

## BOOK OF GALATIANS – VERSE BY VERSE EXEGESIS

### CHAPTER 3

#### INTRODUCTION

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For calculation of gematria: [Galatians 3 Gematria Analysis](#).

#### THEME OF CHAPTER

Gematria of chapter 3 is 251,569. After subtracting 211 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 690. Spiritual number 690 links Galatians 3 to Isaiah 11.

The 690<sup>th</sup> verse in the Bible is Genesis 25v31: “**But Jacob said [to Esau] ‘Sell me your birthright as of this day’**”

Esau was weak - but not weak to the point of death as he said (this was a ruse – he despised his birthright). He swore to Jacob and sold his birthright. Jacob gave him bread and a stew of red lentils which refreshed him.

It was a momentous transformation of the spiritual order of things. Jacob, although he was second born, was now heir of the family estate – although at that moment they owned no land.

The 690<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels is Matt. 21v8: “**And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road**”.

Isaiah 11: “**There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse and a Branch shall grow out of his roots**.” (v1)

By laying down branches [of Olive trees] on the road the people signify that Jesus, the Righteous Branch, the Messiah, their hope, was entering Jerusalem to be cut off. By spreading their clothes on the road the people signify the rejection of Messiah by the Jewish authorities would render them all naked. The Jews would cease to be the People of God. [Until much later they would be grafted back in (Romans 11)]

Isaiah 11: “**And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse who shall stand as a banner for the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious**” (v10)

Esau (then the heir) selling his birthright is prophetic of the Jews (then the heir) rejecting their Messiah. It was now possible for the Gentiles to become the heir (of the promises of God by faith). The Jews were in line for the inheritance. In their weakness they sold it. They crucified Christ to preserve their place in the world, however precarious it was under Rome. The color of Rome is red: a dish of red lentils is life under Rome.

Bible number 690 means ROOT OF JESSE SHOOTS UP. ‘His resting place shall be glorious’:

Christ was crucified but rose on the third day. He is now ascended and sits at the right hand of God.

## PARSING THE VERSES INTO SECTIONS

Galatians 3 has 29 verses. 29 is a prime number - it has no divisors. Therefore Galatians 3 does not divide into sub-sections of equal length.

## VERSE BY VERSE EXEGESIS

**Gal. 3v1: “O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?”**

Gematria of Gal.3v1 is 11,771. After 9 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 1,070. Spiritual number 1,070 links this verse to 1 Cor. 8. Bible number 1,070 means BELIEVERS IN IDOL TEMPLES CAUSE LOSS OF FAITH.

The 1,070<sup>th</sup> verse in the Bible is Gen. 36v28: “**These were the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.**” Dishan was the 7<sup>th</sup> and last son of Seir the Horite. The Horites were the original inhabitants the Land of Seir who became subservient to the Kings of Edom.

The Horites did not have kings. Their territory was divided among many chiefs. This reflected their character as free peoples. Government was based on the principle of local self-determination.

The word ‘Hori’ means ‘they made themselves free’. Job lived in the land of Uz (Job 1v1). Uz was the son of Dishan. Job lived in Horite territory. There is no genealogy of Job. Neither is there a genealogy of the Horites.

The author humbly suggests the Horites were a splinter group from the Canaanite clan of Hivites. In Gen.36v2 Aholibamah is described as ‘the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite’. In Gen.36v20 Zibeon is described as the son of Seir the Horite. Then in Gen. 36v25 the same Aholibamah is described as his grand-daughter. Zibeon was a Horite chief. His ancestry traces back to the Hivites.

It appears the Horites migrated to the land of Seir in similar fashion to the Edomites. The Horites left their ancestral territory in Canaan in search of a new home. The Hivites occupied the hilly region of Lebanon near Mount Hermon. They also occupied Gibeon (Joshua 9). It was the Hivites who tricked Joshua into making peace with them by saying they were a tribe from a far off land (half-truth).

Job knew the LORD. Is it far-fetched to suggest the Horites left their home in Canaan to seek a place where they could freely worship the LORD? They clearly were uncomfortable in the idol worshipping land of Canaan.

Where did Moses meet the LORD? At Horeb: the Mountain of God (Exo. 3v1). We demonstrate in our paper ‘[Chronology of Wilderness Wanderings](#)’ that Horeb is not Mount Sinai. It is located in north eastern Arabia at the extreme end of the Midian mountains. The Horites lived in the next mountain range north of Horeb: not far from the Mountain of God. Horeb was a stronghold of the LORD. He must have had believers in that region. Connecting all the dots we propose the Horites were a community of faith that preceded Israel.

The Horites inter-married with the Edomites. In the course of time they lost their faith and were subsumed into the Edomite kingdom. The LORD brought the Israelites back to Mount Horeb so the faith could continue.

Paul says 'O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth?'

The Galatians were the first Gentile believers to trust the LORD. Later there were seven more churches in Asia Minor. All these communities of free Christians struggled to keep the faith. After hundreds of years Christianity became the official religion of the former Eastern Roman Empire, later known as Byzantium. Former communities of free Christians in Anatolia were replaced by dioceses overseen by Orthodox priests.

Samuel likened rebellion to the LORD to the sin of witchcraft (1 Sam 15 v 23). It is not a light matter to adopt organized religion if you are a free Christian. It is a heavy matter with grave consequences. The community members cannot lose their salvation but the community of faith can lose God's support. Their lampstand is removed from before His throne. (See our paper [Galatians 1 – Verse By Verse Exegesis](#) page 1).

Byzantium would engage in armed struggle over Anatolia with the Persians then the Turks. Anatolia would fall firmly in the grip of Moslem powers. Then Byzantium itself would be overtaken. This is what happens when a lampstand is withdrawn from before the throne of God.

**Gal. 3v2: "This only would I learn of you: Received you the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"**

Gematria of Gal.3v2 is 9,084. After 7 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 761. Spiritual number 761 links this verse to Jeremiah 16. Bible number 761 means CHILDREN SLAUGHTERED.

The 761<sup>st</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 27v33: "**Then Isaac trembled exceedingly and said 'Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came and I have blessed him – and indeed he shall be blessed'**"

Isaac was 60 years old when Esau and Jacob were born. Esau, which means 'hairy', was born first and in line for the blessing. Esau became an outdoorsman, a 'man of the field'. Isaac loved Esau because he ate the wild game he killed. But Rebekah loved Jacob.

When Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see he commanded Esau to prepare him a meal of wild game before he died so he could bless him. Rebekah prepared such a meal and sent Jacob dressed as Esau into his father to steal the blessing.

Here is the hard reality. Esau was not a spiritual man. He lived for hunting, killing and feasting on wild meat. Esau was a 'man of blood'. Such a man is not qualified to carry the torch of faith down to the next generation.

Esau respected his father. He obeyed his father. Esau proves it is possible to be a good son (by man's definition) and not love God<sup>1</sup>.

Isaac and Esau were traditionalists. They believed that honoring parents was a key to perpetuating the family name. Isaac gave Esau a command (to hunt game) and Esau obeyed. In return Esau would receive the blessing and become head of the family when Isaac passed.

'Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me?'

The problem was Esau was not fit to become head of a spiritual family. He was carnal, unspiritual. If he became head of the family he would resist the Holy Spirit. If he continued to pass down the head of the family to carnal sons like him before long the entire family would be unspiritual. The lamp of God would snuff out.

'I ate all of it before you came'

God has seen this movie before. During the days of Noah violence filled the earth. The holy remnant was only four families crowded into one boat. Everything that had breath perished in the deluge. God is not a fan of men who choose violent occupations when gentler occupations are available.

**"Received you the Spirit by the works of the law?"**

Religion is a traditionalist system. It is filled with 'good people' (by man's definition) who do their religious duty and teach their children to do likewise. The problem is systems of works can be operated by unspiritual people. By religious works has no man ever experienced new birth [receiving the Spirit].

**"or by the hearing of faith?"**

Noah was blessed when he obeyed the LORD's command to build an Ark. Abraham was blessed when he heard the command to leave Ur and obeyed by following the LORD to the land he would show him.

Men experience the new birth [receive the Spirit] when they believe. Rebekah asked Jacob to risk his life to save the family from annihilation (Esau becoming the head). Jacob believed this command came from God (which it was). Jacob received the Spirit of God by hearing the call of God and obeying the call of God.

'I have blessed him – and indeed he shall be blessed'

In return for obedience to God's call Jacob had to flee and depart on a perilous journey to a foreign country. He would be tricked and taken advantage of by slippery relatives. In spite of all his trials Jacob persevered and never lost faith. In this world he did not find many days of rest or peace. But his testimony for God is enshrined in Scripture forever as a blazing torch. His name is known and revered by countless believers. From his loins the line of the Messiah came. His place in the roll call of faith is glorious.

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<sup>1</sup> Jesus said no man is good. Esau had a decent relationship to his father but he had other weaknesses – including a readiness to use violence against people who offended him.

Jer. 16: “For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and daughters who are born in this place... They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not be lamented or buried but they shall be like refuse on the ground” (v3-4)

Jer. 16: “Why has the LORD pronounced all this great disaster against us? Or what is our iniquity?... then you shall say to them ‘Because your fathers have forsaken Me’... ‘They have walked after other gods and have served them’” (v10-11)

Adopting man’s religion is idolatry. The leader of man’s religion, the Pope or the Patriarch, is a ‘god’ before whom all religious followers bow down and serve. (Not to mention shrines or statues honoring saints).

