devised by the Illuminati (from Lucifer meaning ‘light-bearer’) requires **the destruction of ALL existing governments and religions**. This objective was to be reached by **dividing the masses**, which they termed ‘*goyim*’, aka gentiles, into **opposing camps**. The opposing sides were then to be armed and an ‘incident’ provided which would cause them to fight and weaken themselves (through mortality and debt) as they destroyed national governments and religious institutions. ‘Nationalism’ has become a four-letter word in modern times. Why is this?

What then are 3 ‘easy’ ways to destroy a government without war? Confusion, **division**, and bringing about a drain of resources, financial and legalism, and through **war or rebellion**. This describes the West today.

This is how it all started: (abridged from *Pawns in the Game*)

The Bank of England

“Let me issue and control a nation's money and I care not who writes the laws” Rothschild

“In 1688 England's unpopular and **pro-Catholic** Stuart king, James II, was deposed by his Dutch son-in-law, the **Protestant** William of Orange. James fled to France, where he formed the **Jacobites**. They were accused by French Freemasons of converting **Masonic rituals and titles** into political support for his restoration. This established the **French Lodges** as a base for insurrection, and were later used by the Jacobins and the Illuminati in fomenting the French Revolution. (Robison, Carr)

His son-in-law, **William of Orange**, a **Dutch General**, was placed on the English throne by Parliament with a number of contractual restrictions. He then requested a secret loan for **£1,250,000** from the **International Money Lenders**, which was granted, with certain conditions. This led to the establishment of the **Bank of England** under the **Rothschilds**, and **the start of usury and leverage, a Gold Standard, and the power of the king**

to use taxes to pay for interest and principal owing. Failure to meet payments resulted in foreclosure. Leverage allowed the banks to lend money they didn't have, or based on others' savings. This allowed them to charge interest on money they didn't have or own. Their risk was negligible, and the returns enormous. Consider the implications!

The Bank of England now had control! This agreement has had a devastating impact on the world, and has made them very wealthy. Thus began the power of the **International Bankers**, situated autonomously within '**the City**', in London, that still exists today. This laid the foundation for the International Bankers to own the world through debt. (Read Knuth)

The war of 1812 was about renewing the International Bankers a Charter for the Bank of the United States. Lincoln's assassination in 1865 was over his opposition to their control over America's Banking, and to thwart the 'Greenback', an American based currency! A coded message was found among Booth's effects, linking him to an agent of Rothchild. (Ch.5 *Pawns*) This shows that their allegiance had little to do with America, and more to do with revolution and monetary control by the Bank of England, aka the International Bankers.

We see this happening today with funded insurrections.

1773: Outlining 'The Plot'

*"Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, **ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart**, that they may not hearken unto me:" Jer.16:11*

In 1773, Amschel Mayer Rothschild, founder of the wealthy House of Rothschild banking family, was 30 years old. That year in Frankfurt, Germany, Rothschild invited twelve other wealthy and influential men to a meeting where **he outlined a plan for ultimate world domination based on the following principles and strategisms:**

1. He argued that **“law was only force in disguise”**. Since men are weak and inclined toward evil, the best way to govern them could be obtained by using violence and terrorism rather than by academic discussions. He asserted that **“by the laws of nature, right lies in force.”** (This principle, of course, is identical to the view that “might makes right.”) This of course alludes to **totalism**, with communist and Islamic countries like Shiite ruled Iran setting examples.
2. **Since ‘freedom’ is an idea, not a fact, their agents should preach Liberalism** so that the electorate, **for the sake of an idea**, would yield some of their power over to government.
3. **Since FREEDOM had replaced FAITH as an organizing principle in society, it was logical to assume they could use the idea of FREEDOM to bring about “class wars”**. And most importantly, by controlling funding (capital) they could control the outcome of any conflict.
4. **Any and all means necessary to reach the final goal are justified because moral rulers are in a vulnerable and unstable position**. In other words, *“the ends justify the means.”*
5. **Their power must remain secret** until they have obtained overwhelming control.
6. **Only a despotic ruler can control the masses. And the way to control the masses is through “mob psychology”**.
7. **Illuminati also have the right to use terror because it tends to produce blind submission from the masses**.
8. **Drugs, alcohol, and moral corruption** should be used systematically by ‘agents’ **to corrupt the morals of the youth** of the nations. Additionally, *“our agents should infiltrate into all classes and levels of society and government in order to fool, bemuse and corrupt the younger members of society by teaching them theories and principles they know to be false.”*
9. **Illuminati agents have the right to seize property by any means**, including terror.

10. **Illuminati agents are the first to advocate “liberty, equality, and fraternity” because these are empty phrases. “On the ruins of the natural and genealogical aristocracy of the Goyim (gentiles) we have set up the aristocracy of MONEY. The qualification for this aristocracy is WEALTH, which is dependent on us.”**
11. **It is Illuminati practice and policy to foment wars, but also to direct the peace conferences so that neither combatants obtain territorial gains.** Basically, these wars serve to place both warring sides **further in the debt** to the International Bankers, and in the power of their agents or ‘agenturs’.
12. Illuminati agents will use their wealth **to choose candidates for public office** who are servile and obedient to their commands, and they will use their more highly trained agenturs as advisers to rule the affairs of the world.
13. **Their combined wealth should control all outlets of public information via propaganda:** ie: the media.
14. Their agenturs would come out into the open only after things (wars, conflicts, chaos) had reached their lowest ebb, in order to appear as saviors. *“By executing the criminals and lunatics after they have carried out our preconceived “reign of terror”, we can make ourselves appear as the saviors of the oppressed and the champions of the workers. We are interested in just the opposite... in the diminution, the killing out of the Goyim.”*
15. **Industrial depressions and financial panics can be brought about** (by the international bankers) **and used to serve their purpose.**
16. By infiltrating **Free Masonry**, they could quickly get access to the facilities and secrecy of Free Masonry. *“When the hour strikes for our sovereign Lord of all the World (Lucifer?) to be crowned, these same hands will sweep away everything that might stand in his way”.*
17. **‘Agenturs’ should be systematically trained in the use of deception.**
18. Again, Illuminati will use a pattern of **“reign of terror”** which must **accompany every revolutionary effort “because it is the most economical way to bring the population to speedy subjugation.”**

