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What should we understand from the book of Revelation? End times Apostle and Prophet, Eric vonAnderseck's series "Revelations on Revelation", brings clarity to the epoch events that will soon be cast upon the world's stage. Make no mistake, the human race is about to enter into a time of judgment.

The day of reckoning is here! The world, having refused God's grace, will openly accept their false messiah and bring upon themselves utter destruction and sorrow, the likes of which no human eye has ever seen.

The book of Revelation is the disclosing of God's judgments upon man for having rejected His Christ. The Antichrist, False Prophet, and Dragon will come into power and fallen angels will again rule the world as in the days of Noah.

Demon locusts are released to plague mankind, angels pour out the judgment vials upon the earth, 1/3 of all waters are poisoned, earthquakes and tsunami remove all islands and many coastal cities, 2 billion people die in the first year of the Tribulation. In anguish the people cry out, "Hide us from the face of Him that sits upon His throne," (Revelation 6:16) for they know their judgment is just.

As things progress in the second half of the seven year tribulation, the Mahdi, having begun his religious reign will confirm the first Beast (Antichrist) as the messiah to join all religions into one. Upon this achievement the Antichrist will stand in the temple to join the Jews to this new world religion and make his proclamation, claiming the gospel scriptures to be prophetically written and not historically. To him, the Jesus of Nazareth stories was only a prototype of himself.

The Beast shouts out a scripture from Isaiah saying, "That you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed" (Isaiah 43:10). Shrines of the image of the Beast will emerge in all places and the 'temple-banks' will issues credits to the faithful.

Not long after the resurrection of the two witnesses, Enoch and Elijah, and the second rapture (the rapture of the 144,000 elect and called ones), the Lord God Almighty will issue an order for the defeat of the three entities called the Antichrist, false Prophet, and the Dragon as they join forces to face off with Christ at Megiddo.

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## Revelation Chapter 2

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*The teaching continues with the church of Pergamos again being addressed; for having accepted and promoted the doctrine of Balaam, believers accepted a new stewardship. False prophets and false apostles arose who confirmed the pattern of Cain and despised the altar of Christ.*

*The voice of the Lord resounds, addressing the doctrine of Balaam as it is being played out in the lives of many of those that are claiming the calling of God today, but are standing against the stewardship (that which God has anointed by the presence of his angel, to sanctify the faith of the saints). A message that while intensely important, has been ignored for centuries.*

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As we continue on here (with verse 17), concerning the church at Pergamos: Again, as we go back, we can see that the church of Pergamos was influenced by the doctrine of the Nicolaitans and the doctrine of Balaam, regarding a calling of God. Yet not to conform to the things of God, but to stand against the things of God, as Balaam's calling.

Balaam, instead of coming in conformity to the stewardship of Moses, confirmed Moses, but then also withstood him. We can see this same thing today; one of the two major things that will be manifested at the end times (which the apostles warned of) would be despising government and the presence of fables.

We can see here also, in the doctrine of Balaam, that even though Balaam confirmed Moses, he did not conform. Satan also confirmed, concerning Jesus, but did not conform to Jesus. Satan's confirming was only through Judas Iscariot's presence, but his confirming was only for the purpose of aspirations—not founded in faith, which is why Judas Iscariot fell away.

Satan was affirming those things of Judas' aspiration, and that's why he went out and hung himself—that he could not find closure concerning the things that Satan was projecting in Judas Iscariot's imagination. It's the same thing as with Cain, and the same thing with Balaam.

Cain confirmed by offering sacrifices on his father's altar, concerning Adam's altar. Cain offered a sacrifice upon that in confirmation of his father's desires, but did not conform concerning the revelation of God. So, he withstood against the government of God, even though he was offering sacrifices. And, again, we can see these things unfold within the Christian fellowship—those that are of Esau and those that are of Jacob; those that are of Ishmael and those that are of Israel. We see two parties confirming the same thing, but in conflict of interest. So they would confirm, but not conform.

The house of Baal did confirm the promises of God, but stood against the covenant of God, which had to do with the region (or the selection) of the city of Jerusalem and the temple of Solomon.

We can see this today—the doctrine of Balaam is being played out in the lives of many of those that are claiming the calling of God, but are standing against the stewardship (that which God has anointed by the presence of his angel, to sanctify the faith of the saints), which joins them to the headship of Christ through that which God has ordained.

As also the Apostle Paul brings out in the book of Colossians, that they're denying the headship of Christ. But they stand only in the honor of those things that satisfy the flesh, which are those that will be called the unconverted sand people. They're not the unconverted rock people. The converted rock people stand within the house of God, but the unconverted sand people are building on the sand. Coming not into covenant, they pursue the promise apart from covenant.

As we see also in the writing unto Pergamos here, that there was a martyr there named Antipas. Antipas was a chief elder that was there, who was standing against the sand people, who had the ears of the unconverted. They were trying to approach God on the conditions of the moral code, which is also called, evilfavouredness.<sup>1</sup>

Evilfavouredness has to do with a form of philosophy that we embrace, which favors our aspirations (4), confirms our imagination, even stands on the part of our principle, which we call truth. Those of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans afflicted Antipas, because those of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans were trying to weave the first covenant into the second covenant. Those of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, still (presently) become aggressive in their force of knowledge, which we don't see unfolded in those of the second covenant, but we see that unfolded in those of the first covenant; such as stoning heretics, burning witches, and also trying to establish their earthly paradise.

Those under the spell of Satan's work (who were in the first covenant, but did not practice the first covenant, but practiced the promise of the fathers) were trying to establish the promise apart from covenant, and would come against those—stoning or sawing in half, and persecuting the righteous, which we also see in the book of Hebrews, as the Apostle Paul brings that out.

And also in the book of the prophets, we see how Isaiah was sawed in half and Jeremiah was persecuted because he stood on the part of the covenant. Jeremiah was a converted rock person, and he stood against the unconverted sand people of his time—the false prophets and those that worshiped in the house of Baal. There was constant conflict. Even though there was certain sympathies regarding the promise, yet there was conflict regarding the covenant.

This is the same manifestation that's taking place today between the converted and the unconverted, between the sand people and the rock people, the Ishmaels and the Isaacs. Even Ishmael was circumcised, and Isaac was circumcised. He even had the same father, but different mother.

The Apostle Paul brings this out in the book of Galatians (6), that the son born of Hagar, the Egyptian, will not have part in the inheritance (regarding Ishmael). Ishmael and Isaac could not dwell together because there was constant conflict there.

Ishmael was a mocker of the truth. He viewed circumcision as a rather bazaar activity and token for something that a God would even ask an individual to perform. And he believed his father was a little too religious, that a God would want a sacrifice of blood, or actually ask an individual to offer a sacrifice of their own children on an altar, and also (ask for) the practice of circumcision.

When Abraham shared his faith with the merchants who passed through his camp, even they began to look narrowly upon this, that God would exact such devotion. But it wasn't the physical act in itself, but it had to do with the faith that was involved with this. God

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1. [Deut 17:1](#) Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God [any] bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, [or] any evilfavouredness: for that [is] an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

was connecting himself to Abraham through these tokens he had given him, which the carnal minded could not understand.

It's the same thing with tongues today; as circumcision was foolish to the carnal minded in Abraham's time, so speaking in tongues is foolish to the carnal minded today. Spiritual things to the natural man are very perplexing. They're continually struggling with spiritual things.