Paul is speaking prophetically. Europe will become fully enslaved to man-made religions. Europe is therefore doomed to see disaster after disaster. Without a candlestick to stand before the throne of God, God will withhold His protection. The bubonic plague will come. The Mongol invasion will come. The Moors will invade Iberia. The Turks and Ottomans will invade Anatolia and Greece. The wars of religion between Catholics and Protestants will come. World War I and World War II will come.

The righteous remnant will escape Europe. The Puritans will bleed off and settle in America. The US will be blessed. Foreign wars will rarely reach American soil. Free believers will flourish for an extended period of time. The candlestick of their faith will stand before the throne of God. God will protect them (for a time).

**Gal. 3v3: “Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?”**

Gematria of Gal.3v3 is 5,557. After 4 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 801. Spiritual number 801 links this verse to Lamentations 4. Bible number 801 means WITHOUT GOD HOLY ANGELS FALL DOWN.

The 801<sup>st</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 29v5: “Then he [Jacob] said to them ‘Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?’ And they said ‘We know him’”

Jacob had come to the end of a long journey. He went to the place where there was a well that watered the sheep. As a shepherd himself, Jacob was expecting to meet kindred spirits.

A well is a Bible type for ministry of the Word of God. Water is a Bible type of faith. But at this well a large stone was on the well’s mouth (v2). The Word of God was seldom preached. At this well it was only once a day. Those who were thirsty lay in the hot sun and were parched.

(The author was a shepherd of sheep for many years. I can tell you they need more than one drink of water per day. On hot days sheep pant to cool down. Respiration causes constant water loss. In summer time when grass is dry they also drink extra water for their rumen to function properly.)

It would be customary for locals to offer hospitality to strangers like Jacob who have just arrived after a long journey. No such hospitality was forthcoming here. So Jacob asked if they knew Laban. He needed to find a relative in order to get refreshment after his journey.

Jacob's experience is similar to today. When Christians meet newcomers the first question they ask is 'What church do you go to?'. Even in small towns the body of Christ is sundered into tribal sects. If you are not members of the same sect then for all practical purposes it is as if you are not related.

When the communion of the saints is degraded into groups that associate based on loyalty to a sect the power of the Gospel is neutered. Instead of a faith statement: 'I am with Christ' there is a faith statement: 'I am with the Conservative Baptists' or 'I am with the Pentecostals' or 'I am with the Lutherans'.

The Word of God and the community of faith are not commodities to be monopolized by religious sects. Everyone who is thirsty for the truth needs to have access to it any time of the day for free. Later in the chapter Rachel shows up with her sheep. Jacob rolls away the stone himself and waters the sheep.

Ministry is not meant to be restricted to professional ministers who preach the Word of God once a week in return for financial offerings. This is equivalent to a well with a stone rolled over the mouth that is rolled away at one specific time then rolled back the rest of the time.

Ministry is meant to be open to lay ministers such as Jacob who preach the Word in season, i.e. whenever and wherever the circumstances require it, without charge.

Again we see the shortcomings of religion organized around professional ministers. It starves the sheep. The sheep suffer from thirst and cease to bear lambs.

Lamentations 4: "The tongue of the infant clings to the roof of its mouth for thirst; the young children ask for bread but no one breaks it for them." (v4)

**Gal. 3v4: "Have you suffered so many things in vain? If [it be] yet in vain."**

Gematria of Gal.3v4 is 1,817. After 1 rotation of 1189 the remainder is 628. Spiritual number 628 links this verse to Psalm 150. Bible number 628 means LORD IS HONORED.

Without doubt the saints who follow Christ in the way that Paul followed Christ are in store for 'suffering many things'. The hypocrites will circle the wagons and put up a fight if necessary to protect their goods, their woman and children in the flesh. They will use worldly means to put distance between themselves and harm.

The Galatians who responded to the call of God put themselves in a vulnerable position. They won't get support from the local pagan priest. They'll run afoul of the Romans who protect paganism as their official religion. They will be cut off from family members who do not convert to Christianity. The Jews will consider them to be blasphemers and a rival sect among monotheists. They will spy on them, and look for opportunities to accuse them before the courts. Because of all these problems the Galatians will carry on normal daily activities like buying, selling, and interacting with authorities with great difficulty.

Early Galatian believers were also vulnerable to false teachers and false brothers. Unlike Jewish converts they had no familiarity with Scriptures. They were mere babes in Christ: easily led astray, easily fall away.

God has so ordained things that His power is made perfect in weakness.

The number 628 = 2 x 314. By translation 628 means DIVISION (2) of NO GOD IN ISRAEL (314).

In the 314<sup>th</sup> Bible Chapter (1 Kings 1) King Ahaziah sent a captain with fifty men to capture Elijah. Elijah said '**I am a Man of God then let fire come down from Heaven and consume you and your fifty men**' (v10). And fire came down and consumed them.

But the situation of the Galatians was the opposite (# 2) to the situation in 1 Kings 1 (# 314). There was no 'Man of God' to protect them from authorities. Paul had come as a servant of Christ to wash their feet. Paul did not come in the power of Elijah to call down the fire of God on their enemies.

The reason Christians suffer is so that Christ can be more fully formed in their hearts, minds, soul, and being. This is the goal of our faith journey, to be more like Christ.

'Have you suffered so many things in vain?'

Suffering for Christ is never in vain. It brings glory to God. It will never be forgotten but memorialized forever. Out eternal rewards will reflect our devotion. The nations who persecute us will sorely regret doing so:

628<sup>th</sup> verse of Isaiah: "**At the noise of the tumult the people shall flee; when You lift yourself up, the nations will be scattered**" (33v3)

**Gal. 3v5: "He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you, [does he do it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"**

Gematria of Gal.3v5 is 9,691. After 8 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 179. Spiritual number 179 links this verse to Deut. 26. Bible number 179 means POOR HAVE FAITH.

Deut. 26 documents the sequence of events in the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt.

First, the Hebrews were completely helpless. They had no political voice, no wealth, no agency in their life:

**"My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt..."** (v5)

**"But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us"** (v6)

Second, the Hebrews had no religious freedom. They had no priests, no temple, no worship whatsoever. They were prohibited from observing their religion. So by no means could religious works save them.

Third, in their extremity the Hebrews called to God and God heard them:

**"Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression"** (v7)

Fourth, the LORD brought His people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm:

“So the LORD brought us out... with great terror and signs and wonders” (v8)

“He has brought us to this place and has given us this land ‘flowing with milk and honey’” (v9)

All this happened without any religious works being performed by the Hebrews.

Deliverance came to the Hebrews because of their faith (they cried out to the LORD) and because of God’s grace (he saved them not because of any merit they accumulated through religious works but because He is a gracious God who does good to the undeserving and to the sinner).

This is how the LORD God dispenses blessings for all time to all people.

The Galatians were in the same position as the Hebrews. They were slaves (to sin) who could not save themselves. They cried out to the LORD God in faith. Even though they were not His people, out of God’s grace He saved them and delivered them from sin. There were no religious works the Galatians could have performed which would have assisted their cause beforehand. There were no religious works the Galatians were asked to perform afterwards. The Galatians were set free.

The 179<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels:

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you” (Matt. 7v7)

**Gal. 3v6: “Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v6 is 7,249. After 6 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 115. Spiritual number 115 links this verse to Leviticus 25. Bible number 115 means DEATHLY SILENCE.

Leviticus 25 describes the seventh year rest and the year of Jubilee.

“Six years you will sow your field and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather its fruit” (v3)

“...in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard” (v4)

“And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants... and each of you shall return to his possession... and to his family” (v10)

“For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.” (v55)

The Hebrews under the Law were not free men. They were servants of the LORD who were required to perform many religious obligations including numerous special requirements at special times (see above).

In contrast, Abraham was a free man. Abraham was not required to observe the Law of Moses – indeed he was not even aware of it. Abraham received numerous blessings and promises from God. Perhaps the greatest blessing was to be accounted righteous by faith. Righteousness meant Abraham was considered sinless – he could not be eternally damned – instead he would look forward to spending eternity in the presence of the LORD.

The Good News, the Gospel, is that under the New Covenant of Jesus Christ both Gentiles and Hebrews are offered the blessing of Abraham, righteousness, which they may receive by believing Jesus paid for their sins on the Cross, rose on the third day, and has ascended to the right hand of God in Heaven.

The 115<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels:

**“Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are still on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you are thrown in prison” (Matt. 5v25)**

God is our Creator. Sin is an offense against Him. When we sin we make God our adversary. Because He is just we cause Him to take action against us to redress the sin. Because God is gracious, if we repent He will forgive. But if we refuse to repent our eternal destiny and fate is sealed – a prison of punishment forever.

**Gal. 3v7: “Know you therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v7 is 5,335. After 4 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 579. Spiritual number 579 links this verse to Psalm 101. Bible number 579 means CITY OF THE LORD PURIFIED.

The 579<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Gen. 23v7: **“Then Abraham stood up and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth”**.

Sarah died in Hebron (Kirjath Arba) and Abraham came to mourn for her and weep. Abraham spoke to the sons of Heth in Hebron and asked to buy a burial place for Sarah. They said ‘You are a mighty prince among us – bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. None of us will withhold his burial place from you’.

When Abraham bowed to the sons of Heth it was his way of saying ‘I see God is in you’. Abraham was an itinerant shepherd. He did not possess land, or titles, or command an army. The sons of Heth in Hebron could only recognize him as a ‘mighty prince’ if they recognized Abraham’s God as King of the Universe and Abraham as his son. In order to do that, they must have faith in Abraham’s God themselves<sup>2</sup>.