19. After wars, the 'agents' must be able to manipulate all international agreements in such a way that the role of "the Secret Power" (Illuminati) is **always hidden**.
20. **In order to reach the goal, a One World Government**, the Illuminati will need to establish huge monopolies, reservoirs of colossal riches so that even the largest fortunes of the Goyim depend on the Illuminati, **so that they will go down all at the same time**.
21. In the New Order, the members of the One World Government will be appointed by the Dictator. *"In substance, everything will be settled by the question of figures."*
22. **"A combination of high taxes and unfair competition can be used to bring about economic ruin of the Goyim as far as their investments are concerned. We have to be careful so that any increased wages obtained by workers does not translate into increased benefit in any way."**
23. **"Illuminati agents will help bring about a colossal buildup of armaments for the purpose of having the Goyim destroy each other."**
24. **"Moral corruption facilitates the whole process of bringing down nations. The financial element paralyzes things and the revolutionary left deals the death blow."**
25. **"The ultimate goal is to substitute ARBITRATION for LAW, i.e. to establish absolute tyranny."**

"In 1784 an 'Act of God' placed the Bavarian government in possession of evidence which proved the existence of the continuation of the Luciferian Conspiracy. Adam Weishaupt, a Jesuit-trained professor, embraced the Luciferian ideology. In 1770, the money lenders (organized by the House of Rothschild) retained him to revise and modernize the age-old protocols designed to give the synagogue of Satan ultimate world domination so that they could impose the Luciferian ideology upon the remnants of the Human Race, after the final social cataclysm, by use of satanic despotism. Weishaupt adopted the insignia 1st May 1776, at the founding of the Order of the Illuminati."

Theirs is the insignia and the date on a \$1 bill! It's not the date of independence as you would have thought. This indicates that both the Illuminati aka the International Bankers controlled the American finances, and more, at that time.

According to Carr, the Supreme Council of the Illuminati numbered thirteen.

"In 1776 Weishaupt organized the Illuminati to put 'the Plot' into execution. Using the lie that his objective was to bring about a one world government to enable men with proven mental ability to govern the world, he recruited two thousand followers. These included the most intelligent men in the arts, education, sciences, finances and industry. Thus began the 'enlightenment', aka the Age of Reason. He then established certain Lodges of the Grand Orient to be their secret headquarters, creating the 'enlightenment' paradigm, and to organize their subversive activities. This ideal became widespread, accepted with pride."

"In 1785 the Bavarian government outlawed the Illuminati and closed the lodges of the Grand Orient. In 1786 they published the details of the conspiracy. The English title is The Original Writings of the Order of the Sect of the Illuminati. Copies of the conspiracy were sent to heads of churches and states. The power of the Illuminati was so great that this warning was ignored, as are the warnings Christ has given the world."

*The Illuminati went underground. Weishaupt instructed his Illuminists to infiltrate the lodges of Blue Masonry and form a secret society within secret societies. Thus, the conspirators used **the cloak of philanthropy** to hide their revolutionary and subversive activities. John Robison infiltrated this order and published Proof of a Conspiracy to Destroy All Government and Religions in 1798."*

The details substantiating the progression of this are contained in *Pawns in the Game*. Under the auspices of this group, which encapsulated the anti-Church sentiment of the time, and the influential writings of **Rousseau**, this was the beginning of the humanist movement, called the 'enlightenment.' Many were part of this movement including prominent American leaders.

Suffice it to say that “wars and revolutions give the devil the greatest harvests of human souls”. We often hear what is going on in the world today as a “war for the minds of men”. **That is only a half truth, as most men want peace. It is those who plot to instigate conflict that are a curse, unless of course you are a believer of eugenics, or a totalist.**

Weishaupt’s ‘plot’ requires: (compare these to Karl Marx's goals and quotes – *The Wrong Turn* by Paul Kengor)

- The abolition of ALL ordered national governments
- Abolition of inheritance
- Abolition of private property
- Abolition of patriotism
- Abolition of the individual home and family life as a cell from which all civilizations have stemmed.
- Abolition of ALL religions established and existing so that the Luciferian ideology of totalitarianism may be imposed on mankind.

"The only statement I care to make about the Protocols (of the Illuminati) is that they fit in with what is going on in the world up to this time, and they fit now." (Henry Ford, 1921)

To show that this organization continued in existence, Professor S. Nilus obtained documents in 1901 on how Zionism was to be used, with the additions of Darwinism, Marxism and Neitzcheism, and published them in 1905 under the title ***The Jewish Peril in Russia***. (The Jewish/political movement of Zionism had already been organized in 1897). Victor Mardson translated *The Jewish Peril* into English and in 1921 it was published in London as “*The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*”.

Incidentally, this book had a **huge impact on Hitler**, who read about the Jewish Involvement in the Russian Revolution. Named as the “November Criminals”, those who he thought had betrayed Germany at the end of WW1 included socialists, communists, and Jews. Hitler denounced them in ruining Germany, and reducing Germans to slavery.

