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The need to live wisely on Earth

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INTRODUCTION

This book just as others that I have written is as a result of the prompting of the Holy Spirit who stirs me up to move into action. Now it is common knowledge that every action in life has a consequence and which can be positive or negative.

When God created man and put him in the garden of Eden he gave him some instruction and which he later ignored and God had no alternative but to pronounce judgement as a punishment for disobedience (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:8-17; 3:1-19) and from that time onwards the wheel of God's justice began to roll and is not going to stop until the end of the world on the last judgement (Revelation 20:11-15).

Many people on this planet earth have continued to live very careless lives as if they will not face judgement at some point by God their Creator. Some have even trivialized the matter out of ignorance. But the truth of the matter is that all humanity must be

accountable to God who created them in his own image, after his likeness and therefore are fully responsible for their actions in life.

This book therefore is an eye opener for all and sundry on this very important subject and which deserve careful thinking and making of right decisions in life with all soberness.

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Chapter 1

Why judgements?

From the onset it is a fact that God the Creator is a holy being and very holy indeed (Isaiah 6:1-3) and therefore he cannot tolerate sin and that is why when Lucifer an archangel of God rebelled in heaven where God dwells he was cast out into the earth (Revelation 12:7-10). Before then from the creation of man there was no sin but Lucifer who came to be known as the old serpent, Satan and Devil with subtilty convinced man to go against God and man ended up in disobeying God (Genesis 3:1-19) which broke his relationship with God (Romans 3:23).

Now all those that violate God's laws are due for judgement.

If one reads the holy scriptures one will be confronted with God's judgements as God is both Saviour and Judge (Matthew 3:1-11) on one side he is the Lamb of God and on the other side he is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (John 1:29, Revelation 5:5).

The fact that God brings judgements is not just for fun but there is good reason for the judgements and here are but a few of them:

1. To bring the fear of the Lord in people.
2. To bring soberness in the mind of people.
3. To bring people to repentance.
4. To bring justice to people.
5. To make people to learn righteousness knowing that there are consequences for unrighteousness.
6. To make people to take God and his word more seriously in life.

Here are just a few examples of the many recorded in the Scriptures – Numbers 22:22-34; 16:1-34, Jonah 2 and Acts 5:1-11.

Now apart from God's holiness, righteousness and justice, Let us see another reason why God must judge sin.

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

He was taken from prison and from judgement: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had

done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him, he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53

Now the above was a prophecy by prophet Isaiah on God's servant (Jesus Christ) who was going to serve God on the earth by giving out his life for the redemption of mankind

coming to the earth as God's Lamb to give a perfect sacrifice to God on sin so that man is restored back to God his Creator (John 1:29-34, Romans 3:23-26, Hebrews 9:11--10: 10).
That prophecy was precise in that it gave details of what would happen at the appointed time by God and that the Messiah's suffering would be a shameful and cursed death such that his countenance would be so bad with no beauty for one to look at. Now let us see the fulfilment of that prophecy which came to pass.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:
And when they had bound him they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
Then Judas, which had betrayed him when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, what is that to us? see thou to that.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom of the children of Israel did value;

And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the

King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?.

And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

When he was set down on the judgement seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have

suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you?

They said, Barabbas.

Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us and on children.

Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying Hail, King of the Jews!

And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

And when they were come unto a place called Gol'-go-tha, that is to say, a place of skull,

They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, they parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

And sitting down they watched him there;

And set over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads.

And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

He saved others, himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Matthew 27:1-50

Jesus Christ the Son of God went through all that bitter experience on behalf of all mankind who deserved death, for the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23a).

It was quite a painful and shameful death for the Son of God who was righteous and just as his Father. The death was too dear to be fathomed as the following scripture says which apostle Peter wrote to the Church of Christ in enlightening to her the cost of Christ's death on the cross and which brought redemption to mankind.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:18-19

Now why did God allow all this for us? Let us see.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:16-18

God loves us all for he created us in his own image after his likeness (Genesis 1:26-27) and is not pleased if we perish but is only pleased if we are going to live eternally with him in heaven-hence the need to give us another chance for the same reason through his Son Jesus Christ. So one need not leave that

chance remaining a sinner when Christ had come as a solution to sin. God has gone further to inform us the consequence for not accepting his salvation which is condemnation (judgement) so let us be wise and accept the offer which also enable us to live in pleasing God (2 Peter 1:1-8, Titus 2:11-14) as it is only in Christ Jesus we are truly enabled to live right and be free from the bondage and power of sin and be holy qualifying us to live eternally with God who is absolutely holy (Isaiah 6:1-3, Revelation 4:1-8). So for one to remain not condemned one must be in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1-4) as only in Him we are made the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) and it is only the righteous who can live eternally with God in heaven (Matthew 5:17-20, Revelation 19:1-9). Therefore we need not rubbish God's love or brush aside Christ's death on the cross as God will not be amused as he is serious and will judge as whether we like it or not (Galatians 6:7-8). Now let us navigate through the

Scripture to see for ourselves the fact that God is a Judge and judges all sin.