How could the sons of Heth in Hebron have faith? Sarah lived there. They heard from Sarah the account of the miraculous birth of Isaac, the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, and many other miracles since God called them from Ur.

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<sup>2</sup> Not all Canaanites were unbelievers. Rahab is another example.

Heth was a son of Canaan. Most Canaanites clans lived in the plains but Hittites lived in the mountains. Some of the sons of Heth (different than these) had migrated to Anatolia and founded the Hittite Empire from 1700 BC to 1178 BC. Abraham died around 1638 BC just after Labarna I became the first King of the Hittites.

Psalms 101 gives us a clue how these sons of Heth were different than the rest of the Canaanites:

**“I will behave wisely in a perfect way... I will set no wicked thing before my eyes... the perverse heart shall depart from me... My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way. He shall serve me.”**

The sons of Heth weren't judging Abraham based on his ethnicity. They judged Abraham based on his walk with God. They also judged the rest of the Canaanite clans and were so disgusted they lived in the mountains rather than associate with them. During the time of Abraham many sons of Heth departed Canaan and found a new home in the hills of Anatolia.

Uriah the Hittite was a captain in the army of David. Unlike many soldiers Uriah's conscience was very pure. David offered him a bed in the castle but Uriah slept outside because 'the armies of Israel are in the field'.

Bible number 579 means CITY OF THE LORD PURIFIED.

Why is it that so many hear the Gospel and don't respond? Their conscience is corrupted. They don't see the injustice of crucifying an innocent man or they don't care if innocent men suffer. The suffering of others is not their concern. Their hearts are hardened in sin.

But if any man or woman or child beats their breast and weeps when they hear the cruel torture and murder of God's only son Jesus Christ they are close to the Kingdom of God. This was true of the sons of Heth in Hebron just as it was true of the Galatians who lived in the same region hundreds of years after them.

All they needed was a preacher to explain to them Christ's motivation to come to earth – to save us from sin; and how they can receive salvation – by repenting and asking God for forgiveness on Christ's account.

When they believe, whether it is before the Cross (the sons of Heth in Hebron) or after the Cross (the Galatians) they join the faith – and become 'the children of Abraham'.

**Gal. 3v8: “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel to Abraham, [saying], in thee shall all nations be blessed.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v8 is 9,630. After 8 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 118. Spiritual number 118 links this verse to Numbers 1. Bible number 118 means JEWS FOLLOW JESUS.

The 118<sup>th</sup> verse in the Bible is Genesis 5v12 **“Cainan lived seventy years and begot Mahalalel”**.

Numbers 1 describes the numbering of the tribes of Israel in the desert. All the men twenty years and above – all who are able to go to war in Israel - were counted. The total was 603,550.

The LORD is saying by this census 'You are all men of blood – guilty sinners'. The experiment of the Hebrews being God's People will not succeed. Their days are numbered.

However, the tribe of Levi was not counted. God said 'The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone according to his own standard, according to their armies.' But 'the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the... children of Israel'.

Although the Hebrews will fail as God's People there will always be servants of God to keep the testimony of the LORD alive. Those free believers are the salt of the earth – the pleasure of God – and restrain God's wrath.

The tribes of Israel are prophetic of the Christian nations of Europe<sup>3</sup>. So by direct association we can conclude that the experiment of preaching the Gospel to the Europeans will also fail.

Europe will harden and atrophy into so-called Christian nations who will behave like the sinful tribes of Israel: they will equip armies of men to guard their turf and make war with one another.

There will still be a harvest of souls from the preaching of the Gospel. Like the Levites there will be men of God in the land. Their souls will be inspired and illuminated by the glories of Jesus Christ.

Cainan was born 325 years after the birth of Adam<sup>4</sup>. The 325<sup>th</sup> Bible chapter is 2 Kings 12 where Jehoash tries to redirect temple offerings to repair the temple but his project is resisted by the priests. Only when he orders officers to guard the offerings are they spent on the needed repairs. But there is a conspiracy among his servants and they rise up and kill the good king.

So it will also be in Europe. The testimony of the Gospel will be resisted by priests. Eager to lay their hands on loot they will go as far as slaying anyone who opposes their hegemony over the body of Christ. The preaching of the Gospel will become corrupt and decrepit in the hands of acquisitive religionists.

The 118<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels: **"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart"** (Matt. 5v28)

Believers are betrothed to Christ. He shed His blood to save us. We are His bride to be. Priests and religionists lust this beautiful woman. By deceit they draw believers into their own houses, set themselves up as husbands, and made the saints into their own wives. Adultery!

God foreknew that the experiment of the Hebrews being God's People would fail. So he spoke to Abraham and said 'in thee all nations shall be blessed'. Likewise God foreknew that the experiment of the Europeans being God's people would fail. Christians in the millions would migrate away from Europe.

In Europe today atheism is the dominant worldview. Religionists originating in Europe have prisons filled with parishioners around the world. But the faith is still alive in parts of America, Africa, and Asia.

<sup>3</sup> See our paper [MAP OF THE DESERT CAMP](#)

<sup>4</sup> 130 years to Seth; 105 years to Enosh; 90 years to Cainan (Gen.5v3,6,9)

**Gal. 3v9: "So then they which are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."**

Gematria of Gal. 3v9 is 7,629. After 6 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 495. Spiritual number 495 links this verse to Psalm 17. Bible number 495 means AWAKE TO SEE GOD'S FACE.

Psalm 17 says "Hear a just cause O LORD, attend to my cry. Give ear to my prayer [which is] not from deceitful lips" (v1)

The Psalmist does not say 'O LORD, see all the good religious works I have done', or 'O LORD, see how perfect my relationship is with every person I have ever met', or 'O LORD, pay attention to all the sermons I have delivered, without error or omission or poor wording, as sublime as the Word of God itself'.

The only basis for a right relationship with God is to cry out to Him in our distress, our deficiency, our impotency, our impurity. God is holy and we are sinners.

Psalm 17 says "Keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me under the shadow of your wings" (v8)

As imperfect and flawed as we are God considers us to be treasured loved ones. The author thinks of the people in his life he loved dearly. The grandmother who sat me on her knee and read me Bible stories in my youth. She was overweight, irritable, and difficult. Not a perfect human being. But in my eyes she was like an angel. This is how the LORD sees us: as His dear family.

Psalm 17 says "As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness" (v15)

Abraham spent his life in self-denial and un-fulfilment. God made promises which tarried. God made promises Abraham could not live long enough to see. God chose him to be a prophet then showed him how weak his faith was. He went to war then denied himself from taking any spoil. God gave him a godly wife who offered bad advice and spoke out of turn.

Why did Abraham persist in the faith? He was the friend of God. He truly loved the Divine person. After years of squatting in a makeshift camp in the wilderness Abraham didn't have much to boast about in terms of the life he lived. But in the cool of the evening, his heart yearned for the voice of his friend. The great hope of Abraham's life was to be released from the earth and be transformed into a new body that could dwell in God's presence, hear His voice, and rejoice together with all the multitudes of saints who have ever loved Him.

'They which are of faith'

We are a motley crew. We trip over our own feet. We are led astray by our appetites. We have nothing in ourselves or in this world to boast. But we love God and we love those who love God. As we gain more life experience we see how little this life has to offer our souls, indeed how much it robs us. As our walk with God matures our desire deepens to hear His voice, to see His face, to meet others who love Him too.

**Gal. 3v10: “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, ‘Cursed [is] every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them’.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v10 is 13,334. After 11 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 255. Spiritual number 255 links this verse to 1 Samuel 19. Bible number 255 means PROPHET SHAMEFULLY NAKED.

The 255<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 10v20: “These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands and their nations”

1 Sam 19 is the account of King Saul repeatedly trying to kill David. His son Jonathon pleaded for David with Saul in the field and Saul swore ‘As the LORD lives he shall not be killed’ (v6). But when Saul was in his house and David was playing music an evil spirit came upon Saul and he tried to pin David to the wall with a spear.

A similar thing happened to Ham. Noah drank of the wine and was drunk, becoming uncovered in his tent. Ham saw the nakedness of his father. [Implying he went into the tent and abused him.]

Saul went mad with murderous intent in a house of worship – David was making music to the LORD. Ham became a sexual predator in Noah’s tent – a place where social custom dictated utmost respect for elders.

A house of worship is meant to be an ultra-safe place. Worshippers lay aside their weapons, their grievances, their animosities and turn their eyes to the LORD. (Hence the importance of self-examination 1 Cor. 11v17-28)

The home of the elder of the community of faith, Noah, performed the function of a house of worship and was to be treated with the same respect.

‘Cursed is everyone that continues not in all things written in the book of the Law’

Before there was a Law of Moses there was a universal moral code, civil and sacred, that everyone understood and obeyed. To transgress this code was to sin against the entire community. The universal moral code sustained health and long life for the community. To transgress it tore down the community.

Ancient cultures viewed moral decisions and behaviors not merely with positive or negative effects in the present but with positive or negative effects on future generations.

The crime of murder was particularly repugnant. Taking a life was odious by itself but bloodshed cursed the land for everyone.

For example, the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and Anishinabe tribes in North America had a principle that decisions must reflect consequences for the next seven generations of descendants.

But Ham and his sons departed from the universal moral code. An evil spirit came upon them and they performed despicable deeds out of personal interests (Saul) or personal desires (Ham).

For this behavior they became cursed. They came under community judgment without remedy (See Cain).

Curses and blessings are super long-lasting. Sons eagerly desired their father's blessing. It wouldn't merely affect them but it would pass down for generations after them.