Throughout modern history, this ‘organization’ has used whoever and however possible to create chaos and destruction in true Machiavellian style. This explains why, even though ‘Jews’ were involved in communist

uprisings, they were often blamed for them, as with Christ's crucifixion. This includes events like the Black Death, the Russian Revolution, and the Great Depression. This is a part-to-all, aka **fallacy of composition**.

It also explains the current anti-Zionism that exists today, as a build-up to Lucifer's final attempts to obliterate Israel, and Christians. Wherever 'they' can sow hatred or revenge, blame the 'Jews', and create war, it's all good for their cause, namely decreasing God's people and dominion of earth, and increasing government debt. This is a war against all believers.

We must remember that since Adam, **Satan has been undermining God, provoking disobedience** to His Laws, and **denigrating His holy sacraments** in whatever form possible.

Communism

***"In 1829, the Illuminati intended to unite the Nihilist and Atheist organizations into an international organization known as communism."** (Pawns).*

Certainly, **communism** has had NO success stories, and yet continues without media rebuttal. Why? **Evolution** too is disproved on many levels, especially by the Great Flood based on geology (a science), DNA (a science), and the lack of fossil evidence, but is still taught in our schools today! **The reason that these falsehoods are promoted is to create confusion, opposing camps, and to take God out of our beliefs.** (Protocols: Article V, par. 10)

While this is an interesting topic, the rest is out of scope. Whatever conclusions you may draw from this, the philosophy behind this bears a distinct similarity to modern **liberalism**, and **globalism**, aka internationalism, which is seen as a consequence of this nefarious beginning. These all sparked within the French Revolution, and the modus operandi for other revolutions has been similar. The current governments spending, and the ultimate control of international banking institutions, is further confirmation that this process is still operational.

The relevant reference books listed below will provide the details, suggested only for enthusiasts for this fascinating subject.

Why is this relevant? If you refer to the end-times prophecies, the rule of the anti-Christ, and his control over the world, money is the perfect tool, with banking the perfect vehicle. The **money changers, aka international bankers**, are still at work!

Reading **Rev.13:16-17**, know that **EMV chip technology** is well under way. While this might seem like a conspiracy theory, "*well over **130 countries** use this technology, and some regions have 100% adoption.*" Older technology, like magnetic strip cards are being disabled. This includes the European Union, the home of the 10 horned beast named in Revelations. The reason given is to avoid 'financial risk' to the banks.

Imagine how easily this could be used as a weapon of control.

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	<i>Defiance Ch.8 Marx and his disciples</i>
Book	<i>Pawns in the Game</i> (Carr)
Book	<i>Proofs of a Conspiracy</i> (Robison)
Book	<i>The Emperor of the City</i> (Knuth)

Totalitarianism

By definition, **totalitarianism excludes the freedom of choice**. We have seen a number of totalitarian liberal philosophies that led to regimes that were ruthless in destroying any opposing views. **Communism** and fascism are examples of this insular thinking, with Hitler's (6 million plus), Lenin/Stalin's (20 million plus), and Mao Zedong's (70 million deaths) atrocities as examples of this. They murdered their own people for an ideology. Iran's Shiite clerical rulers have reminded us of this mindset.

*"Between 1900 and 1987, however, at least **168 million** people were killed by their own governments during times of 'peace'. During the same period, an estimated 40 million died because of war... **This chilling statistic implies that in modern life at least, totalitarianism is far more dangerous than religion**". (Templars)*

People like to conform, and can easily be led into this mindset, where paradox (free choice) does not exist. Mindless low-level bureaucracy inflicts the letter of the law in the name of its ideology. The general populous often falls into this mindless category, and so can easily be swayed into these ideologies by the mass media.

There are other areas that underlie this anti-God type of thinking that we need to consider as arrows of the same quiver. The most insidious of these is **eugenics**.

Secondary References: (for enthusiasts only)

Source	Topic
Book	<i>Brainwashing</i> (Taylor)
Book	<i>Mao - The Unknown Story</i> (Chang, Halliday)
Book	<i>Liberal Fascism</i> (J. Goldberg)

Eugenics

“In Sanger, the humanitarian dream of a world without poverty and illness has deteriorated into a coercive world where the poor, the disabled, and the addicted simply disappear.” (America Magazine - J. Conley)

The concept of eugenics began in 1886 with Galton's works, where his purpose was to continue his cousin's conception, (Darwin) *“to accelerate the selection of the well-fitted over the ill-fitted, and the healthy over the sick”*. This is a belief of the survival of the fittest, or natural selection. Darwin preached the theory, but never proved it. Nor have others.

The idea began with inbreeding amongst 'royals' in England, and across Europe. The phobia of unfit masses spoiling the ‘royal’ gene pool was common. Eugenics became popular in America in the early 20th century, and continues to this day within the liberal, humanist, Baalistic agenda, primarily under the hidden Planned Parenthood umbrella in the USA, but also in China, albeit for different reasons.

Margaret **Sanger**, founder of American birth Control League, which later became Planned Parenthood, supported eugenics, believing in the

improvement of human populations through controlled breeding. **It was also the basis for Hitler's goal of building his 'chosen race'. China's One Child Policy, favoring sons over daughters, has actively pursued a eugenics program for decades.** "It is estimated that **30 to 40 million** went 'missing' due to these recent practices in China."