Those that are building their relationship with God on precept, are those who will fall backward and be consumed and snared and taken, as the prophet Isaiah spoke of.<sup>2</sup> And even David, the King, prophesied of those that would be in this form of mental conflict. He prophesied, "*Let their table become a snare, and let their back be bound down always.*"<sup>3</sup>

This is the burden and mischief that God has put upon the wicked, that they would always be confounded (8); they're always searching the scriptures, but never coming into faith. They're pursuing knowledge, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth<sup>4</sup>, as the Apostle Paul says. They search the scriptures to see if those things be so,<sup>5</sup> but they're always standing in conclusion of that which favors their moral code.

Antipas was the faithful martyr. He was consistent with the things of God and stood against the doctrine of the Nicolaitans and the doctrine of Balaam. Those that breezed in, or blew in, claiming to have leadership qualities, and those that (even) had spiritual experiences. But they turned the grace of God into lasciviousness.

Turning the grace of God into lasciviousness has to do with taking that which God issues for illumination (for their conversion), and using it for the purpose of one's principle and aspiration. So, they take ownership of the revelation for the honor of man.

And we can see these things even being televised today. People talk about receiving a word of the Lord, or of God speaking to them, which things they take ownership of. When they take ownership of this grace, (they are) putting it within the context of their own logic, and they have defiled the grace of God. They use it to stand against the truth, yet to bring honor to themselves.

This is what Jesus said even to the Pharisees— "God gave you the key of knowledge, but you used it by taking ownership of it, even as Satan did."

Satan took ownership of the knowledge of God, and with that form of logic, he came against God...because Satan says, "If you be the Son of God, as the scripture has said, cast yourself down from here; for the angels, as the Bible says, the promise [is that] angels [will] intervene within your life.

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2 [Isa 28:13](#) But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

3 [Psm 69:22](#) Let their table become a snare before them: and [that which should have been] for [their] welfare, [let it become] a trap.

4 [2Tim 3:7](#) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 [Act 17:11](#) These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Now, here we can see Satan taking ownership of this text for his own logic to project and come against the truth. And the ministers of iniquity do the same thing today, as Paul says (regarding ministers of unrighteousness **(10)**)<sup>6</sup>; the things they teach appeal to the logic, but doesn't draw faith from the heart or put the foundation of truth in the heart for faith to be drawn from. It's a defiled priesthood.

So, here the Apostle John identifies these things as idols and fornication. It's an idol, simply because it honors the moral code, and it's fornication because its labour is not building the house of God, but has to do with that of an individual's own pleasure—pleasure without responsibility is fornication.

So, when he's talking about fornication here, the Spirit is speaking this with regards to the doctrines that they're embracing. We'll see this same thing in the next group, concerning, "Unto the church of Thyatira" (verse 17).

**17:** *"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches;"*  
...those that are humble in heart, those that humble to the grace of God will hear. **(20)**

He doesn't say, "He that has an ear, let him see; but he that has an ear, let him hear" [meaning], the Spirit will confirm these things; this is the living Witness upon the receiving of this revelation those, which are listening to the grace of God will confirm and conform to these things of the Spirit. These are the overcomers.

Those that hear will overcome, but those that are only listening to the voice of Wilson<sup>7</sup> (or, the voice of their own conscience, which is defiled) will resist this knowledge. They will stand independent of the government of God and yet claim themselves to be the followers of Jesus.

We can see this being played out even today, twenty centuries later. We can see this same mindset being played out today concerning the house of Baal.

In the house of Baal you can do anything you want. The house of Baal is the ecumenical movement, which regards the historical facts **(12)**, but casts off the foundation. They build on the fundamentals, but not on the foundation. The foundation, not being [set] in their heart, they take the church in the direction of their own compass, the compass of their own moral code.

Taking the church in the direction of their own compass, they bring about a lot of dissension and conflict, and these spoil the hearts of the people. These people [who are] living in expectation of going to heaven, end up in hell because of the doctrine of the spoilers.

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<sup>6</sup> [2Cor 11:13-15](#) For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **(14)**  
And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **(15)** Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

<sup>7</sup> Reference made here is to the film "Cast Away" starring Tom Hanks. Stranded on a deserted island with no one to talk to, Hanks, in desperation, makes a face on a volleyball and names him "Wilson". The voice of Wilson is the voice of the imagination, the voice of the aspiration. Many mistake the voice of Wilson for the voice of God.

We can see the activity of the spoilers being played out even in that first century, as well as also in the 5<sup>th</sup> week, even the week of David, when the spoilers (the Levites).... (When you read the book of Psalms you're going to see the conflict between the king and the Levites constantly being played out.)

These were the ones that stood against David. They looked at David, as— "How can you say you're of God? For yet you committed a murder, you committed adultery, and you numbered Israel. Even your own children don't believe your revelation (Absalom, Adonijah, and Amnon, who became very vain). They were measuring David's credibility according to (you could say) the fractures of his own character.

But what did David say? He said, "*Blessed is the man to whom the man will not impute sin.*"<sup>8</sup>

David realized that it wasn't the blood of an animal that he (God) desired, but rather faith in the heart. Even King David realized that—that with faith in the heart, he was removed from the condemnation of the law. Faith in the heart removes one from the condemnation of the law. See, we do not uphold the law; we uphold Christ. And those who are in Christ are not condemned with the world.

The world uses the law to give support and honor to the moral code, but the law was never intended for that. The law was written for the purpose of challenging the shadows (14) of Satan in the moral code. Satan can conceal himself within people's aspirations, so they still claim themselves to be believers in God. And this is still being played out today.

Satan is a very religious demon. That's why it's called doctrines of devils<sup>9</sup>. Satan is a very religious demon—they [demons] believe in God, as the book of James brings out<sup>10</sup>. They believe God, but they tremble; they shudder knowing that if they do not obey God and follow his judgments, that God also has reserved different degrees of torments, awaiting them—even as they saw the Watchers being taken (those that transgressed against God by coming into this dimension of the flesh and engaging in the things of Adam's aspiration were also consumed in the aspiration of man.) They were cast into the abysses of torment and places of other tortures, found on the north side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven, even that of the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven.

There are different places of incarceration for the angels that have certain things measured against them—there are some judgments of ten million years. There are also some judgments that are eternal judgments. These are life sentences; they'll never leave that place of incarceration; they're always going to be there.

Then there are those that have a ten million year incarceration, which is almost like a life sentence, but they'll be released at the end. These will be the angels, which we will also see; when their sentence is completed, then they're going to behold the great and

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8 [Psm 32:2](#) Blessed [is] the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit [there is] no guile.

9 [1Tim 4:1](#) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

10 [Jas 2:19](#) Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.



wondrous things of God and realize that what they pursued under the counsel of Azazel, and Semyaz, and also in Satan's fall, were not profitable. So, God will again give them a chance, and we see (again) God's graciousness and compassion, and his fairness. Going back to verse 17, **(16)**

*"To him that overcomes"*

It's the overcomer that will realize these things.

These are tokens that God gives as reward to those that go through the cycles of growth.

*"To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna,"*

All these tokens are promised to the overcomer. We see about seven or so; actually there's more than that because some there is actually two, as we see here—the manna and the white stone.

These tokens are granted to those that continually make the choices of faith, regardless of the conflict they feel within themselves.

We become more judgmental on ourselves than God is, but *"if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged"* (1Cor 11:31). So, we continually hold forth before God, Christ, and by holding forth Christ before us, as we continue to mirror faith in our conscience, God continually rewards you; you have just overcome a conflict that you went through.