'according to their families... their languages... their lands and nations'

Africa (the land of Ham) illustrates how generational sin affects civic unity. Many countries, Nigeria for example, are plagued by ethnic, linguistic, and religious divisions. African nations have struggled to develop. They have been at the mercy of autocratic strong men acting out of personal interest. Civil wars erupt on a seemingly endless basis. Corruption is endemic. Jihadists, pirates, and bandits are in abundance.

Canaan illustrated this too. A small land but composed of a patchwork of many independent kingdoms: a mosaic of ethnic, linguistic, cultural, and religious diversity. Every family, every tribe went its own way. No common universal moral code united them. This was lost when Canaan was cursed.

'an evil spirit came upon him'

Parts of Africa continue to this day to be in the clutches of animist religions. Practitioners of voodoo and black magic stalk the streets and extort local people fearful of their spells.

Canaan was filled with idol worshippers. The people literally worshipped demons.

History of Israel: Moral decline, Civic decline

It is not as if Ham or Canaan were the only sinners. Since Adam all mankind is under a Curse (of death). God knew our predicament was hopeless and so He set in motion a plan of salvation and redemption.

By God's mercy and grace Israel swept into the Promised Land equipped with the perfect Law of God. God was with them and they became one nation under God.

But sin reared its head. Men like Saul tore down the community by pursuing personal interests ahead of public interests. King David was guilty of horrible moral failings, including adultery with Bathsheba. Solomon sinned in permitting forbidden worship in the Holy City. The nation split into two: Israel and Judah fought endless wars. Israel departed from the faith.

Even though the Israelites had the Law of God they did not continue in it and became a cursed people. It was inevitable the community would be torn into pieces and eventually be removed from the map. Only by God's mercy did a remnant return and rebuild the nation. Sin and pursuit of personal interest plagued it as well. The Messiah came and was rejected. The Kingdom of Judah was dispersed a second time.

'As many as are of the works of the Law are under a Curse'

The Law saves no one. Through the Law sin multiplies and sin magnifies. We need a Savior to rescue us from the Curse. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome sin. We need the blessings of Abraham to motivate us and drive us to live holy lives of self-denial and selfless community service.

**Gal. 3v11: “But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God [is] evident: for, the just shall live by faith.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v11 is 8,093. After 6 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 959. Spiritual number 959 links this verse to Mark 2. Bible number 959 means HOLY ONE CAN DO NOTHING WRONG.

The 959<sup>th</sup> verse in the Bible is Gen. 32v30: “So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: ‘For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved’”.

Jacob was afraid of his brother Esau. He sent his wives and children and all his livestock over the river Jabbok and was left alone. A man wrestled with him until the break of day. He asked to be let go but Jacob would not until He blessed him. So He changed his name from ‘Jacob’ to ‘Israel’ because he ‘struggled with God and with men and has prevailed.’

Here is a spiritual truth: we cannot receive the power of God unless we give up trust in our own strength.

Mark 2 is the account of a paralytic man. Four men brought him to Jesus by scaling the roof, tearing the tiles off, and lowering the man down on his pallet into the meeting where Jesus was. Jesus said ‘Son, your sins are forgiven you’ (v5). Then Jesus commanded the man to ‘arise, take up your pallet and walk’ (v11).

The paralytic man had no strength. Jesus saw his faith (in God – no hope in himself) and he was healed.

Jacob’s struggle is displayed in the Heavenly star sign Opheuchus<sup>5</sup> – the Wrestler. Opheuchus is struggling with a coiling snake and a scorpion under foot. The eyes of Opheuchus are face to face with up-side down Hercules – which pictures the mighty Messiah coming down from Heaven to Earth. Opheuchus prevails, not because of his own strength, but because he is willing to continue to struggle until Messiah comes and defeats the Devil once and for all.

The moment God perceives a human has given up on their strength, which in Jacob’s case was scheming, and puts all their trust in God’s strength, God grants the victory. And the next day Israel met his brother and the meeting was blessed by God. Esau greeted him warmly and there was no bloodshed.

While he struggled in the dark of night Jacob looked up at the stars and saw the ‘face of God’ in the Heavenly Sign Hercules. He knew the battle was won. All he had to do was hold onto his faith.

Lying down on his mat the paralytic man looked up and saw the actual face of Jesus. God manifest in the flesh. His sin was forgiven. He was released from his bondage of disease. He walked away whole.

‘The just shall live by faith’

If we believe law keeping grants us righteousness we are putting trust in our works – not in God’s strength. If God perceives we are trusting in our strength he will not grant us salvation or any blessing.

<sup>5</sup> See our paper [Ophiuchus](#) on Page 7.0 STARS on our website.

**Gal. 3v12: “And the law is not of faith: but, the man that does them shall live in them.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v12 is 7,463. After 6 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 329. Spiritual number 329 links this verse to 2 Kings 16. Bible number 329 means SURRENDER EVERYTHING HOLY.

What happens to people under the Law of God (or any religious laws)? They lose their faith. Such people rely on religious works to be fulfilled. In time religion becomes repetitive and performative: they go through the motions but their heart is elsewhere. Over time focussed attention on law kills faith.

2 Kings 16 relates the story of King Ahaz of Judah. He took the throne in 741 BC (by my calculation). This was seven and a half centuries after the Exodus from Egypt. The Hebrews had lived under the Law of Moses for a long time. Many of them, like King Ahaz, had lost their faith and practiced their religion out of custom.

King Ahaz was attacked by an alliance of King Pekah of Israel and King Resin of Syria. They laid siege to Jerusalem and began to pick off towns in Judah. King Ahaz sent all the silver and gold in the treasury to the King of Assyria begging him to come to the rescue. The King of Assyria attacked Damascus and killed King Resin. In gratefulness King Ahaz constructed an altar according to Assyrian measurements and burnt offerings on it. He also dismantled and moved the bronze altar that was before the LORD.

King Ahaz put trust in the King of Assyria to save him. He erected an Assyrian altar and paid homage to the gods of Assyria. His faith in the God of Israel was zero. Bible Number 329: SURRENDER EVERYTHING HOLY.

The 329<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Gen. 13v10: “**And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plain of the Jordan that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go towards Zoar**”.

Lot was a religious man with a sensitive conscience. He despised evil. He did good to others. We would call him a ‘good person’. Peter writes of Lot that he was tormented by the lawlessness and filthy conduct of the wicked (2 Peter 2v7-8).

Lot kept his religious scruples but he lost the faith of Abraham – trust in the LORD for everything. Lot saw the land was well watered. Using his own reasoning he chose to live there. But in so doing he lost the protection of the LORD. A foreign king invaded, took Lot prisoner, and took all Lot’s goods.

Even after Abram rescued Lot he still would not humble himself and return to the household of faith. He went back to Sodom and Gomorrah to continue living a life in his own strength and wisdom. God’s judgment fell on Sodom and Gomorrah and Lot escaped only with the aid of angels.

‘the man that does them will live in them’

Lot did not return to the faith because Lot had lost the faith. Lot lived such a dedicated religious life he couldn’t extract himself from it. Even after two great disasters, Lot couldn’t stir enough faith to give up relying on his own strength and wisdom and humbly pray to the God of Abram for guidance.

**Gal. 3v13: “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed [is] every one that hangs on a tree.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v13 is 10,818. After 9 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 117. Spiritual number 117 links this verse to Leviticus 27. Bible number 117 means RELIGIOUS BUT UN-REDEEMED.

In the Garden of Eden there were two trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The Cross of Christ is the Tree of Life. Jesus said “**Whosoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise them up at the last day**” (John 6v54). To eat something, figuratively, means to chew, and swallow, and digest. To eat means to believe: specifically that which you put in your mouth is good. Even to eat a meal with another person implies they are accepted as a friend. When we put our faith in Jesus to save us from our sins we have eternal life.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is the Law. It may be the Law of Moses (God given), or it could be a law which men invent to adjudicate what are crimes and what is acceptable behavior in civil society.

We have all seen a Christmas tree. It is customary to hang decorations on the tree and to brighten the tree with lights and tinsel. The tree is placed in the house and members of the family place gifts under the tree.

The Christmas tree glorifies the social contract implicit in the law of the land. Everyone who signs up to the social contract ‘hangs from the tree’: they bind their behavior to the social norms in the law.

People sign up to the social contract because they believe it provides them with a great blessing: presents under the tree. In fact, in the West there is a notion Santa Claus keeps track of whether we are ‘good or bad’, ‘naughty or nice’. He gives presents to those who behave well – to those who keep the social contract.

But if we eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil we sin. Not because obedience to laws is a bad for society, but because we estrange ourselves from Christ. We transfer our trust to a man-made government to tell us what is good and bad, right and wrong. Government are made up of sinful men. It is guaranteed they will stray from the knowledge of God and invent perverse laws. The one who ‘hangs from the tree’ is now cursed because they have bound their soul to a rotten tree.

Why does society create laws? To punish evil-doers. But if Christ renews a person’s heart through faith in Him the Holy Spirit enters their life. They have the power to recognize when they sin, repent, and gain the power to resist sin’s temptation. They become a do-gooder. Law is not fashioned to punish such people.

Laws are made to control people influenced by the sin nature. The Holy Spirit’s work is to weaken the sinful nature and build up a godly character. We love our neighbor. We want to serve others. We forgive those who sin against us. Our desire is to please God. When we are fully transformed we will be model citizens in any society we find ourselves in.