Abortion is now the leading cause of death! *"Abortion accounted for just over **42%** of human deaths around the world in 2024. The death toll of **45.1 million** unborn children was more than double the total military and civilian deaths in the First World War, 1914-18."* (nrlc.org)

*"**Eugenics** is an immoral and pseudo-scientific theory that claims it is possible to perfect people and groups through genetics and the scientific laws of inheritance. Eugenacists used an incorrect and prejudiced understanding of the work of Charles Darwin and Gregor Mendel to support the idea of "racial improvement." In their quest for a perfect society, eugenacists labelled many people as "unfit," including **ethnic and religious minorities**, people with disabilities, the urban poor and LGBTQ individuals. Discussions of eugenics began in the late 19th century in England, then spread to other countries, including the United States. **Most industrialized countries had organizations devoted to promoting eugenics by the end of World War I.**"* (The Gene)

So, by believing in abortion clinics, and evolution, or any of its derived relatives, one is essentially subscribing to this baalistic philosophy, and all its deadly implications. A focus on these specific groups, even ostensibly supporting them, only creates further division, misery, distraction, and financial opportunity.

We need to be aware of paradigms that drive our thinking, and their origins. **Eugenics opens the door to "thou shalt murder", whether by abortion, euthanasia, and even extermination.**

It is at least consistent that we then take away the death penalty for actual murder. **The innocent are shown as guilty while the guilty go unpunished.** **Prov.17:15, Is.5:23**

*"The Latin word for 'turn' is vert. So, the Beast (from Revelations) will **invert, revert, convert, divert, pervert and subvert.** He will war against*

the Creator and the created order, changing values, laws, morality and perception.” (The Dragon’s Prophecy p206)

We must be mindful of worldly deviance, especially those 'ideas' that were promoted since 1844. We have to ensure that paradox exists, as this promotes freedom of choice and independent thinking. We should always be mindful of Man's common, inherent failings as demonstrated in the Classic Asch Test and Milgram's Experiment. These, amongst other fallacies, are used against the common man, as ignorant “pawns in a game”, at every opportunity.

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Source	Topic
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Book	<i>The Gene</i> (Mukherjee)
americamagazine.org	Sanger was a eugenicist
catholicnewsagency.com	China's five-year plan stresses eugenics
YouTube	The Secret Society running Britain 140 years

Islam

Whether we admit it or not, Islam has become a totalist ungodly philosophy or mindset. For centuries Muslims tried to conquer Europe, and are now again in the process of using subversive tactics of infiltration to this end. Using the ‘camel in the tent’ fable, they are slowly getting into positions of power in many western countries. How are they promoted to such positions so quickly?

‘Ishmael’s’ hatred for Israel was fueled by Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, which was translated into the Islam version *My Jihad*, a best seller in the Middle East for decades, although this was apparently edited to remove Hitler's description of Arabs as 'racially inferior'.

This is happening in Britain and America as well. While there are many Arabs who are not Islamic, the general motivation of *Jihad* has become a focal point, specifically aimed at Israel, but generally at the ‘infidel’. Surely the idea of killing all non-Muslims and Islamic apostates, aka infidel,

specifically Christians and Jews, is in itself a form of 'genocide', aka eugenics? Why is this belief allowed to continue unchallenged?

Most Muslims are brought up under strict instruction. They have to learn parts of the *Qur'an* by heart from an early age. Even though part of the **Six Articles of Faith in Islam**, they are **forbidden to read the Bible**, and cannot leave Islam, under pain of death. This control paradigm is enforced, so their people are unable to think for themselves.

Sadly, the Hamas terrorists have been glorified for their misdeeds by Muslims. Why? **They are serving their Satanic goal of killing the infidel, specifically Christians and Jews, awaiting the Mahdi, all the while expecting salvation.**

There are thousands of Christians killed every year in Africa by Islamic terrorists. Not just killed, but brutally butchered, indicating their satanic motivation. However, again the mass media is silent on this. The reason should now be obvious.

There are those however who have broken free, and are witnessing the truth to their mindless, persecuting neighbors. Many are now Christians.

Will these voices count? Can Islam be converted in a grand Reformation?

Secondary References:

Source	Topic
YouTube	Various on Islam (Dr Jay Smith)
Book	<i>The Dragon's Prophecy</i> (Cahn)

Control Cycle

"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely"

Lord Acton.

This quote applies to totalitarian organizations and governments. A Control Cycle, reflected blow, insidiously reinforces itself. Thus, these type of 'addicted to power' situations require **external facilitation** to force a break from this form of macro addiction. Venezuela and Iran are

current examples, but there are many more. This is a form of addictive behavior.

Man's spirit can be controlled, even beguiled, but it seeks the Truth. When that is brought to fruition, Satan's control is lost.

Seek the Truth!

The Control Mindset

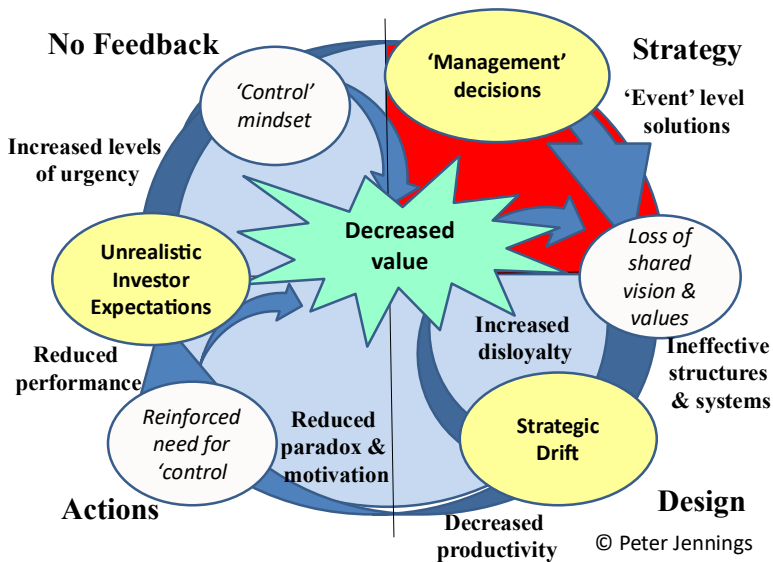


Figure 6 - The Control Cycle

These are all guises and deceptions of Satan. We are warned many times in the Scriptures on this. [1 Peter 5:8](#), [2 Cor.4:4](#) and [11:14](#), [James 4:7](#), [Ephes.6:11-12](#), [John 8:44](#)

Who is Satan?