This is the same thing the Apostle Paul writes about—*"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man"*<sup>11</sup>

The word, taken, which means, the things of this world continually contaminate you; they will continually assault you. They will continually splash you and try to defile the garment of righteousness. But don't allow that to become your mindset. Don't focus on the frailty, focus on the faith, and you will overcome. And God will continue to carry you through these things, as the Apostle Peter brings out—*"Casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you"* (1Pet 5:7).

Peter also saw the stalking of Satan. This is what Jesus said to Peter, and what Peter wrote about in his epistle...Jesus said to Peter, *"Satan has desired to have you, but I have prayed for you."*<sup>12</sup>

In other words, "Peter, I want you to take on the yoke of my prayer. My prayers will be answered, even though you're going to come in conflict, you're going to be troubled at the report, you're going to come into a great struggle in your conscience—Judas is going to go hang himself **(18)**, but you're not because I have prayed for you. I want you to take on the yoke of my prayer. My prayers will save you. I want you to build upon this blessing, for by

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11 [1Cor 10:13](#) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it].

12 [Lk 22:31-32](#) ¶ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired [to have] you, that he may sift [you] as wheat: **(32)** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

building upon this blessing, I'm going to multiply your understanding." And this is what Peter was writing about— *"Casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you."*

Peter says, "I came through great conflict, I came through many storms, I overcame these things." And this is what Jesus again said to his apostles— *"You are they which have been with me through my temptations."*<sup>13</sup>

The temptations had to do with that time frame in which there where there was a lot of struggle; there was a lot of personal struggle through these time frames. There were family struggles, which Jesus had. Even with his own brothers there were family struggles. God didn't remove the struggles; God ordained those struggles. He authorized those struggles for the reward of the righteous.

To the wicked these struggles become condemnation upon condemnation, but to the righteous, the struggles become—faith unto life.

We go through the same path as the world does, but the results are different. To the world, their suffering is unto death, but our suffering is unto life. There's difference in that. Christians will follow the same struggles as the world; the same afflictions that happen to them will come your way. But the results and goals of that are different.

*"To him (He) that overcomes"*

What are you overcoming?

You have to overcome yourself, you have to overcome Satan, and you have to overcome the world. These three things will always assault you, but the greatest barrier is yourself, because ever since you were born you learned the way of the world. Your source of livelihood was that of your immediate security; whatever you embraced was for the purpose of your security. And your roots of experience grew within that knowledge. These were the things that deceived you.

This is why God is removing the roots (20), and then the fruits. The roots and the fruits of this world have to be removed from you. Every tree that brings not fruit he hews down, and it's cast into the fire. The things that Satan planted within the soul are removed by the axe of truth. And through your endurance of faith and patience, you inherit the promises.

The promises are connected to the covenant. The covenant is there for the exercising of your faith so God will continually circumcise your understanding. So, your greatest conflict and barrier is within your own conscience.

If you allow Satan to rule your conscience, then you're going to be a confused Christian. You're going to wonder, Where is God in your life? Well, God is present, but are you reflecting him? Are you molding your confidence with the knowledge of God? Are you functioning within your priesthood? If you're doing these things, you will overcome.

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<sup>13</sup>[Lk 22:28](#) Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.

The overcoming is in covenant, as the Spirit is revealing right here. The Apostle John is writing Revelation for the church, not for the world. He's writing this to the church. See the letters? He says, "Unto the angel of the church", not the angel of the world.

When the world, or, when the church of Baal reads these same scriptures, they try to make application to themselves, but the application is not valid because it's not assigned to them. It's only assigned to those that are in covenant—those that are in covenant with God, are acknowledging government, have the foundation of truth in their heart, and are working in rhythm with the Spirit—these letters are written to those who came into the gospel experience.

*"To him that overcomes"*

you're overcoming yourself, you're overcoming Satan, and you're overcoming the world.

Again, your greatest barrier to the grace of God is the moral code. That's yourself, which works with the signature (22), which works with intuitiveness, which works with the imagination, which is the door of Satan. The moral code is joined to the flesh, which is joined to Satan's kingdom.

So, if you want to sever your relationship with Satan, you have to walk by faith. If you don't walk by faith, then you're continually nurturing those things that Satan planted within you before you came into covenant with God.

If you don't remain steadfast with him, then your latter end shall be worse than the beginning.<sup>14</sup>

*"He that has an ear"*

the circumcision of the understanding

*"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit"*

which is the Spirit of grace

*"says to the churches;"*

*"To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna,"*

The hidden manna again, has to do with that which is concealed from the carnal eye. That which you're dining on right now is the hidden manna. But there is a physical manna.

There is a physical manna, and Jesus also made distinctions: "My Father gave you that manna when you came out of the wilderness, not Moses. My Father gave you that manna, and they ate that manna and they're dead today. But I'm giving you a different kind of manna; I'm giving you the words of life. You must eat of my flesh and drink of my blood, if you want to have eternal life."<sup>15</sup>

Now, the things that Jesus said right there was a stumbling block to the carnal minded; they even said among themselves, "How can this man give us his blood and his flesh to eat? What is he talking about? And many of Jesus' followers, at that point, dis-enrolled

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14 [2Pet 2:20](#) For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

15 [Jn 6:53](#) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

from his school. They dis-enrolled simply because, The things that he says are too difficult for us to understand. They were confounded because they were never working with the grace of God, but the things that they heard, the things that Jesus said in the beginning, they were responding to, but never building with. They were illuminated, but weren't converted.

It's the same thing today; many people are illuminated by the grace of God because God is pouring out his grace upon all flesh; but not all men will receive it because all men have not faith,<sup>16</sup> as the Apostle Paul brings out (24).

He saw the same thing, that when he preached the gospel, some would believe, and some wouldn't believe. We see that in Acts 28 where the Apostle Paul was having a conference and lecturing, and he made a personal invitation to all the leaders of the churches and synagogues in that particular location in Rome. Coming together, they listened to what Paul had to say. And some believed, and some did not believe, [vs 24].

Did that mean that the gospel Paul preached was of none effect? Or that the Spirit didn't use it? Yes, the Spirit did use it, but those that did not believe had the barriers of the moral code, which (again) was deeply rooted in their own tradition. Their ears were not circumcised. They did not have a heart to believe, and the Apostle Paul does bring that to their attention; as he says, "Woe unto you; great calamity will come on those who resist the grace of God".

Every time you resist the grace of God and choose unrighteousness, it's going to push you further and further into the madness of your own folly.

The hidden manna he's speaking about right here (in Rev 2:17) is that which the righteous feast upon. And he also says,  
*"a white stone"*

Yes, we will be literally eating manna, not for hunger, but for pleasure. Same thing with the tree of life that bears twelve manner of fruit; we also will be able to partake of the tree of life. We also will be able to drink of the rivers of life that come from that tree. The rivers of water that come from the tree of life split off into four heads. You have rivers of honey, rivers of oil, rivers of wine, and rivers of milk. These come from the tree of life.

So, you'll be able to exercise your taste buds all you want and yet not gain any weight. There's no calorie intake within the kingdom of God. You don't have to worry about that. You can indulge as much as you want and yet never increase your waist line because there's no calories in the food of the Lord (26). So, here we go on,

*"and I will give him a white stone,"*

You might want to highlight this, the hidden manna and the white stone. The overcomer will see these things and partake of these things; these tokens.