Unless we break faith with Christ and sign up to a religious system: then we lose the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gal. 3v14: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."**

Gematria of Gal. 3v14 is 10,790. After 9 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 89. Spiritual number 89 links this verse to Exodus 39. Bible number 89 means SON OF DAVID.

The 89<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Gen. 4v9: "Then the LORD said to Cain 'Where is Abel your brother?'. He said 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'"

David was a man of blood, a warrior whose campaigns stained the Levant with blood. The Son of David is a different kind of man, a man of peace. Jesus was the descendant of David after 28 generations. The spiritual number 28 means CHRIST IN YOU. Jesus was the Messiah. In His first coming he came as a lamb to slaughter: He came in peace, like Abel the saintly shepherd before Him. And like Abel he was murdered by a brother who was jealous that God favored Him.

Exodus 39 describes the garment of the High Priest. It was an exquisite multi-colored coat, a work of art containing blue, purple, scarlet and gold woven threads overlaid with a sash, an ephod, and a breastplate. It was a garment of remembrance. The High Priest would offer incense in prayer while wearing this robe.

The death of a saint is precious to the LORD. The LORD said to Cain 'Where is Abel?' Cain did not know. Abel had left his flesh - his spirit was asleep. Abel would be raised again to life on the Last Day. Cain, operating in a carnal mindset, was oblivious to even basic truths of the universe.

The spiritual number 89 is the 24<sup>th</sup> prime number. Spiritual number 24 means 'priest'. When Jesus appeared in his Son of David role, he operated as a priest – an intermediary between God and Man. People came to Jesus with requests and He interceded on their behalf - resulting in miracles and forgiveness of sin.

All the time Jesus ministered he figuratively wore the robe of the High Priest: the martyrs to the faith were continually in his thoughts. The robe reminded Him how important it was to finish His work: to offer His life as an acceptable sacrifice on the Cross. If He faltered or failed Abel could not be resurrected. Abel is in the brotherhood of the faithful: Jesus as a brother to him must keep His promise to save His life. He kept His promise not only to Abel but to Abraham and to the sons of Abraham: all who trust in Him, including Gentiles.

'the promise of the Spirit'

When we believe we receive the Spirit of God. It is a deposit in our hearts that assures us after we pass from the world our loyalty to Christ will be remembered. We will rise like Abel on the Last Day. The lives of soldiers who fought in David's wars were sent to their deaths by their general and forgotten. Soldiers of Christ, men of peace, are remembered by our general: like the garment of the High Priest, our memory is bound to Him.

(Each of the sons of Israel is memorialized on the garment of the High Priest by a precious stone. The sons of Israel are prophetic of the Gentile nations who accept Jesus as LORD. He bears the stones over His heart.)

**Gal. 3v15: “Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; though [it be] but a man's covenant, yet [if it be] confirmed, no man dis-annuls or adds thereto.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v15 is 9,322. After 7 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 999. Spiritual number 999 links this verse to John 2. Bible number 999 means DESTROY THIS TEMPLE AND I WILL RAISE IT IN THREE DAYS.

Man is an inveterate inventor. He can't leave things alone. He must tinker and tweak. Even with perfection.

So many times in Scripture God gave instructions to His People and they modified them. God expressly told Joshua to go into Canaan and destroy the wicked idolaters who lived there. Shortly after arriving Joshua, with the approval of the elders, was making exceptions: see the deception of the Gibeonites (Joshua 9). God gave Moses the precise dimensions of the Tabernacle. That lasted until King David decided he wanted a more impressive temple of stone with different dimensions according to his own design.

In John 2 Jesus enters the temple with a whip and drives out those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. He said “**Do not make my father's house a house of merchandise**” (v16). Jewish Religion as re-invented by successive generations departed from the model given to them by God.

The 999<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 34v18: “**And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.**”

Circumcision was given to Abraham as a special rite to distinguish his descendants from the rest of humanity. The sons of Jacob proposed to amend the covenant of circumcision and include all the males of the Canaanite town of Shechem. Hamor and Shechem readily agreed to the proposal since it came with generous benefits.

'If it be confirmed, no man dis-annuls or adds thereto'

In Genesis 17 Abram was 99 years old. The LORD appeared to Abram and stipulated the covenant of circumcision. In his instructions the phrase “**you and your descendants after you**” (v7,8,9,10) occurs four times. God commanded foreigners bought with money (household slaves) be circumcised. The rite of circumcision is a special mark of Abram's descendants. God made no provision for free Gentiles, unrelated to Abraham, to be circumcised. Yet that is exactly what the Circumcision sect from Jerusalem proposed.

The sin of invention has multiplied man's religions through the whole history of Christianity. Men have added laws they invented and imposed them on believers as a condition of fellowship. In so doing they put stumbling blocks in the path of those seeking the liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said “**Destroy this temple**”. If only the Jews had listened. If only they had forsaken their man-made religion and their man-made temple and accepted Jesus as Messiah. They chose to crucify Jesus. So God arranged for their temple to be destroyed and their man-made religion to cease. This will be the fate of all the Christian religions too. All of them will lose their temples, chapels, churches, and cathedrals. All of their priests and pastors will be unemployed. The baptism of infants will cease. The collection of tithes will end. When Christ returns he will only bring free believers with Him. There will be no more man-made religion.

**Gal. 3v16: “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He said not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v16 is 15,650. After 13 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 193. Spiritual number 193 links this verse to Joshua 6. Bible number 193 means GREAT CITY FALLS. Number 193 is the 44<sup>th</sup> prime.

The Great Pyramid of Giza is solid rock. The stones are laid with great precision. The joints are so tightly fit air can't infiltrate. Except for two tiny bore holes which originate in the interior and drill through all the stones in the direction of two stars<sup>6</sup>.

God opened a breathing hole as it were through the solid stone of the Curse and placed all His precious promises on the Seed of Abraham. Humanity is thoroughly trapped under the Curse. The hope of our salvation is one tiny hole. Figuratively, the souls of saved persons exit the Curse through this narrow passage<sup>7</sup>.

The 193<sup>rd</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 8v9: **“But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot and she returned to the Ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the earth. So he put out his hand and took her and drew her into the Ark to himself.”**

In the entire cursed Earth there was only one place the dove could find safety. The master of the Ark drew her in and she lived. Such were the waves she could not enter without the assistance of his hand.

The 193<sup>rd</sup> verse of the Gospels is Matthew 7v21: **“Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of my father in Heaven”.**

And what is the will of the father in Heaven? That we utterly renounce all righteousness based on works, heredity, or religious affiliation and cry out for mercy on the merits of Christ alone. Finding ourselves filled with the Spirit of God, redeemed and renewed, we exalt the LORD in our hearts, and glorify Him before men. All our service to the LORD is rewarded if we are faithful. None of our service could ever qualify us for Heaven. Salvation belongs to the LORD. Praise His Name forever. Hallelujah!

Dear reader, are you comfortable in this world? Are you like the ducks riding the waves but staying afloat? All of us naturally seek to stay alive in this world by our wits, schemes, and effort. But we are fools if we think we can out-swim the Curse. We are doomed to be swept away. If we die without Christ, what was the point of our life? We must become like the dove. We must give up hope in this world and put our hope in the next world. When we do the effects of supernatural salvation begin to bear fruit in our life even in this world. God upholds us with his omnipotent hand. We are safe in His everlasting arms.

<sup>6</sup> See our paper [Introduction to Giza](#) page 3. The bore holes are #16 on the diagram. The holes were sealed up by the original cladding (which has long since been stripped from the pyramids and repurposed). [Spiritual number 16 means SACRIFICE].

<sup>7</sup> One of the holes begins at the end of the Ascending Passage, which is prophetic of the Age of Grace. This is the Rapture hole (to exit the earth). The other hole originates in the King's Chamber, which is prophetic of the Millennium. This is the Second Coming hole (to return to earth with Christ). Truly straight is the way and narrow is the gate to life and few find it!

**Gal. 3v17: “And this I say, [that] the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v17 is 14,240. After 11 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 1,161. Spiritual number 1,161 links this verse to 1 John 2. Bible number 1,161 means WHOEVER HATES HIS BROTHER WALKS IN DARKNESS.

The 1,161<sup>st</sup> verse in the Bible is Genesis 39v11: **“But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside”.**

Joseph was alone. It stands to reason considering Potiphar made him overseer of his house (even though he was a slave). Joseph had no rival in domestic affairs. Joseph had authority over the entire house. His master Potiphar was an officer in Pharaoh’s army. He was absent from the property for extended periods of time.

In 1161 AD the Catholic Church [Joseph] was at the zenith of its power. When the Pope called crusades the kings of Europe obeyed. Through a network of bishoprics the Papacy had Christendom tightly in their grip. Roman Catholic laws permeated European society. Catholic teaching on baptisms, the Mass, veneration of saints, marriages, confessionals, and tithing were rigorously enforced.

Paul is making the point that the Law of Moses came 430 years after the Israelites went down to Egypt. Religious law, even when it comes from God, does not annul or cancel or interrupt the promises of God which were given to Abraham: these are irrevocable.

Christianity began with a free spirit – witness the preaching of Paul to the Gentiles of Galatia. Jesus said ‘Take my yoke upon you for my burden is light’. But a thousand years later European Christianity was thoroughly religionized. The Great Schism happened in 1054 AD. Eastern Christianity was just as thoroughly religionized by Orthodoxy as Western Christianity was religionized by Catholicism.

In 1 John 2 it is written: **“He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in darkness until now”** (v9)

Patriarchs of Catholicism and Orthodoxy anathematized each other: they dis-fellowshipped each other. They could not celebrate communion together any longer because they had theological differences such as the date for celebrating Easter. In making their mutual hatred so public they announced to the universe that the Cross of Christ was powerless. The power to save, to declare who is righteous, lay in their hands: which is a lie.