Satan is a fallen angel. John saw the angels in heaven. [Rev.5:11](#) "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."

Lucifer was one of the angels who desired to rise above God, and took a third of the angels with him. *“And the great dragon was cast out, that serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him as demons.”* **Rev.12:9**

A.k.a.:

Counterfeiter

2 Corinthians 4:4 By blinding the minds of men to the true gospel of God, Satan has set himself up as a counterfeit of the Creator. **2 Kings 16:3, 21:6**, Satan is the god of this world and he has always DEMANDED HUMAN BLOOD. *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”* **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** Satan is still trying to be like the Most High.

Accuser

“...for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God, day and night” **Rev.12:9-10** Satan wants us to forget about Jesus, who died for our sins and is our Advocate in heaven before God. He wants us to feel guilty and unworthy. There are many who accuse the innocent while hiding behind man's laws.

The Catholic Church amplified this during the Inquisition, **killing** tens of thousands. It was a focus on others' 'sins', as the 'accuser'.

Communists **killed** millions of their own people by accusing them of being 'capitalists'. Nazism under Hitler **killed** millions by accusing them of impurity under the guise of eugenics, with a focus on the Jews. Muslims **kill** their own under the accusation of betrayal of their faith and laws, or others who openly confront their beliefs. We know who is behind this.

Today under our Baalian liberal governments, accusers are manifesting in a 'cancel culture', resulting in the persecution of true believers for their

biblical beliefs, or their resistance to conform to their postmodern ideology.

Murderer

Murder is everywhere, but specifically found in revolution, ideologies, and control. *“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a MURDERER from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.”* [John 8:44](#) The Bible says hatred is the same as murder. Murder begins with hatred. The Romans murdered Christians and Jews. Then the Roman Catholic Church continued the persecution of the 'true' Church, both Christians and Jews, until the Reformation, which then led to 'Christians' **killing** Christians, again. Jews have been a target throughout history. Now we see Islamic terrorists butchering Christians and Jews for no reason. We have to ask "Why?"

Today **the media infuse hatred** between groups, with no other pretext than an 'idea', or a lie. Communism, and most totalist ideologies, are filled with hatred: for the rich, or the 'privileged', or any political target e.g. racist, capitalist, Jew, or non-conformist to a totalitarian murderous ideology.

Remember the extent of Stalin and Mao Tse Dong's murder of their own people? Far more than Hitler. Were they publicly reviled or sanctioned? Was there a Nuremberg-like trial? As you may discern, it's all part of *'the Plot'*, devised by the World Revolutionary Movement, aka Illuminati, founded in 1776. Since then, these 'ideas' have been used, and are used, to promote the *'goyim'* to **kill** each other, even by abortion and infanticide. Why else would humanity ruthlessly turn on itself, again and again, unless 'promoted' to do so?

Deceiver and false witness

Liar: In [John 8:43-34](#) Jesus said: *“Why do you not understand my speech? Ye are of your father the devil ...for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth ye believe me not.”*

Jesus was talking to the Scribes and Pharisees, but this applies to nearly all today.

This relates to having ungodly paradigms, which instinctively call good evil, and evil good. Axiomatically this is explained as: *"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."* (Thomas Aquinas) He was referring to faith in God's Word.

Politically, lies are excused as 'spin', not quite 'sin'. Today most people have little faith in the integrity of their government, as very few leaders say what they mean, or stick to their word. They have lost any image of righteousness and truth, appealing for popularity by any means. The controlled media today have also lost their credibility, promoting the values and propaganda of the godless. There are some in authority that are now being convicted of common crimes. Many public-school teachers have been found promoting lies, cheating, and other wicked misdemeanors.

So truth has been distorted. The truth and legitimacy behind Israel's sovereignty and righteousness is manipulated into false propaganda against them.

Where has all this come from? There are 'beliefs systems' that exhibit these traits. *"Ye shall know them by their fruit."* Therefore, test your beliefs, as many have been deceived.

Islam, which means 'submission to God' derived from **S-L-M**, which means peace, is one of those. Satan is the only one who requires submission, but not peace. **James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8**

The *Qur'an* is full of inconsistencies, and Muslims are told not to read the Bible. Why? **No true prophet hides revelation**. If Muhammad was a prophet, where are his miracles? Where are his **prophecies** and fulfillment? Most of the *Qur'an* was written between 2 to 6 centuries after his death, thus **no witnesses** have corroborated his testimony.

How does Allah show the way to **salvation**? Not by love, or sacrifice or through covenants. Muhammad didn't even know the answer to this question. Instead, Muslims are seduced with promises of carnal rewards, complex laws to follow, and their faith is propagated by the sword!

Is this not the work of Satan, filled with **hatred, violence, false witness, murder, and oppression**? And yet so many cannot, or will not, see it.

Satan's Agenturs

Who did Jesus despise throughout his teachings? He had three focal issues in His teaching:

1. The **dogma** of the Scribes and Pharisees, teaching their own law and not the *Torah*, or **accepting Jesus as the Messiah**.
2. The **money changers** in the Temple, and
3. **False teachers and prophets**, specifically Simon the Sorcerer and his Mystery Church.

The **same players** remain the main vehicles of deception and corruption in our world today, all of which have been '*agenturs*' of Ha'Satan, the evil one. Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea are all run by ruthless, godless dictators, and fall into this category, but who is shielding them?