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16 [2Th 3:2](#) And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all [men] have not faith.

Now the white stone (again) has to do with—it's the very opposite of the black stone, the onyx stone. So, highlight the white stone here and you can make a note in the book of Exodus where it talks about the black stone, which was put within the garments in order to hold the ephod upon the priestly vestments. The black stone, or the onyx stone, represented the unknown.

Now the names of the twelve tribes [were put] on the ephod, concerning where Christ would emerge from—the unknown, which represents the Gentiles.

The white stone has to do with those that are come into covenant with God, and the black stone is now the white stone; the gospel was preached to the Gentiles: those which were unknown are now known. And this is a symbolism of great honor and of great power—the white stone.

*"I will give him a white stone"*

the symbolism of great power and honour.

*"and in the stone a new name written,"*

not as the children of Israel were engrafted in the black stone, which held the ephod, which was of carnal things, but the white stone, which has your name (singularly) written upon it, identifying your priesthood with Christ.

In this white stone, a new name is as a passport [to] other dimensions, which God will grant to those who overcome,

*"which no man knows saving he that receives it."*

It's his secret name.

**18:** *"Unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write;"*

There's a lot of things, a lot of meanings in these names—Smyrna, Pergamos, Ephesus, Thyatira—there's a lot of names, which theologians build on (28). But I'm not building on that name, I'm building on the grace of God. It's not the name that the Spirit is using, but it has to do with the assembly in that area.

*"Unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God"*

This is the only time he mentions his deity, with regards to these writings:

*"These things saith the Son of God,"*

"I'm the one that's risen from the dead. I'm not the humble carpenter any longer. When I came in your likeness, you refused me. Now I'm coming in the power of my Father, which you have to accept."

*"These things saith the Son of God,"*

"I'm your mediator,

*"who has his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;"*

"The things that I speak as the Son of God, I'm speaking from the perspective of the throne", which is the same thing John wrote in his epistle (concerning the sons of God): "Beloved, now are we the sons of God" (1Jn 3:1,2) *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him;"*

There's similarity, but the similarity is in faith. It is not in theatrics; you're not acting something out here; this is something of a true lifestyle. We're not actors in the kingdom of God. That's what the beast is going to do in Revelation 13.

The beast, or the false Christ, in the book of Revelation, is going to act and speak like the Beloved. He's going to pretend he's Jesus, and he's going to actually look like Jesus. He's going to pretend he's Jesus, and he's going to establish a false millennium. Everyone will look to him in order to resolve the world's problems by his law, that proceeds from Jerusalem.

But here we see the Son of God, that his perspective is not within that of man's aspiration, which has to do with earthly real estate. The children of Israel, which looked at the promises (30), but not the covenant, all fell into hypocrisy; they all were under unbelief; as the Apostle Jude writes about and Paul expounds on that in the book of Hebrews and in his letters, as also the Apostle John is writing about right here.

Those that view the things of God as the son of man will fall into hypocrisy, but those who view the things of God from the Son of God will be strong; they will overcome. They have eyes of fire, feet as brass—because your perception is of God's throne, and you're walking in righteousness. Your walk with him is sanctified. So he says,

*"who has his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;"*  
—a holy contact point; this is your sanctified walk.

**19: "I know your works"**

Again, these are the works of the God-Code<sup>17</sup>.

The works of the God-Code have to match that of the covenant or else they're the works of the moral code<sup>18</sup>. If the God-Code works with the moral code, then your priesthood is defiled, and your works will be consumed in the fire, because your works will then be considered as wood, hay, and stubble. But if the God-Code is connected to faith, then your works are as gold, silver, and precious stones—the things that are not consumed; they're purified, but not consumed.

*"I know your works"*

regarding the God-Code,

*"and your charity"*

concerning that, the God-Code,

*"and your service, and (your) faith,"*

the service of your priesthood, and your works of faith;

*"and your patience,"*

we've got faith and patience again;

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<sup>17</sup> Learn more about the "God-Code" at: <http://www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=111&lesson=the-god-code>

<sup>18</sup> Learn more about the "moral code" of man: <http://www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=112&lesson=the-moral-code>

Patience again identifies with endurance of time, and we are all enduring the time down here, and we're all being longsuffering.

The longsuffering has to do with our faith life being in conflict with the eyes of the flesh and the things of this world. We stand in conflict with it [the world, the flesh], but they stand in conflict with God. These two are disagreeable, as oil and water, or fire and water are disagreeable. They're two different kingdoms (32).

*"I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your works;*

And then he says,

*"and the last to be more than the first."*

the Witness—

the last, being that witness, is more than at first, concerning the labour of your faith.

If the labour of your faith is not that which is IN faith, it diminishes; it diminishes under the shadow of the moral code. Your understanding of God diminishes under the shadow of the moral code. But where faith is present, your understanding will increase, as the Apostle Paul said; that your faith would increase--that you would increase in faith, in utterance, in all knowledge, and in your love one toward another.<sup>19</sup>

If you're not increasing, then you're diminishing, and if you're diminishing, it's because you're tapped into the wrong system. If you're using your moral code, you're tapped into Satan's kingdom, not realizing that your works are works of ignorance. Even your sacrifices will become an abomination because your sacrifices will only savor those things of the moral code. You're trying to gain God's approval, rather than pleasing God.

If you want to gain God's approval, you must walk by faith because by faith we understand, as Paul brings out in Hebrews 11—that everything was constructed for this reflection. *By faith* we understand; everything was constructed for this reflection, that we would please God. We were constructed with this in mind, concerning his plan; not to live independently of him, but to live in conformity to him in covenant.

And we know that without faith it's impossible to please him. He doesn't say, Without charity it's impossible to please him, it's without faith it's impossible to please him. Faith is that first expression, that if your sacrifices are not rooted in him in faith, then your sacrifices are being offered in evilfavouredness.

Evilfavouredness, means you're favoring certain knowledge—that knowledge would be false knowledge. You're savoring certain (34) things that you're trying to gain God's attention [by]. And the house of Baal they are continually practicing this abomination. They're giving money for the purpose of gaining God's attention. They're attendance, their membership, their whole force (the force of their religion, the influence of that knowledge, which is the force of their religion) is all abominable. It's completely rooted in the wrong system. Satan is influencing that mindset.

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<sup>19</sup>[2Cor 8:7](#) Therefore, as ye abound in every [thing, in] faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and [in] all diligence, and [in] your love to us, [see] that ye abound in this grace also.

See, Satan doesn't care what religion you believe in; just don't come in covenant with God. He doesn't care if you're a Baptist, or a Presbyterian, or Lutheran or Catholic. He doesn't even care if you're Pentecostal; just don't come in covenant with God. As long as you remain in ignorance, you're not building the house of God. As long as you're sitting on your hands, you're not putting your hands to the altar.

If Satan can keep you isolated from government, from the temple, and from your priesthood, he already has you; you're already overcome...so that your latter end will be worse than the beginning.

This is what the Apostle John saw-- *"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would (no doubt) have continued with us: but (they went out) that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us"* (1Jn 2:19). Their labor was with their aspiration.

*"I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your works; and the last to be more than the first."*

We already talked about that.

**20: "Notwithstanding"**

he says,

*"I have a few things against you,"*

...that even though you have embraced the things the apostles have taught, yet there is a particular individual here that's taking the ministry in the direction of her aspiration called, Jezebel. She received a calling of God, but she's using the gifts of God for her aspirations, and to make disciples, and to start her own schools. That's the Jezebelian ministry. She has a calling of God, but uses it for her own aspiration.