Catholicism and Orthodoxy are man-made religions. We have a record of all the councils where they constructed their theological edifices. Their dominion might be over the entire house, but believers must not be deceived. The promises God made to Abraham, which were fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus the Messiah, have never changed and cannot be annulled or cancelled or interrupted by man’s laws.

The 1,161<sup>st</sup> verse of Isaiah: **“So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it and it displeased Him that there was no justice”**

Saints of the LORD: hold on to the precious promises of God. Free yourself from religion.

**Gal. 3v18: “For if the inheritance [be] of the law, [it is] no more of promise: but God gave [it] to Abraham by promise.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v18 is 5,596. After 4 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 840. Spiritual number 840 links this verse to Ezekiel 38. Bible number 840 means ATTACK PEACEFUL ISRAEL SEE ANGRY GOD.

The 840<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 30v9: “When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as a wife”.

Zilpah had two sons, Gad and Asher. Jacob counted them as his own, with full rights of inheritance in his family. (Even so, the tribes of Gad and Asher did not inherit the most desirable land in Canaan.)

This is remarkable. According to the New Testament it is not considered honorable for men in a leadership position in the community of faith to keep more than one wife<sup>8</sup>.

Who are we to judge? Zilpah was not a slave. She consented to the marriage, the same as Jacob. She did her duty, pleased her husband, and produced male heirs.

God doesn't save good people, or famous people, or morally outstanding people. God saves sinners. When we bow to Jesus we are pledged to be his faithful wife. We willingly serve Him in this life. And if God permits we share the Gospel and become an instrument of grace to bring more souls into the Kingdom of God.

If each one is a bride of Christ, then Jesus has a lot of wives! Of course not: God doesn't look at it that way. All believers are part of One Body, the Body of Christ. So Christ has one wife, even though we are many.

The wives of Jacob fought each other with great jealousy (see Gen. 30v8). Jacob may have thought of his household as one family but the women weren't able to live in peace with one another.

Religions are like this. Through their laws and regulations they bless some believers (my sons) and they curse other believers (your sons). They consider parishioners who follow their religion as theirs when all believers belong to God. They aren't willing to live in peace with each other. Their legalism fuels hatred and division.

'God gave it to Abraham by promise'

Jacob blessed Gad and Asher. They inherited the promises God made to the Patriarch Abraham. That is all that counts. The noise and the fury of the brash contentions of Jacob's wives are just a waste of breath.

Dear believers. Don't allow religion to distract you from the truth: your salvation is a personal matter between you and God. If He blesses you, you are blessed! All the heated debates and scolding sermons of zealous religionists contending for their version of theological interpretation are just a waste of breath.

Sadly, the human tendency is for sons to side with their mothers. Behold! The world is full of religionists.

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<sup>8</sup> 1 Tim 3v2

**Gal. 3v19: “Wherefore then [serves] the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; [and it was] ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v19 is 11,977. After 10 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 87. Spiritual number 87 links this verse to Exodus 37. Bible number 87 means SAINTS ASSEMBLY.

The 87<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 4v7: “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it”.

The LORD is speaking with Cain. He is downcast because the LORD accepted Abel’s sacrifice and rejected his. The LORD is warning him to approach God in the proper fashion. If he continues to participate in vain worship sin will take over his soul.

Abel’s sacrifice of a lamb was a remembrance service. It looked back to the Garden where the LORD sacrificed a lamb to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness. In that moment God showed forth His grace by not immediately killing Adam and Eve for a sin whose punishment was death.

In the Garden the LORD was a keeper of sheep. Adam and Eve were caretakers of trees. When Abel took the role of shepherd it was more than an occupation to provide his basic needs – it was a ministry to remind the community of faith of God’s grace and to uphold His precious promises – which included the commitment through the Seed of the Woman to destroy Satan’s power (‘He shall bruise your head’).

Cain did not listen. He murdered his brother Abel. God put a mark on Cain. Cain was banished and his life became controlled by the sinful nature. Cain continued to practice his vain form of worship. Although he was a sinner his religious practice soothed his soul. If he felt conviction he would perform his religious rite and feel momentarily relieved of his burden. He was deceived but he preferred that to approaching God on His terms.

‘Wherefore then serves the law?’ ‘It was added because of transgressions’

Because they were unregenerate sinners the Israelites were afraid of approaching God. When the LORD came down on Mount Sinai the people quaked in fear (Exo. 20v18). The people said to Moses ‘You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us lest we die’ (Exo. 20v19).

Israelites died in the wilderness because of sin. They died from plagues. They were attacked by enemies. The ground opened up and swallowed some of them. The Law of God steered them away from egregious sin and helped them avoid its most severe punishments: Israel needed to survive until the Messiah came.

It was necessary for Israel to be kept under the supervision of the Law (Gal.4v1-5).

‘Till the Seed should come’: Once Jesus came and died religion serves no good purpose whatsoever.

‘To whom the promise was made’: Salvation from sin is only available by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Legalism is antithetical to faith. Those who are incarcerated in legal prisons over time will conform to it.

**Gal. 3v20: “Now a mediator is not [a mediator] of one, but God is one.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v20 is 3,365. After 2 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 987. Spiritual number 987 links this verse to Luke 14. Bible number 987 means GOD OF THE POOR IS DISHONORED.

The 987<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 34v6: “Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him”.

Here is quite the scene. On the outskirts of town is a ragged band of herders. The king does not send a mediator to talk to them but instead goes in person to speak with their clan leader. The normal protocol is for kings to entertain guests in the palace where there is security. Kings don't get dusty and dirty to visit guests.

King Hamor said to Jacob “Ask me ever so much dowry and gift and I will give according to what you say to me; but give me the young woman as a wife” (v12). This was a generous offer. The king was offering to elevate Dinah to princess status with the real possibility she could become queen.

Moreover, by giving Dinah away in marriage Jacob would be assured of excellent relations with his neighbors. Jacob would not have to live in a tent – he could live in a nice home in town.

Before Jacob could reply his sons insisted Hamor, his son, and all the townsmen be circumcised in order for the marriage to happen. Amazingly King Hamor agreed. But on the day of the circumcision the sons of Jacob acted without approval and slew Hamor and his son and all the townsmen.

Hamor is a type of Jesus. He came in person to the leaders of the Jews with an offer. The Jews would be freed from their precarious status as vassal to Rome and directly enter the Kingdom of God. They would permit their people (Dinah) to worship Jesus (become a Shechemite). They would renounce leadership of the tribe and permit themselves to be united under the wise guidance of a distinguished, honorable, and humble man.

Jesus was beaten, scourged, and crucified. The Jews lost their temple, their capital, and their nation. Jacob and his sons left Canaan and sojourned to Egypt where they became enslaved.

This is why Kings don't go in person to negotiate with sketchy nomads. They send ambassadors and wait for the answer. Hamor put his life at risk because he loved his son. Ultimately this was God's agenda. Jesus risked his life because his desire was for Gentiles (Hamor's son) to inherit the Kingdom of God. The Jews were the handy means to that end. Instead of doing the honorable thing – they did the most dishonorable thing. They killed Hamor for spite. Yet, Hamor was an innocent man. A most Christ-like figure in the Bible!

### 'God is One'

Such is the pride of the Jewish race they can only see themselves being worthy to be in direct relation to God. Yet God created the entire world and He loves it. The world is much bigger than the tiny Promised Land. If the Jews would think it through they would see their role in the Divine drama must be as a supporting actor.

**Gal. 3v21: “[Is] the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v21 is 11,045. After 9 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 344. Spiritual number 344 links this verse to 1 Chronicles 6. Bible number 344 means RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

The 344<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 14v7: **“Then they [Chedorlaomer and the kings with him] turned back and came to En Mishpat (Kadesh) and attacked all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites...”**

Chedorlaomer king of Elam (Persia) was an absolute hegemon. He imposed his will upon nations near and far. He forced submission and tribute. Those who resisted were crushed. His word was LAW. The power of his LAW was the SWORD.

1 Chronicles 6 is a record of the descendants of Levi. Levi had three sons: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Kohath begot Amram who begot Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. From Aaron came the priesthood. Kohathites were also in charge of music. Gershonites and Merarites performed support roles in the Tabernacle.

The Jewish religion operated as a hegemon within the tribes of Israel. Land and cities throughout the tribes were requisitioned over to the Levites (1 Chron. 6 lists them). All the Israelites were forced to submit and pay tribute in the form of tithes and offerings. Within the Levitical ranks, the priesthood operated as a hegemon. Within the priesthood, the high priest operated as the absolute hegemon.

Chedorlaomer captured Lot and took him away as a spoil of war. Abram took a small band of trained servants and pursued. He attacked at night and rescued Lot and all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. This instructs us the faith of Abram is more powerful than the sword of Chedorlaomer.

Kings of nations and High Priests of religions must impose their will by force to keep the people in submission. Abram was in submission to God by choice. Abram was a free worshipper. Neither would Abram impose his belief on others. For his service to God Abram would not take a ‘cut of the action’ (See Genesis 14v21-23).

‘If there had been a law given which could have given life... righteousness should have been by the law’

Abram is Exhibit A of what a true believer in God looks like. Abram could act this way because the power of God was active in his heart. Faith in God grants a true believer spiritual LIFE. Hegemonic kings and hegemonic priesthoods can force submission through FEAR but they can’t give life. In fact they drain it away.