And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not sparer the place for the fifty righteous that are therein:

That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right:

Genesis 18:20-25

In the above scripture we do see Abraham acknowledging that God is the Judge of all flesh.

The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Psalm 58:10-11

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
Before **the LORD:** for he cometh, for he **cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**

Psalm 96:11-13

I said in mine heart, **God shall judge the righteous and the wicked:** for there is a time there for every purpose and forb every work.

Ecclesiastes 3:17

All the above scriptures confirm that God for sure is a Judge and do judge people. You can read further the following on the same.

For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone and there is none shut up, or left.

Deuteronomy 32:36

And I will execute judgements upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;
Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it: and I will make

it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 25:11-13

And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, **saith the LORD of hosts.**

Malachi 3:5

For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But **God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.**

Psalm 75:6-7

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

The LORD is known by the judgement which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

Psalm 9:15-16

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For **God shall bring every work into judgement,** with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Despite the above warning on God's judgement, many people care less and even joke about it. To such people and others too who are living in impunity they will be shocked on the day of God's judgement as we are going to see in the following scripture.

Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgement in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus:

Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Amos 5:14-20

The above is an advice and a warning at the same time. The day of judgement is going to be terrible, very terrible as described above. So we need to live in the fear of the Lord by doing what is good and not evil.

Chapter 2

Examples of God's judgements

If one takes time to read the Holy Bible one will see many of God's judgements on people. The following are examples of God's judgements: Diseases, plagues, pestilences, droughts, floods and earthquakes.

We already know that God is our judge and he must judge all sin regardless of who did it as he is not a respecter of persons and he is impartial in all his dealings. Now let us go straight to the scriptures that records God's judgements.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any other beast of the field which the LORD God had made.

And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, least ye die.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

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

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from

the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid himself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD GOD said to the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And I will put enmity between thee and the women, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Genesis 3:1-19

We can see that God is quite strict as he says what he means and means what he says as he does not mince his word and therefore by going contrary to his word attracts a punishment from him and for sure he must judge and not judge anyhow but fairly and righteously as he is a righteous and just God. God as we have seen judged Adam, Eve and the serpent accordingly. We need to learn from the scripture that God requires genuine repentance from us when we have transgressed in his commandment. Shifting of blames to someone else won't help the situation. We are as individuals are personally responsible for our actions, speech, motives and thoughts. Let no one deceive you to go against God and therefore stop the habit of fearing people only give respect which is due. Rather fear only one, that is, God (Matthew 10:26-28). As we have seen, all disobedience God must judge and it is clear as he began with the first man Adam and Eve so that we get to know that he is going to judge all

mankind. So we must all take our lives seriously by making all efforts to please God and not men.

AND the LORD said unto Noah, come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.
Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.
Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.
For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.
And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.
And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his son's wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of everything that creepeth upon the earth,

There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

They, and every beast after his kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the

earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 7: 1-24

It was quite disastrous during that time when God judged the earth's inhabitants because of the wickedness of the people. Save for Noah who God saw to be righteous before him and by extension God did preserve as well Noah's household. You are free to read the book from the beginning to the end of the previous chapter on how it all started.

AND the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.\

And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

And they said, Go to, let us build a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they all have one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound their the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:1-9

In the above scripture we do see a form of judgement though a mild one, as God judged people because of being over ambitious in their endeavour and wanting to make a name for themselves which in itself is pride. More over the people wanted to settle at just that one place known as Shinar (verses 1 to 4) and not to replenish / populate the earth as they become fruitful as God expected them to do (Genesis 1:27-28; 9:1).

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he

bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him.

And said, I pray you brethren, do not so wickedly.

Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

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

And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in

all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so my lord:

Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

And he said unto him, See I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou become thither: Therefore the name of the city was called Zo'-ar.

The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zo'-ar.