Consider this: Why have Christian kings and benevolent governments worldwide been successively overthrown over the last few centuries? Read about this in '**The Plot**' (Introduction to Ch.5 in *Pawns in the Game*)

We cannot just look at these individually, but rather strategically in context. This means taking a bigger perspective and looking for common threads, and convergence. You will see the same traits throughout.

These problems did not go away, but grew larger as Satan took control. The micro has become the macro, especially since 1844, after which these ungodly ideologies were released, promoted, and enforced on mankind. Islam is now the last vehicle of destruction before the Tribulation.

In the reference, Dr. MacArthur explains the Islamic version of the end times' unravelling. According to the *Hadith*, the *Mahdi* is coming as an ally, perhaps as the antichrist with his 7-year peace treaty. Or will that problem arise from the Holy Roman Empire? Neither Daniel nor Revelations is clear. Look for the signs. [Matt.24:42](#), [Mark 13:33-37](#), [Luke 21:36](#), [1 Peter 4:7](#), [Rev.16:15](#)

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F1. The Armor of God

***"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."* 1 Thess.5:21**

One of the most comforting facts is that we know that **God will not punish the righteous** in His final judgement. God promised Abraham that He would not destroy the righteous with the wicked. **Gen.6:9, 18, Is.57:1-2, Matt.13.**

Ultimately, we need to **study and obey God's Laws**, as these offer protection from the many temptations and deceptions that we encounter. ***"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31***

Keep the Sabbath holy! Spend time every Sabbath attending a **Bible study** with a good teacher. You can do this either in person, or on-line.

By understanding the bigger picture of the world we live in, and the inherent temptations and pitfalls, we must learn to **discern good from evil**. This will lead you to making the right choices. Study these topics: decision-making, fallacies, liberalism, paradigms a.k.a. mindsets. Read the recommended books.

The 'Butternut' Gospel

We are called to spread the gospel, the good news of the salvation offered by Jesus Christ, Yeshua Messiach. Not to preach, but **to teach**. This is the purpose of this book.

So, your journey cannot end with your learning for yourself. Bruce Lee appropriately said that ***"knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do."*** As witnesses, we have to be active in our walk with God. This is like planting a seed. It is simple, but powerful.

Butternuts are hardy vegetables. Planting one seed in good soil can produce around 10 butternuts. Planting 20 seeds can produce 200, enough winter vegetables for a small family! No care other than water is needed. This simple concept can motivate your commitment to share your faith with others so that it endures. **Mark 4:26-29** The 'butternut' can be a symbol of a **strong understanding** on which to build your faith, using 'seeds' of learning, such as listening to the lessons at John1415.org,

and working through *The Religions of Men*. We are called to make **students** of others in the Word of God. **Matt.28:19-20**

Witnessing is all you need to do **to all** who show interest, living righteously, and being willing to instruct those who show interest. This is the parable of the Sower. You should be able to offer a clear message, and perhaps a recommendation. Prepare these in advance.

Remember that people are **more receptive in reading than listening**, as it is less confrontational, and allows for depth and reflection.

Armor of God

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6: 11+

You will require some preparation, in your witnessing goal. This is a 'battle', spiritual as it will be. **Ephes.6:10-18, Rom.13:14**

As this is a spiritual war, there are 6 pieces of armor required:

1. **The belt of truth.** The Bible says that the **Torah is the Truth**, as is God's Word. Keep the focus 'sola scriptura'. **Ps.119:142** This requires knowing the Truth, and walking in it.
2. **The breastplate of righteousness.** Keep God's Sabbath and Feasts, and instruct others in the Law while **obeying** it yourself. You need to be blameless of guilt of shame from disobedience and lawlessness. **1 John 3:4**
3. **The shoes of the gospel of peace.** **Jesus showed us the Law, decrying *dogma* and hypocrisy.** Peace and love start at home, and should continue outwards. The gospels should comfort you from being shaken. **Matt.23, Mark 7, Luke 21:1**
4. **The shield of faith.** As within a family, Faith in God is demonstrated **in love and obedience**. Faith is developed by biblical understanding. **2 Peter 1:1-10**

5. **The helmet of salvation.** Understand the criteria for your salvation, and keep this as your assurance. If you keep your part of the covenant, God will keep His. **1 John 2:3**
6. **The sword of the Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is here to guide and protect us. His Word is our Sword. Know some key scriptures to support your topic. We are also told to **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions, as this is not your work but the Lord's. He promised to send a helper. **John 14, 15:26,16:7, Matt.6:9+**

Final Notes

***"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding."* Proverbs 4:7**

It has been quipped that "TV is like reading for smart people." You can spend hours on YouTube or Netflix, and, unless a focused study, end up none the wiser. The same applies to the rumor-mongering on Facebook, Twitter, X, etc. **Ephes.2:2** Avoid them! Sunday church can be much the same. These are mindless, addictive pursuits that produce no 'fruit' or wisdom. **Focus on building your skills and wisdom, and keeping the Law.**

Reading, and studying important books is what expands your horizons, broadens your thinking, and sharpens your discernment. Begin by reading the reference works. **Mindfulness** provides an essential message, badly needed today. (Langer) The other would be to read **Mindset** to further understand the two fundamental paradigms, explained by the *Control Cycle* and *Strategic Change* diagrams. (Dweck) **Read with purpose.**

Climb the "Ladder of Virtue"

*"And beside this, giving all **diligence**, add to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**; And to godliness brotherly **kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor **unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." **2 Peter 1:5-7**

Again, join a **disciplined** Bible study, or listen to a lesson from **John1415.org** as part of your Sabbath. The Word is your spiritual **Bread of Life**. Have faith that by reading and studying the Word you will increase your knowledge and understanding over time.