If the calling God has given you is not in connection to the stewardship, then it becomes invalid and you become a false prophet, a false apostle (36), a false minister, or any minister of unrighteousness; as the Apostle Paul brings out, and as the Apostle John brings out.

There were many elders, which were in Paul's company, that began to isolate themselves from Paul's stewardship, as Hymenaeus, Alexander, Hymenaeus, Demetrius (not of 3<sup>rd</sup> John, but the Demetrius that was a heathen and a worshiper of idols). We also see Demas. There's 7 or 8, quite a few there, that were backslidden elders, and the Apostle Paul wrote an epistle addressing that: *"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they should fall away, to renew them again to repentance, seeing as they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame."* (Heb 6:4-6).

They affront the things of God by the compass of their moral code, which leads them to destruction. This is the strong delusion, which God puts upon the imagination of those that don't come in covenant with him. And we see this also in the book of Thessalonians,



where the Apostle Paul identified that: *"For this cause God will give them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie."*<sup>20</sup>

"I'm going to give them a religion that's going to be so sympathetic to what they want in their aspiration that they will actually call that, my will. But it's not my will; it's not my will that they die in their sin. It's my will to be saved. But because they choose their aspiration over faith, their principle over truth, and their covetousness (which they also call faith)..

Even today the wicked bless the covetous because they believe that those who covet are those that are exercising their faith. But all they're doing is exercising their imagination with their aspiration and using scripture to validate that **(38)**.

These are the ministers of unrighteousness. These are the spoilers. These are the tares, which are being bound together at this time in these last days. If these people don't hear and embrace the grace of God to escape that system, if they don't come out from Satan's stronghold (the house of Baal), they're going to die in their sins. They will not be taken in the rapture. And they would have to go through the tribulation.

So, he says here,

*"Notwithstanding, I have a few things against you, because you suffer that woman Jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess,"*

that's true; she's a prophetess.

She was called to that office, but she was using it independently of the stewardship,

*"to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."*

The reason why the Spirit says the word, idols, here (and the Apostle John expounds on that also in his epistle (1Jn 5:21), *"Little children, keep yourself from idols, Amen."*) ...an idol is an image of one's philosophy. The roots of Satan's kingdom create an image of oneself...an idol.

So, here, he says,

*"and to eat things sacrificed to idols"*

their communion is in representation of Jezebel's denomination; it's the first church of unconverted sand people; it's the UCSP—the first church of UCSP.org.

This is the unconverted sand people (not the rock people who build upon that stone of Christ), but they're sand people who build upon the sand. All the endeavors of their great and wonderful works, their healing ministries, the casting of out devils, and doing many wonderful things—as Jesus said, *"I do not know you; depart from me you that work iniquity."*<sup>21</sup> "You're savoring the things of your own signature calling that, Christ. Your signature is not Christ; I'm Christ **(40)**. The doctrine that I give through my stewardship is that which is in representation of the headship. If you dishonor the stewardship, you dishonor the headship which gives it."

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<sup>20</sup>[2Thes 2:11](#) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

<sup>21</sup>[Lk 13:27](#) But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity.

That's what Jesus (also) said, *"If they persecuted me, they're going to persecute you; if they have kept my sayings, they will keep yours also."*<sup>22</sup>

Jesus was transferring this [as through] apostolic secession from himself to his apostles, to oversee the church, not in the absence of the apostles. It didn't leap from Jesus just through a practitioner (or to those who participate); it leapt from Jesus to the stewardship.

But today there are those who completely circumvent, they completely go around the apostolic governance and try to establish truth on their own. These are those that are falling into many hurtful snares of Satan's kingdom, and then they come to the conclusion—God doesn't love me—or—What is the will of God for my life?

They're writing books about trying to find God's will, on how to live for the purpose of a better life; The 9 steps to finding God's will, the 8 steps, the 12 steps. This step theology is self-evident that they're not in covenant with God. It's self-evident, but they don't see it because they believe that the journey itself will find God's will, that the endeavor itself is honored by God. But it's not.

The people that wandered in the desert were not honored by God; that was a judgment on them, not an honor. God didn't come down and say, "You have been truly beloved unto me, and your faith has really overwhelmed me. Therefore, I want you to wander in this wilderness for 40 years." It was the very opposite.

But the wanderers in the wilderness are claiming that they're the blessed of the Lord. They're not even in covenant with God. They're wandering to find the will of God, and we are in the journey with him, with God. Because the righteous are a migrating species that began from the bosom (42) of the Father; its origin *IS* from the Father, and it's destiny is in the bosom of the Father. We're going back to visit our Father, and we're going to bring with us many gifts—the things that he's provided for us, in order for us to be accepted in the kingdom of God.

He's your advocate only if you maintain the tokens that he has given you as a gift to himself. But if you don't keep his commandments, and you enter into the courts of God, he's going to look at you as some kind of court jester— "Did you come in here to entertain me? or to serve me?"

Many people go in to the courts of the Lord as if they're going to gain God's approval by acting like a comedian. God says, "Who brought this foolish man into my presence here? Why isn't he approaching me according to protocol?"

"If you don't approach me according to protocol, it's because you don't love me. And they that don't love me, hate me; and if they hate me, they're also hating their brother, and they're not keeping my commandments, and therefore, I shall cast them out as unclean."

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<sup>22</sup>[Jn 15:20](#) Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

So, here, the words, fornication and idols.

**21:** *"And I gave her space to repent of her fornication;"*

The presence of grace was there, in order for her to change her ways. But once the time element ran out, she fell back into confusion.

Many people, in the presence of the impact of grace feel, at that point, that they have the sovereignty of destiny. They don't. They have sovereignty only of choice, but not of destiny. Not choice of destiny; they only have the sovereignty of choice, regarding, Do I accept the grace of God? Do I humble myself to this knowledge? Do I acknowledge the stewardship of Christ? Or, Do I continue to maintain my aspiration?

*"The double minded man is unstable in all his ways,"* as the Apostle James says (Jas 1:8). When the Apostle James wrote his letters to those who were scattered abroad, it was to bring them back into covenant, to bring them back under his stewardship; not so that they could stand in their own logic, being independent and severed from the light (44), but he was bringing them back to the light. He was bringing them back for the purpose of establishing them in the faith, as *"a double minded man is unstable in all his ways"*.

When the Spirit of God comes he says, *"If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God."*<sup>23</sup> And God will always bring you back in the stewardship in the covenant for the purpose of perfecting your priesthood. But if you stand in doubt, then you're sinning against God.

And [this is what] the Apostle James brings out; *"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."* So, "Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:" because he is now submitting himself to the grace of God. Those that humble themselves will be exalted, but those who stand against the grace of God will be humiliated.

Then he says in the next chapter, *"Go to now, you rich men, weep and howl"* for the troubles that are going to come upon you.<sup>24</sup> Because of your social position, you thought that you were qualified to embrace the grace of God as you saw fit. And we see that today; those that have the minds of the people still do not have the power of God. They don't have the power of destiny.

Just because they have the ears of the people, just because they're on television, and they have the influence of the population of the people, they're still spoiling the hearts of the people.

Over a thousand tornadoes happened this year, up 35% from what it was last year, according to report of the news. These spoilers are going from coast to coast, north and south, around the globe, yet as they continually spoil the hearts, they're bringing with them calamities.