These events are described in Genesis 14. The spiritual number 14 means RIGHTEOUS.

After Abram performed his sacrificial service for God Melchizedek brought out to him bread and wine. The Melchizedek priesthood is superior to all other priesthoods (Hebrews 7). Christians must never celebrate communion overseen by priests or pastors of man’s religion. To do so insults our High Priest Jesus Christ. The communion of the saints must only be observed by free Christians in a religion free setting. This is why Christ observed the first Communion in the Upper Room (where no priest of man’s religion was present).

**Gal. 3v22: But the Scripture has concluded all under sin that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."**

Gematria of Gal. 3v22 is 10,034. After 8 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 522. Spiritual number 522 links this verse to Psalm 44. Bible number 522 means SHAMED BEFORE ENEMIES.

The 522<sup>nd</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 21v8: **"So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned."**

What was the cause for celebration? For Abraham it was not that he had a son because he already had a son in Ishmael. It was that God had delivered on His promise to provide him with a son to carry on the faith and become a forefather of the Messiah.

Wasn't the celebration premature? Wasn't it possible Isaac might die before he could father a son to carry on the faith? Or become a mocker like Ishmael? Or go astray like Lot? So many things could go wrong.

But Abraham understood a deep truth of God's salvation. His work is complete from day one. When a person receives the Holy Spirit and experiences rebirth they are saved for all eternity. They are forgiven of sin. They are righteous in Christ. They are redeemed from death. Best of all – their salvation is not reversible.

Imagine what a feast that must have been. Abraham surely invited everyone he knew to the feast. But Abraham lived in Canaan. The people he knew were deceived idolaters (very common in the ancient world). And so Abraham explained to his guests God's precious promises. Did they hear?

The 522<sup>nd</sup> verse of Isaiah: **"To whom he said 'This is the rest [of faith] with which You [God] may cause the weary [sinner] to rest' and 'This is the refreshing' [spiritual rebirth] But they would not hear"** (28v12)

Psalm 44 says: **"In God we boast all day long and praise your name forever"** (v8). And so Abraham spoke on.

But the audience resisted his words: **"You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to those all around us"** (v13): in spite of the miracle of Isaac's birth in Abraham's old age right before their eyes.

'that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ *might be given* to those who believe'

It is remarkable that an unregenerate person, even one who believes in a spiritual realm, can see a miracle and not give glory to God. This is a consequence of the Fall of Adam. Sin blinds the unbeliever.

Who then can be saved? Salvation is the gift of God. It is not by works so that none can boast. There is no explanation for who is saved. The preacher spreads the Good News. His words fall on deaf ears. A lonely sojourner in the wilderness looks up at the magnificence of the stars and the glory of God fills his heart.

The 522<sup>nd</sup> verse of Job: **"Can a man be profitable to God?"** (22v2) A humbling truth for preachers and missionaries: God calls us to spread the Good News yet our words add nothing to salvation.

**Gal. 3v23: “But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up to the faith which should afterwards be revealed.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v23 is 8,973. After 7 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 650. Spiritual number 650 links this verse to Proverbs 22. Bible number 650 means GOOD NAME (?).

The 650<sup>th</sup> verse in the Bible is Genesis 24v58: **“Then they called Rebekah and said to her ‘Will you go with this man?’ And she said ‘I will’”.**

Rebekah was pledged to be married. A guardian, chief steward of elderly Abraham, was sent to bring her safely back to her fiancé Isaac. While under guardianship Rebekah was under the strict control of the chief steward. There was no freedom for Rebekah only bondage. The guardian controlled where she went, who she talked to, what she ate, when she went to bed, and when she arose.

If you read the statements of the chief steward carefully he refers to the ‘LORD God of my master Abraham’. It seems the chief steward did not have a personal relationship to God. He was merely the agent on behalf of another person who had a relationship with God.

The chief steward and Rebekah are sojourning together. Neither of them has a relationship with God. Can anything good come of this? There is nothing to resist the downward tendency of sin. Rebekah will receive no encouragement in the faith on her travels. The chief steward doesn’t love Rebekah. Her care is merely a duty he must discharge and for which he expects payment. Rebekah will not receive love and Rebekah will not hear the Good News. The longer the journey the colder and harder her heart will become.

This sums up the experience of the Israelites under the Law. Priests were put in charge but they were merely discharging a duty in return for payment. Year after year the people brought sacrifices and paid tithes. It was a soul numbing repetition of religious rites. It was a legalistic system. There was no tenderness or concern for souls. There was no uplifting promise of salvation. There was only endless repetition of religious duties.

‘Shut up to the faith’

Paul writes that God hardened the hearts of the Israelites so they would not hear. **“He has mercy on who He wills, and whom He wills He hardens”** (Romans 9v18): being under the Law hardened the hearts of the Israelites just as being under governorship of the chief steward hardened the heart of Rebekah.

‘which should afterward be revealed’

The 650<sup>th</sup> verse of Isaiah: **“Come near, you nations to hear; and heed, you people! Let the earth hear and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it”** (34v1)

The hardening of the Israelites opened the door for the Gentiles to hear. **“What shall we say then? The Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained... righteousness by faith; but Israel, pursuing the Law... has not attained... righteousness [by faith]”** (Romans 9v31-32)

**Gal. 3v24: “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v24 is 9,036. After 7 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 713. Spiritual number 713 links this verse to Isaiah 34. Bible number 713 means PRINCE OF DARKNESS ON FIRE.

The 713<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 26v20: **“But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac’s herdsmen saying ‘The water is ours’. So he called the name of that well Esek because they quarreled with him.”**

A well is a Bible type of a ministry of the Word. Water gives life and refreshes the flock. Water in a well is still. Looking down into a well it is possible to see the reflection of the stars overhead. So the wisdom of God (in the stars) is present in the water of a well.

Abimelech, King of Gerar, is the local hegemon. His word is Law. His god is the local God. Of course the herdsmen of Gerar quarrel with Isaac’s herdsmen: all their core values and loyalties conflict.

The herdsmen of Gerar say ‘the water is ours’. In other words, no other revelations of God or prophecies of God or wisdom of God is permissible but that which Abimelech, or his designate, has authorized. It certainly isn’t permissible for a free minister to dig a well and water the flocks.

What is a saint to do in such circumstances? Isaac chose the path of peace. He kept moving farther and farther out of the orbit of the King of Gerar until he reached a place where he could practice his faith. (NB the author started farming at age 46 and found a freedom in my spirit I never experienced in towns and cities.)

The strategy of blessed isolation did not suit all the members of Isaac’s family. In particular Esau was fed up with it. In his mind living alone in the wilderness would lead to: social isolation, material marginalization, and loss of military skill and courage. Esau the hairy man wanted out. Esau despised his inheritance.

An old friend used to say ‘The same sun that melts the butter hardens the clay’. Whenever a trial or a test comes there are some in the community who turn to God and others who turn away. Esau turned away and set a new course for his life by marrying Hittite women: **“a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah”** (Gen. 26v35)

Wherever civil or religious authority is concentrated the more difficult it is for free believers to practice their faith. The more oppressive the authoritarianism the more likely radical factions will arise in the community of faith who want to fight back. This is a terrible thing because when they bare their teeth it will tarnish the reputation of the whole community – even those who were peace loving and submissive.

Isaiah 34: **“For my sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down on Edom [Esau]... it is the day of the LORD’s vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion”** (v5-8)

Jesus said those who live by the sword die by the sword. All administrations, civil or religious, that resort to extreme forms of suppression, including violence, shorten the length of their dynasty. Freedom of worship is a principle God upholds. Woe to those who oppose God or like Esau turn away from God.

**Gal. 3v25: "But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."**

Gematria of Gal. 3v25 is 5,711. After 4 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 955. Spiritual number 955 links this verse to Matthew 26. Bible number 955 means TURN AWAY FROM JESUS IN DISGUST.

The 955<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels is Matthew 26v45: "Then he came to His disciples and said to them 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners'"

'Faith has come'

The disciples had just celebrated the first Communion (the last Passover [before the Age of Grace]). After a long speech by Jesus the disciples said 'See, you are now speaking plainly... Now we are sure that You know all things... By this we believe that You came from God.' (John 16v39-30)

Jesus recognized their faith. He prayed that they may be one with the Father and the Son (Joh 17v21).

Only hours later, Jesus asked them to pray for Him while he agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane. His friends, full of wine and food, could not stay awake and fell asleep.

That night Jesus was tried. The following day Jesus was crucified. His lifeless body was put in a tomb.

'We are no longer under a schoolmaster'

The event of Christ's crucifixion demolished the supervision of the Law. The veil of the Temple was rent in two. The ministry of the Aaronic priesthood was finished. Animal sacrifice was useless in the eyes of God. The cycle of Jewish feasts was irrelevant. The Age of Grace had come.

People desire an identity. It may be an occupation 'I am a dentist'. It may be a nationality 'I am French'. It may be a clan 'My last name is McDuff'. It may be a religion 'I am an Anglican'. Once people are settled on their identity it is hard to move them off it.

An identity is a schoolmaster. It teaches who you are and how you behave. It is a powerful driver of behavior.

Christ taught us to identify with the Father in Heaven. This pulls believers together no matter what their background. Otherwise identities will divide us into groups. The agenda of God for Man is to love his neighbor. The more different a neighbor is the harder it is to relate to them. Even talking can be a struggle.

When the Law ceased to be the schoolmaster early believers struggled in their new identity. They began to drift into cliques. They began to be drawn to teachers and to divide into theological parties. Debates became more heated. Christians stopped fellowshiping with those who disagreed with their creed.