The Religions of Men has saved you many years of study, but you need to continue. Hopefully this has opened your mind to the Truth. Fortunately, now you have search engines and A.I., so that you can access Scriptures quickly, test for truth, and more. **1 Thess.5:21, Dan.12:4, 9-10.**

Be watchful of the times we are in. *TheTrumpet* magazine is an excellent resource to keep you in the biblical context of what's happening in the world.

Thy Will Be Done

You have learnt about the **7 Cornerstones** of the Bible. This has given you the foundation of the authenticity and accuracy of the Bible. It is no longer a leap to faith, but just a logical step of choice. Choose life!

It is simple to demonstrate your love and obedience to God. **Get grafted in**, and follow God's Will. **Keep the Sabbath!** **Is.56:1-2** Focus on the *mo'edim*, and leave the abominations behind you. This then is your paradigm shift for your **salvation** as described in the Scriptures:

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter into the gates of the city."

Rev.22:14

And so it is written: According to Scripture, you will be judged against God's Law, sooner than you think. *Teshuva!*

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F2. Statement of Biblical Faith

Here are clear scriptural statements to use to build your Faith on rock.

Matt.7:24-27, 16:18

1. **It is written that there is one true and living God** - the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"* **Deuteronomy 6:4**
2. **It is written that God manifests Himself to mankind as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.** **Matthew 28:19, 2 Cor.13:14, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 John 5:7**
3. **It is written that Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew) is God, with the Father, as well as His complete humanity.** We believe He existed from all eternity, without beginning and without end, and He is not the product of creation but is Himself the Creator. **John 1:3, Colossians 1:16-17** As the exalted Son of God, He is that Son of Man spoken of by Daniel the prophet. **Daniel 7:13.** Who reigns in glory, and Who is therefore worthy of our worship and adoration, and as we render our worship to Him, in doing so we give glory to the Father. **Philippians 2:11.**
4. **It is written that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Israel, the Savior of the world, the King of kings and Lord of lords.** He was born in the flesh, died for the sins of mankind, was buried, and after three days and three nights was raised to life and now is glorified with all power in Heaven and in Earth, at the right hand of God. **John 1:1-14, Matthew 12:40, Psalm 110:1, Revelation 19:16.**
5. **It is written that the scriptures are the inspiration of the Word of God.** *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* **2 Timothy 3:16.** We accept as authoritative the entire Bible from Genesis 1 through Revelation 22.

6. **It is written that God does not change.** **Malachi 3:6.** Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew) does not change. (**Hebrews 13:8**). God's Word is eternal and unchangeable. **Matthew 5:18, 24:35**
7. **It is written that the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week,** a day which God gave to mankind and covenanted with His people as a sign forever. (As evidence, '*Sabbato*' is Italian/Latin for Saturday). **Exodus 31:12-17, Genesis 2:2-3, Isaiah 58:13-14, Ezekiel 44:24, Matthew 12:8.**
8. **It is written that Jesus is the ultimate and final Passover Lamb required for the removal of sins.** Everyone who repents of their sins, and trusts that Jesus is the Messiah, who died as our Passover Lamb and rose again, they are forgiven their sins and come into a renewed covenant with God through Him, and therefore become inheritors of all the promises that God made with Abraham and Israel. Salvation is by faith, not by works. **Isaiah 53, Romans 10:9-11, 1 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 2:8-9, Ephesians 2:11-16, Galatians 2:16**
9. **The Renewed Covenant in Jesus brings with it a new creation of the human spirit.** The *Torah* is to be written on the mind and on the heart, and the Holy Spirit indwells the Believer. An external immersion in water is performed to declare that this has taken place. **Jeremiah 31:31-34, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6:1-4**
10. **The people of God are a holy congregation,** which is not of the world, in order to gather and celebrate Him at His appointed times (Feasts), to shine as lights of truth in the darkness, and to be a royal priesthood which praises His Name. **Exodus 19:6, Leviticus 23, 1 Peter 2:9**
11. **It is written that believers should be obedient to the commandments of God as an expression of their love for Him.** **John 14:15-21, John 14:23-24, 1 John 5:1-5**
12. **It is written that believers should strive to be holy as God is holy** in **Leviticus 11:44-45, 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, Ephesians 5:27,** righteous and godly in this world in **Titus 2:12,** clean both in our conscious inner self and also in our outward walk accordingly as we grow in the Holy Spirit and understanding of the Word in **Psalms 51:10, 1 Thessalonians**

4:7, full of love for one another in [John 13:34-35](#), and caring for a lost world by bringing the message of the Good News of Jesus (Yeshua in Hebrew) to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles in [Romans 1:16](#).

13. **It is written that those who are faithful, trusting in Jesus**, evidenced by walking according to the Will of God, His resurrection from the dead, eternal life and ruling with Him forever in the place where His Kingdom will rule. He will yet rule in Jerusalem and finally in New Jerusalem in the New Creation forever. [Revelation 19-22](#), [Isaiah 9:6-7](#), [Isaiah 26:19-21](#), [Daniel 2:44](#).
14. **It is written that Jesus will judge all mankind of all acts and words ever committed**. He will decide the reward for the Believers, and the punishment for the unbelievers. The judgment for unbelievers includes being sent away from His presence into outer darkness and eternal punishment. [Matthew 25:31-46](#), [John 5:22](#), [1 Corinthians 3:11-15](#), [Revelation 20:11-15](#)
15. **It is written that the final plan for the Israel of God** is to bring the remnant of the faithful Jewish people, and the remnant of those Believers who were formerly Gentiles but recovered from the world by faith, back together and united into one holy people under one Shepherd, Jesus the Messiah, thus completing the tearing down of the middle wall of partition. This is a necessary part of the restoration of all things spoken by the prophets. [Hosea 1-2](#), [John 17](#), [Romans 9:25-26](#), [Ephesians 2](#), [Acts 3:21](#)

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F3. Terms, Decrees, References

Neighbor - means one who can be relied on, and has your welfare in mind. *“In Lev.19:18, it was largely understood as a fellow member of the covenant community, to include the grafted-in stranger.”* This was expanded to showing kindness to those afflicted you may come across.