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<sup>23</sup> [Jas 1:5](#) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

<sup>24</sup> [Jas 5:1](#) Go to now, [ye] rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon [you].

A fly brings disease. And the spoilers are those that carry false doctrine. Every place they land they're shedding disease where they're at, and where they're at comes tsunamis, earthquakes, tribulation, tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and disturbances and turbulence within the city and in the field (46). Spoilers are spoiling the land.

But now, during the time that God has assigned of clemency, they that have the ears to hear, let them hear. The time of clemency is the time of this grace. After that the door is shut, (comes) his wrath; he will pour out his wrath. This is only the beginning of sorrows to get the attention of the people.

If you think this is bad, if you think losing 100,000 people or 10,000 people, or 50,000 people is a lot, you wait until the opening of my wrath upon these people in this globe. Two billion people will die within just the first year of the great tribulation. This is a warning.

Jesus used the same analogy. When people brought to him those who died when a scaffolding collapsed, that were working on Pilate's projects, and the scaffolding collapsed, and so many men were killed...and Jesus said to them, "You think that these people died this death because they were more wicked than anybody else? Don't you know that if you don't repent, you're going to die in your sins?" That's what Jesus was saying to them.

It wasn't because of their wickedness, or that their wickedness was any greater than anybody else. There were many cities that were just as wicked as Sodom and Gomorrah, but God selected them as a testimony of his righteous judgments of his wrath. Noah's ark still remains as a beacon to this world, that it (the world) is wicked.

As Apostle John said, "*The world lies in wickedness*".<sup>25</sup> The Apostle John didn't say that as if he was paranoid, or as if he took too many drugs, or as if he was psychotic. The Apostle John was not psychotic. He had the eyes of flame and the feet of brass. He was seeing from God's perspective and warning the people—"If you don't come into covenant right now, you're going to not only have to bear the severity of your own wickedness, but you're (also) going to be eternally separated from God." And he goes on here—

**22:** "*Behold, I will cast her into a bed,*"

the place of her rest will be the place of her affliction (48).

That sounds kind of strange, doesn't it.

The place of her rest is going to be the place of her affliction because I'm going to paralyze her in her own theology. We can see this today, that the house of Baal is paralyzed in their own theology; they can't escape it by the spirit they're using.

Even if they were to leave the house of Baal, they would still carry the house of Baal in their pockets, just like Rachael did.

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<sup>25</sup> [1Jn 5:19](#) [And] we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

When Rachael left the house of her father, Laban, she still carried her father's tokens with her. But what did Jacob say? "Put away your father's idols from you, and bring them to me". And they brought them to Jacob, and he purged [them] and buried them, so that they would be as a people of God.

Don't carry your idols with you because even though you come out of the house of idolatry, if you carry these idols with you, you're still unpurged. That's what the Lord says in Rev 18:4; "*Come out from among them*".<sup>26</sup> Same thing as he says in Isaiah, "Come out from among them you that bear the things of the Lord,<sup>27</sup> and I will receive you."

*"Behold, I will cast her into a bed,"*

"I'm going to paralyze her with her own philosophy,

*"and them that commit adultery with her"*

He uses the words here, adultery and fornication.

Adultery has to do with (again) going outside that which God restricts in covenant. They're trying to add credibility to the grace of God. They're going outside of covenant (52) in order to get (you could say) God's approval. So they're called adulterers, or adulteresses, as the Apostle James says, too, being a chief apostle.

*"Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation,"*

You might want to underline great tribulation (as) this is a warning today.

The tribulation happened after the first century, when the church began to faze from the governorship of Christ, under those of the moral code. When they began to function under those of the moral code, the church went through a lot of affliction (50): war, and great persecution, and all these other things—simply because they were not in covenant with God; they were (still) living by the doctrine of Nicolaitans and the doctrine of Balaam.

Do you see what the spoilers did? Thinking they were actually achieving something for God with their aspiration, they dragged all these people into their own destruction. As the Apostle Paul warned in Philippians; "*Whose God is their belly, whose glory is their shame, who mind earthly things.*"<sup>28</sup> They work with the things of this world. They use the things of this world as tokens of righteousness, when God has only selected one token of righteousness, and that's himself.

*"Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds."*

That's the same thing today.

This is the clarion [call] to all those today; this is what the angel is warning the churches

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<sup>26</sup> [Rev 18:4](#) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

<sup>27</sup> [Isa 52:11](#) Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean [thing]; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

<sup>28</sup> [Phil 3:19](#) Whose end [is] destruction, whose God [is their] belly, and [whose] glory [is] in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

today; "Come into covenant while you have time. If not, you're going to go in great tribulation, except you repent of your deeds. You have to abandon Jezebel's perspective. You have to abandon the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. You have to abandon Balaam's independence. You must be joined to covenant. Now in verse 23, the God of love says this...

**23: "And I will kill her children with death;"**

"I'm going to put plagues on them.

This is exactly what Paul builds out and expounds on in 1Corinthians: "*Are there not many weak and sickly among you?*"<sup>29</sup>

Weak and sickly has to do with that they were partaking of the wrong things with the wrong motive. Our communion is Christ, not Moses. If our communion was Moses, then we would still be ingesting the physical tools. But our covenant is Christ, and therefore, our communion is the Holy Ghost. [2Cor 13:14] talks about that; "and the communion of the holy Ghost."

**"I will kill her children with death"**

"simply because death will accompany their works, and because death accompanies their works, they will not be allowed in my kingdom."

Here's the word, death, right here . We see these five powers of death: with regards to contrast, conflict, contrariness, controversy, contradiction (**52**). Its presence is for the exercising of your faith and the reward of his grace. So, God is going to call forth the conscience for accountability.

And yet, I only see the presence of death there; I don't see the presence of life. You're not of those that rose from the dead, but you're of those that are groveling with the moral code. You're still struggling with your own conscience, and Satan has dominion over you. Verse 23:

**"and all the churches shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts:"**

Searches the reins and hearts means, God calls forth the conscience for accountability; if it's defiled, I judge them accordingly. If your garments are not white, then they're defiled. "When I come back for my people, their garments are to be without spot and without blemish (philosophically speaking, and also regarding their priesthood). If you want to be accepted of me, your priesthood must be of that which is in the terms of my covenant, not in terms of the moral code.

If your priesthood is in the terms of the moral code, then it's that of Moses, being condemned because the law condemns. The law works death."

This is what Paul was expounding upon; even in the book of Romans he was expounding about that; "when I would do good, evil is present with me, for if I do that which I would do, then he talks about the presence of death. Why? The moral code is always struggling

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<sup>29</sup> [1Cor 11:30](#) For this cause many [are] weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

with the things of the Spirit; that's why.<sup>30</sup>

And the Apostle Paul regards (calls) that struggle as the carnal mind—the natural man. The struggle is with the natural man. In other words, you're not overcoming themselves with the tools of the covenant, but they're allowing Satan to have dominion over them, and Satan is putting them in derision; he's putting them in confusion. These are those that do not practice the covenant. These are those that consent to these things, but they're not conforming to these things. So,

*"I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts:"*

He's calling the conscience forth for accountability, but the presence of death right here

This becomes even more intense and interesting--

*"and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."*

What is your choice?