This is the only creed you need to know: THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. Take off your religious garb and put on the simple faith Jesus taught at the Last Supper: "I in them [Believers], You [Father] in Me [Jesus]".

**Gal. 3v26: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."**

Gematria of Gal. 3v26 is 7,095. After 5 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 1,150. Spiritual number 1,150 links this verse to James 4. Bible number 1,150 means BROTHERS FIGHT LIKE THE DEVIL TO BETTER THIS LIFE.

The 1,150<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 38v30: "Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet [thread] on his hand. And his name was called Zerah."

The scarlet on his hand may be safely interpreted as 'blood on his hand': in other words, a fighter, perhaps a killer. In the context of twin boys in the same womb: certainly a brother hater.

The 1,150<sup>th</sup> verse of Wisdom: "All sheep and oxen – even the wild beasts" (Psalm 8v7). What do male sheep, oxen, and wild animals do? They fight one another for access to females of their species. Perhaps the reader is a city person. Let me tell you – the fights between the rams and between the bulls are shockingly violent.

The 1,150<sup>th</sup> verse of Isaiah: "No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity" (59v4)

The 1,150<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels: "Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him [Jesus] how they might destroy Him" (Mark 3v6).

The firstborn of Tamar was Perez, who was the forefather of Jesus. The second born was Zerah.

The perfection, the purity and the holiness of God's work is found at the beginning of His Ages. What follows afterward strays from God's will. Over time there is a downward tendency until the end of the Age, when there is nothing perfect, pure, or holy left. The Pharisee sect is an example of end state corruption.

As a believer the author's goal has always been to focus on Jesus. This is the perfect, holy, and pure expression of God. All so-called 'leaders of the faith' who came afterward were each in their turn less perfect, less holy, less pure than the ones before. So, for example, why would I ever choose to join the Lutherans? They came 1600 years after Christ; or the Mennonites? (even later) or the Pentecostals? (even later).

Dear brothers and sisters. Don't join anything that is led by men. You are 'the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ'. Love one another, fellowship together, encourage and edify one another. Do it all under the authority God gave you. If you join a sect you are signing up for brother hatred. If you join a sect you shift your identity from Perez to Zerah. Twins in the same womb: such a subtle difference. It seems not to matter at all. But it is a huge difference. Christ was in Perez. You are in Christ: stay in Him. You don't belong in Zerah. Ever.

James 4: "Where do wars and fights come from among you?... You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain... You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss that you may spend it on your pleasures... Adulterers and adulteresses!" (v 1-4).

If you join a sect under the authority of men, you are guilty of adultery. Christ is your husband. Love Him only.

**Gal. 3v27: “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v27 is 5,128. After 4 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 372. Spiritual number 372 links this verse to 2 Chronicles 5. Bible number 372 means GLORY OF GOD IS COVERED.

The 372<sup>nd</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 15v11: “**And when the vultures came down on the carcasses Abram drove them away**”.

A vulture is an unclean bird. A bird is a Bible type of a teacher. So a vulture is a type of false teacher.

God asked Abram to bring him a three year-old heifer, a three year old she goat, a three year old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.

The animals Abram brought to God are symbolic of believers who approach the LORD with the faith of Abram. The heifer is believers from Europe and Americas. The goat is believers from the Levant (perhaps Greece and Asia Minor). The ram is believers from Asia (other side of Euphrates). The dove and pigeon are the remnant.

‘Three years old’ speaks of three millennia from the birth of Christ. Interesting that the word translated ‘YOU PUT ON’ in Gal. 3v27 is the Greek word ‘*enedusasqe*’ which has gematria 879 and points to Joel 3. Joel 3 is prophetic of the times after the Jews return to the Holy Land (1948). See our paper [The Book of Job](#).

By the time three millennia after Christ comes, and it arrives in 2030, there will be a lot of false teachers on Earth! Few believers with the faith of Abram will survive the feasting of false teachers on the carcasses.

2 Chronicles 5 describes the day Solomon brought the Ark of the LORD up from the City of David and placed it in the temple he had built. When the Ark was hidden so deep inside the temple complex that it could not be seen and the choir began to sing a great cloud filled the temple and the priests were not able to minister.

Solomon’s Temple is symbolic of the world order post World War II which was based on the United Nations. Nations submitted themselves to the rule of international law in the interests of world peace [‘Solomon’ means peace]. After the devastation of WWII world peace was eagerly sought after.

What 2 Chronicles 5 foreshadows is the overturning of the WWII ‘peace dividend’: ambassadors [priests] will cease to minister. The United Nations will become dysfunctional. World affairs will cease to be based on diplomacy and nations will resort to military and economic power to leverage advantage for themselves.

‘As many of you as have been baptized with Christ have put Christ on’

The 372<sup>nd</sup> verse of Wisdom is Job 16v3: “**Shall words of wind have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer?**” Job’s friends had no sympathy for Job’s suffering. They only wanted to vigorously dispute his beliefs. The Last Days of the Age of Grace will be like the last days of Jesus. Polite debate will cease: there will only be shouting and accusations. Teachers with fanatical beliefs will take great offense to true believers.

**Gal. 3v28: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v28 is 10,816. After 9 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 115. Spiritual number 115 links this verse to Leviticus 25. Bible number 115 means DEATHLY SILENCE.

Leviticus 25 describes the 7<sup>th</sup> year Sabbath of the land, where sowing and harvesting ceases, and the 50<sup>th</sup> year Jubilee, where sowing and harvesting also ceases.

In the year of Jubilee all debts are cancelled, all purchased land is restored to its original owners, all who came into poverty and sold themselves as slaves are freed. It is a time of rest for the land. It is a time when social hierarchy based on land ownership is re-calibrated back to equality. It is a time when slavery is abolished and everyone is free. It is a time of rest for workers. It is a genuine holiday from the rigors of tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting, and processing. With extended rest people reconnect in their family and community.

With no work to do there is opportunity to deepen spiritual devotion. To give thanks to a loving and giving God who not only feeds our bodies but nourishes our souls.

The rules of the Sabbath (and the Jubilee) apply to ‘male and female servants, hired men, and the stranger who dwells with you.’ The blessings extend beyond the Israelites to everyone living in the land.

The Jubilee was a glimpse at God’s intention to bring mankind into a state of perpetual equality and fraternity. The work of salvation by Jesus Christ would accomplish it. Tensions between believers belonging to different social groups (Jews versus Greeks; slaves and free; male and female) will be removed. Everyone will have equal standing before God: equal righteousness in Christ, equal riches in Christ, equal opportunity to exercise spiritual gifts. All having been sinners no one can boast they are better than others.

Immediately we see the foolishness of a system of religious works in the context of the work of salvation. Religious ritual is as useless as a plough during a Sabbath year or a Jubilee year. Cinching a plough to an ox is vain when it is forbidden to turn the soil. The work of salvation is finished! No further work required.

Although we wait for the fullness of God’s work of salvation to be demonstrated on Earth in the Millennium we can experience it in our hearts and in free Christian fellowships.

Forgiving debts in the year of Jubilee foreshadows the teaching of Jesus to forgive those who have trespassed against you. Saints who don’t forgive others will experience a chill from the Holy Spirit. The 115<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels: **“Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the Judge, the Judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown in prison”** (Matt. 5v25).

#### ‘DEATHLY SILENCE’

Millions of believers who disputed over theology were thrown into prison (religion). While in prison saints do not go into the world and preach the Gospel. No sowing. No reaping. No rejoicing by the angels in Heaven.

**Gal. 3v29: “And if you [are] Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

Gematria of Gal. 3v29 is 5,320. After 4 rotations of 1189 the remainder is 564. Spiritual number 564 links this verse to Psalm 86. Bible number 564 means UNDIVIDED HEART FOR GOD.

The 564<sup>th</sup> verse of the Bible is Genesis 22v16: “and said: ‘By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only [son]’”

‘because you have done this thing’

The moment the author was saved, lo many years ago, his life immediately changed. Every born again Christian can relate to this. When Christ is in your heart a whole cascade of decisions are made which consider what pleases the LORD. How you spend money, how you spend time, who you marry, etc.

Psalm 86: “Teach me your way O LORD, and I will walk in your truth” (v11)

‘if you are Christ’s’

The change in behavior, in values, in thoughts, in dreams that mark a true believer don’t come from external pressure and don’t come from the flesh, they come from the Spirit working inside us. An overwhelming desire to read the Bible doesn’t come from the flesh. A passion for telling others about Jesus doesn’t come from social pressure. Enthusiastic and cheerful giving to the needy isn’t normal for humans.

The 564<sup>th</sup> verse of the Gospels: “And when they [Peter, James, and John] lifted up their eyes they saw no one but Jesus only”

‘you are Abraham’s seed and heirs’

Even though the matter is settled at the instant of salvation, it is deeply satisfying to reflect on a life of walking with God and feel the assurance: ‘I am my beloved’s. And He is mine’.

God gave everything to win our souls from the grip of death. All the promises God made to Abraham are yea and amen in Christ. And Christ is in us. And we are in Christ.

The 564<sup>th</sup> verse of Wisdom: “For He performs [what is] appointed for me. And many such are with Him.”

In conclusion, dear reader: Do not join a religion or pledge loyalty to a creed, or sit under a priest. Man-made things are doomed to corruption and grieve the Holy Spirit. Your soul belongs to God. Keep your eyes on Jesus. He’s coming soon!

Blessings to you in Christ’s Name. servant mark.