Edom - means 'red' in modern Jewry. *“The Hebrew word Edom means “red”, and the Hebrew Bible relates it to the name of its founder, Esau, the elder son of the Hebrew patriarch Isaac, because he was born “red all over”. As a young adult, he sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for “red pottage”.* The Tanakh describes the **Edomites** as descendants of Esau.

Modernism - a philosophical movement in the late 19th and 20th centuries. The belief that all doctrines are subject to change, and that doctrines ought to change depending on the time and location. A desire to create new forms and rules for the industrial world. (Origin of thought: Ezra Pound - *Make it new 1934*).

Postmodernism - an intellectual stance characterized by skepticism towards the grand narratives of modernism, **rejection of scientific certainty** or meaning, and sensitivity to the role of ideology in maintaining political power. The 'PM' outlook is characterized by self-referentiality, **moral relativism**, pluralism, irony, **irreverence** and eclecticism. It rejects universal validities of binary opposition, stable identity, hierarchy and categorization. It promotes chaos and rebellion.

Nihilism - the rejection of all religious and moral principles, in the belief that life is meaningless.

Atheism - disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of God or gods.

Theism - belief in the existence of a god or gods, especially belief in one god as creator of the universe, intervening in it and sustaining a personal relation to his creatures

Pantheism - a doctrine which identifies God with the universe, or regards the universe as a manifestation of God: worship that admits **or tolerates all gods**.

Antinomianism - The principle of salvation **by faith** and divine grace, to the point of asserting that the saved are not bound to follow the moral law contained in the Old Testament laws.

Anomoeanism - A heresy that taught that Jesus was not fully divine, but was a created being. Anomoeans also believed that Christ could not be like God because he lacked the quality of self-existence.

Ariansim - The belief that Jesus Christ is not fully divine, but is a created being.

Docetism - The belief of Docetism holds that Jesus Christ did not have a real physical body, but only an apparent or illusory one.

Gnosticism - A complex system of thought that teaches that the material world is evil and that salvation can be achieved through knowledge (gnosis).

Nicolaism - A sect traditionally believed to be founded by Nicholas of Antioch, one of the Seven Deacons described in [Acts 6:1–6](#), who believed that sexual indulgence was necessary for salvation and ate food sacrificed to idols. They are condemned in the Book of Revelation.

Pagan / heathen - First used in the fourth century by early Christians for people in the Roman Empire who practiced **polytheism**.

Kafir / infidel - Islamic term for non-Muslims who reject the *Qu'ran*.

Supersessionism aka **Replacement Theology** - the Christian doctrine that the Christian Church has superseded the Jewish people, assuming their role as God's covenanted people thus asserting that the New Covenant through Jesus Christ has superseded or replaced the Mosaic covenant. Supersessionists hold that the universal Church (RCC) has become God's "New Israel" and thus Christians are the people of God.

Fascism - authoritarian, ultra-nationalist political ideology and movement, characterized by a dictatorial leader, **centralized autocracy**, militarism, forcible suppression of opposition, belief in a natural social hierarchy, **subordination of individual interests** for the perceived good of the nation or race, and strong **regimentation of society and the economy**. It is totalist in nature, of the same ilk as communism.

Decrees that link to Paganism aka Idolatry

Doctrinal edicts that impact Christianity today:

1. **Council of Carthage** (253 AD): **Baptism** on the 8th day was declared as doctrine. Jewish circumcision was on the 8th day. In 418 AD, **Canon 2** decreed that infants must be baptized. In 529 AD, this became **state law** throughout the Empire. This became a legal requirement for citizenship.
2. **The Constantinian Decree** (321 AD) made **Sunday** the official day of rest, dedicated to '**Sol Invictus**', the official patron deity of the Roman Empire at this time. There was no mention of "the Lord's Day", or "Sabbath".
3. This was followed up in 364 AD at the **Council of Laodicea** where Christians were instructed not to keep the **Sabbath**, as that would be considered as Judaizing. This was integrated into English common law in 1677. This was upheld in Court in 1961 as a public day of rest.
4. In 325 AD, the **Council of Nicaea** established that **Easter Sunday** should be celebrated instead of **Passover**.
5. In **December 336 AD**, during the reign of Constantine, the church in Rome began celebrating **Christmas**, the same day Romans celebrated *Dies Natalis Solis Invicti*, **the birth of the Unconquerable Sun**. This was a part of the Saturnalia festival.
6. **Lent** originated in 325 AD at the **Council of Nicaea**. This is a parallel with pagan tradition, specifically the "**Weeping for Tammuz**", a 40 day fast for the mourning of the god Tammuz that began in Mesopotamia and then Babylon. Egyptian and Roman fasts at the same time were dedicated to Adonis or Osiris, or for the loss of Prosperine, aka Persephone, the Roman goddess of Spring, that also lasted 40 days.
7. **Ash Wednesday**. Decreed by Pope Urban 2nd in **1021 AD**, a ritual to be performed at the start of Lent, meant to symbolize repentance and mortality, demonstrated by ashes marked on the forehead. **Nordic religions** that used the same ash protocol sought the protection of Odin. Wednesday is named after Odin (Woden's day) thus a link to Ash Wednesday. As part of the **Roman New Year festival**, participants bathed in ashes to atone for their sins.

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