"If your works are that of the choices of faith, I will reward you with..." what? He says, "I will reward you with these things;" and he brings them right down here, that we would even have a place to rule. "I will give them the morning star, and I will give you a place to rule. You shall rule over the nations" (verses 26-28). "If you can overcome the conflicts, which you have within yourself, by embracing grace,"

(you can't escape it unless you're working with the grace of God.)

If you don't work with the grace of God you're going to be looped unto death and confusion and be confounded. You will continue to loop those things, which [have to do with] the system of death; *"The wages of sin is death"*<sup>31</sup> What you labour with is going to kill you. OR, is what you labour with going to bless you.

Let's go on as we try to finish this up, but there are some very unique things here, *"according to thy works."*

**24:** *"But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine,"* there were isolated groups, which did not come unto Jezebel's teachings; they refused her leadership. They could see that there was something wrong, something amiss.

*"But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak;*

Underline the words, depths of Satan. This is a false prophetic movement. Another way of saying it is (like) psychic prophecy. The depths of Satan, like psychic prophecy; they're always trying to look into you. They're trying to speak something in your life. This is the

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<sup>30</sup> [Rom 7:18-21](#) For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not. (19) for the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. (20) Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. (21) I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

<sup>31</sup> [Rom 6:23](#) For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

false prophetic movement. They're trying to speak something in your life. It's like psychic prophecy, which befriends the conscience and robs the heart of faith.

This spirit gives a false witness and promise that assists the imagination in one's worth and value because flattery works folly, and not faith. They will use all the spicy words in order to try to persuade you to take on the yoke of that false spirit (spicy words: Yea, saith the Lord, and, Jesus loves you, and, God says this to you, my son, etc.) Spicy words do not give it the credibility of the grace of God.

False prophets used the name of the Lord, and they even wrote letters in the name of the Lord, and they spoke amiss, even as Elihu did with Job. He was speaking in God's place, but not by God's sanctification. And the Lord confirmed that saying, "*Who is this that speaks words without understanding?*"<sup>32</sup> He darkens the minds of men by his counsel."

So, Job prayed for them, and through his prayer, those that accepted the prayer were delivered, as also Job was delivered.

We talked about the depths of Satan (vs 24)

*"as they speak;"*

this is defiled charity,

*"and I will put upon you none other burden."*

this is the challenge for your faith right now, and I will not add another thing;

**25:** *"But that which you have already,"*

in this letter, by the rivalrous letter,

*"hold fast till I come"*

John is saying, "I will come personally; as the angel of the Lord will come to reward you.

**26:** *"And he that overcomes, and keeps my works"*

that's (again) the God-Code and faith, for life—

Now he's your advocate;

*"He that keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:"*

We will be rewarded with portions to rule during the time of the millennium as sons of God. This is what he's speaking of. He's not speaking of the present. He's not talking about the 6<sup>th</sup> week, nor the 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> week, nor the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> week, nor the 7<sup>th</sup> week—he's talking about the 9<sup>th</sup> week.

*"He that overcomes, and keeps my works to the end, to him will I give power over the nations:"*

He's not talking about the political values of today, which is deceptive.

**27:** *"And he shall rule them with a rod of iron;"*

And we will see this unfold during the millennium.

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32 [Job 38:2](#) Who [is] this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?



The rod of iron is as the lion; the Lion of Judah will be roaring from Jerusalem when Jesus' reign takes place during the 9<sup>th</sup> week. We will be there to assist and to oversee, and to establish communities in the name of Christ; that the folly of these nations, which is happening right now, will not happen again during the time period of the millennium, the thousand year reign of Christ.

*"as the vessels of a potter shall they"*

which means, the things that they embrace and they hold and they savor are going to be broken. A broken vessel is that which (62) enters into death, as it says in Ecclesiastes<sup>33</sup>

*"they"*

the sinners

*"shall they be broken to shivers:"*

being confounded—split in thinking, scattered in thought

"I will scatter their imaginations abroad, and they will see that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men,

*"even as I received of my Father"*

for your record. Last verses here....

**28:** *"And I will give him the morning star."*

Again, this is another reward (having to do with) positions as sons of God.

The morning star also represents a new dawning, a new beginning, a new day, and new creation, which has to do with new heavens and new earth, which we'll be reading about in Revelation 21.

Last verse:

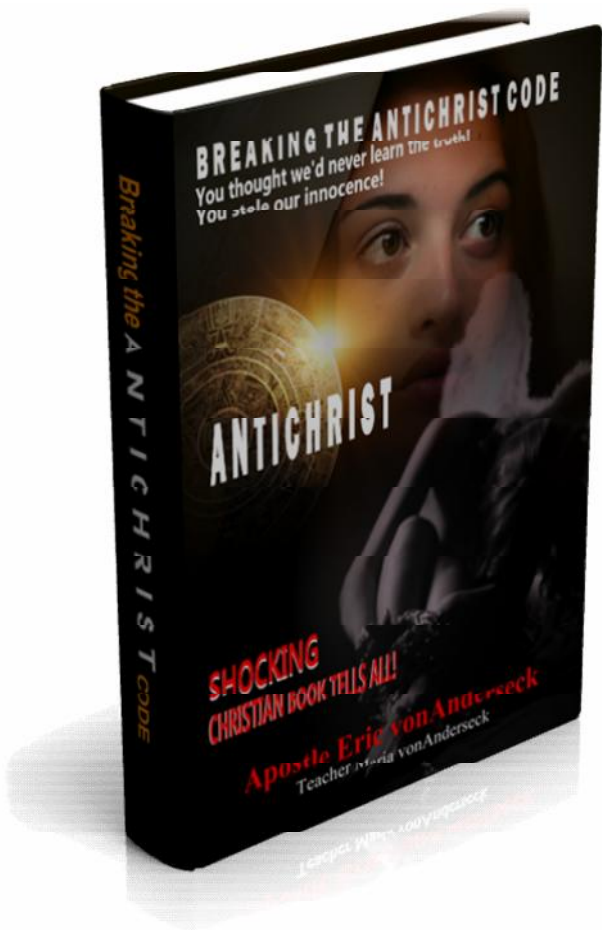
**29:** *"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."*

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<sup>33</sup>[Ecc 12:6,7](#) Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. (7) Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

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## Covenant Faith: Three Simple Steps to Making a Decision To Follow Christ

Everyone comes to a point in their life where they want to know more about God. Some people say they want to get closer to God. Some say they sense something missing in their faith. Others say they are desperately trying to fill a void in their life. However you say it, God has been ministering to you and calling you to Him for a long time.

You may have tried different religions or churches, looking for God. Or maybe you tried to find God in nature. But no matter what you tried, you always came back to the same place of emptiness, feeling there should be something more to life.



Regardless of how much life or religion has disappointed you, God was there time and again, encouraging you not to give up. He was there telling you that He would help you. There is a Psalm that says, “Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy,” Psalm 64:1. And another favorite is, “Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust,” Psalm 16:1.

So, here you are. All those moments of intervention on God’s part (His grace) has brought you to this point where your faith is about to embark on the final journey home.

Covenant Faith in Jesus Christ is that journey. It is vital that you understand what happened when Jesus shed His blood, and what His death and resurrection means to God. God wants to save, heal, and deliver you. God wants to remove you from Satan’s kingdom of darkness where you were spiritually

imprisoned by his lies. God invites you to have a personal relationship with Him in His kingdom, where He will accept you as His child and free you of the hold Satan has on you. God’s invitation is to free you to Him.

Covenant Faith is a simple faith to walk. You’ll learn what it means to become a Christian, and how it is possible to please God and live the kind of life He wants you to live every day. You’ll learn how easy it is to have a personal relationship with God as you walk in your spiritual priesthood.



The truth of Jesus Christ will be broken down for you in ways you never thought possible. God will begin to answer many questions that you had about Him and the purpose of your existence. Let’s now go through a few steps that will guide you to make a faith decision to follow Jesus Christ in the new way of His covenant.

## ***Step One: Understand Where You Are Spiritually and How You Got There***

For most, life's journey is not an easy one. It is much like being on a ship, drifting through thick fog; you feel lost and uncertain of your future. Every time the waves threatened to capsize your ship you cried out, "God, where are you?! I can't see through this fog, and the waves are too high for me! Help me!"



This cry the soul makes for God is desperately repeated thousands of times every day. The Psalmist said, "Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation," Psalm 27:9.

## ***What the Bible Says About Man's Condition***



Man's separation from God is a direct result of Adam having accepted Satan's promises. Satan gave Adam knowledge for his mind to work with that was a direct contradiction to the things God had told Adam. God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and Satan said, "Yes, but. . .if you eat of this tree you will get what you want."

Satan offered Adam knowledge (promise) that worked with what Adam wanted and by that knowledge, Satan taught Adam how to work around what God had said. In this way Satan took captive Adam's mind, and this is why all Adamites today are prisoners to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

This is what God said: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Genesis 2:17. God breaks sin down for us: Sin is the kingdom of Satan that Adam joined himself to by reaching for Satan's promise. There is no life in Satan's kingdom, only death.

Nothing about sin has changed since the garden. Satan continues to promise liberty, but his promise is a bondage to our self image, which brings uncertainty, works doubt in the heart, and causes man to live in fear.

Knowing these things makes the choice for life easy. Choose life by choosing to enter into God's kingdom by coming into covenant with Him.

## ***Step Two: Recognize the Voice of God Calling You***

**Did you know:** Everyone has heard the voice of God calling them out of Satan's kingdom many times. This call is the most wonderful and sweet thing imaginable. It is like a call home, a longing to be with God, a knowing that you were created for something other than what you are now experiencing.



God's call to you is special. But it's only when you stop and listen that you can hear Him more clearly. You may be wondering, If God has been calling me all my life, why has it been so difficult to find him? The reason for this difficulty is that Satan has been there too.

Every time you heard God calling you, Satan was there hanging around, listening, just like he did in the garden when God spoke to Adam. Satan designed many spiritual paths hoping you would choose one and get lost, looking for God's purpose in the wrong place.

This is why some think God's call is a call to spirituality and begin to search into everything spiritual, while others think it's a call to find themselves and begin a journey of self discovery.

It's hard to find God's true spiritual path of the covenant when Satan volunteers to be our path finder. It's like taking a trip to a faraway place. You're trying to find your way to the tourist center when this man walks up to you and tries to sell you an all-inclusive package to visit the wonderful and exotic places that only he knows about.



Everything sounds adventurous and exciting, and you trust this guy because he appears to know what he is talking about. But you haven't seen the posters around town warning tourists not to trust themselves to this murderer and thief.

In the same way, when people hear the call of God, Satan is there to send them on another journey far away from God. How do you know that is true? Because you come back to the same struggle, the same questions, the same emptiness, and the same disappointments. Does this describe your condition today?

## ***God's Call Into Covenant With Him***

A call into covenant is a call into Christ for the salvation of our souls. The Bible says that God created man in His image and likeness: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness,” Genesis 1:26. When Adam accepted Satan’s knowledge, he lost the likeness of God and gained Satan’s mindset.

Just as a father would be disappointed in a son who follows another path, because the father no longer sees in his son an image of himself, so God, in the same way, is disappointed with man.

When He looks at man’s soul he does not see a likeness of Himself. What does he see? He sees the likeness of Satan. This is the likeness man gained after Adam’s fall: “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23.

Jesus knows this to be true. This is why he referred to Satan as the “father” of the sinner (John 8:44). All sinners shall have their portion in the lake of fire because that is Satan’s destiny. Nothing of Satan can be allowed into God’s kingdom.

To change this, God provided man with a way back to Him. God gave man a chance to regain the likeness of God. God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the world, thereby offering forgiveness by a covenant of blood.

### **John 3:16**

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

### **Hebrews 13:20-21**

“Now the God of *peace*, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting *covenant*, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same *image* from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

God is calling to you to believe the testimony of Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus is the Messiah, the Saviour. He is the one who was prophesied to make reconciliation for the sins of the world, to blot out your transgressions, and to join you back to God through Himself.

Jesus shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify your faith, that your faith may be pleasing to God.

Jesus rose again from the dead to establish a new priesthood in Himself, a living priesthood of knowledge to establish your communion with Him by this knowledge, that God might change you into His image by the power of the Holy Ghost.

You must believe this report and be baptized with the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues. It is by this engrafting of the Holy Spirit in you that you gain His likeness.

### ***Step Three: Make the Decision to Come Into Covenant With God***

Jesus said, “him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out,” John 6:37. God makes it easy for you to come to Christ that God might establish His testimony in you. All you need to do is respond to His grace and accept His invitation. If you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and if you desire God’s forgiveness of sins, I invite you to respond to His grace by praying this prayer right now.

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## **PRAYER**

Almighty God, I humbly come before your throne of grace. I believe the testimony of Jesus Christ; that He is the Messiah, the Savior, that He is the one who was prophesied to come to seal our faith and make us complete in Him, and that it is His sacrifice that blots out our transgressions. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died to make reconciliation for the sins of the world to join me back to You through Himself.

I believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify my faith, that my faith may be pleasing to You. I believe that Jesus rose again from the dead to establish a new priesthood in Himself, a living priesthood of knowledge to establish my communion with You by this knowledge that I might be changed into His image by the power of the Holy Ghost.



I ask that You forgive me for walking contrary to your covenant for I ignorantly worshiped what I did not understand. It is You that put a difference between truth and error, darkness and light, and I choose to leave the kingdom of sin and enter into your kingdom.

I am tired of living by Satan’s lies, and I desire to walk on the true path of faith in Jesus Christ whereby I can regain your likeness. I accept your knowledge of faith and ask that You baptize me in the Holy Spirit and assist me to pray in tongues.

If you have prayed this prayer with faith in your heart, then God has forgiven you of your sins and declared you righteous. He will now seal your faith with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and you will begin to speak in tongues that you may begin a relationship with Him.

### ***God's 4-Step Program***

To convert you to Christ God is bringing you through 4 steps of His own to claim you as His child.

1. The first step is *grace*: Grace is His voice that you are hearing right now, calling you. That is God's part, to provide you grace that you may believe in Jesus. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
2. The second step is *faith*: That is your part. God's invitation to come into covenant is made effective upon grace entering into your heart. You need to yield to the grace of God and accept it. Your confession of faith means that you believe the testimony of Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
3. The third step is *righteousness*: Upon seeing your heart of faith yielding to His grace God declares you righteous; you have met the standard God placed in His Son for faith to reflect Him, and you are now ready for the final step to come into covenant with God. *Romans 4:6,9,12*
4. The fourth step is the *seal of the Spirit*: The seal of the Spirit is the baptism of the Spirit evidenced by tongues. God needs to bring your faith into the house of Jesus Christ where He can properly care for you and nurture you. *Romans 4:11; Ephesians 1:13*

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