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Go-mor'-rah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

And he overthrew those cities and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:1-26

The people of Sodom were too wicked such that they were ready to do their wickedness with the holy angels of God sent to destroy the place and its inhabitants. It was so wicked (that city) why? because the scripture says it involved people of all ages the old and the young (what a generation! Just like in the days of Noah). The same scenario keep on being repeated in this current generation as well where the righteous preach to the unrighteous to pursue righteousness by returning back to the Lord but all seem to fall on deaf ears as is not taken seriously and for sure those who maintain the status quo impenitent must face God's judgement. God will have mercy only on the righteous - the likes of Noah and Lot so let us choose the

right way so as to escape God's judgement. Now as for Lot's wife she was judged for disobeying the instruction of God by the angels.

AND when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.
And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.
And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be

thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.

And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them an molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrifice thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people:

Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may

consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and sadist unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony

were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other they were written.

And the tables they were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.

And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

And I said unto them, whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? Let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his

side, and go in and out from the gate to the gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his neighbour.

And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out my book.

Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Exodus 32

In the above scripture we do see God judging his people for they had made an idol and worshipped and sacrificed to it which is an abomination before God (Deuteronomy 5:1-9). God will judge all sin and that calls for soberness in all of us on the matter of sin – not to sin lest we are judged. God does not joke with issues as many people do think. He is ever serious on what he says.

AND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he

had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

Numbers 12:1-10

Miriam was judged by God for speaking against Moses God's servant and God was angry. She ended becoming leprous as a result of her bad speech.

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in

the seething, with a flesh hook of three teeth in his hand.

And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the flesh hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when

she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? For I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.

If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding

they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

1 Samuel 2:1-26

From that scripture we do see the danger of not personally knowing God (not being saved) as one is not a son of God but a son of Belial (the Devil) (1 John 3:10) and which makes one to do only evil as the Devil is the Evil One. As God always judges sin, he made sure the sons not to listen to their father so that he can bring judgement on them. Let us see more on these sons.

NOW Korah, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men;

And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly,

famous in the congregation, men of renown:

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the LORD will show who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose,

he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:

Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except

thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of the fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.

And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow:

And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these

wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones.

And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

If these men die the common death of all men, or if be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

Numbers 16:1-33

A most terrifying experience indeed! Korah, Dathan, Abiram and their company thought that God likes to joke with anyone and so they blatantly rebelled against the servants of God and got their share. Let us be very careful with this true God, the God of Israel, the only holy God and the Almighty, a most terrible God that must be feared by all men. It does not matter one's position in the society, one's riches or wealth, one's education, one's height, name it. Many people have known God as a God of love which is true, but he hates sin he being very, very, very holy and for sure he must judge sin which is a

defilement in life. He will give one an opportunity to repent and stop sinning but a time comes when he has just to judge and he is the only one who knows when it is ripe to pour judgement on one. So we need try to gamble about on the matter of repentance and turning away from sin.

AND the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

And the LORD called yet again, Samuel.

And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

And the LORD called Samuel yet the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

And the LORD said unto Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the

ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

1 Samuel 3:1-14

In the above scripture we do see the calling of Samuel to the priesthood and the prophetic ministry as the priesthood had been corrupted by these sons of Eli and no wonder the word of God was precious and there was no vision as sin was in God's house. By replacing those ones vile sons of Eli as he had to restore order in his house. God who never lies was going to fulfil what he prophesied through one of his

servants on the house of Eli (1 Samuel 2:27-34).

AND the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us today before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

So the people went to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli,

Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! For there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

Woe unto us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty God? These are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told him of it, all the city cried out.

And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled today out of the

army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

1 Samuel 4:1-18

We can see clearly what transpired, as God did just what he had said on the house of Eli – there was no remedy at all and God had to judge them thus. We can see clearly that the Almighty God is not a joke! We just need to stop sinning against Him.

AND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of

the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

And the city was broken up, and all the men of the war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.

And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgement upon him.

And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem,

And every great man's house burnt he with fire.

And all the armies of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

The height of one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and three score men of the land that were found in the city:

And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

And the king of Babylon smot, and slew them at Riblah in thje land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard the king of Babylon had

made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of Machathite, they and their men.

And Gedaliah sware unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-

merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

2 Kings 25

In the above scripture we do see God judging his people because they forsook him and through king Nebuchadnezzar who was a pagan allowed all that happened to the people of Israel.

AND Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered

strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

Then Moses said unto Aaron, this is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil; of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

Leviticus 10:1-11

Nadab and Abihu Aaron's sons disobeyed God and God judged them. Now those in this our generation who keep on living anyhow and disregard God's statutes God's judgement for sure is hanging above their heads. It is just a matter of time before they are struck; only now God is giving them a window of

repentance which if ignored he must act at his time.

AGAIN, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.
And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.
And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.
And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.
And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:1-7

Uzzah too was struck dead by God for his error of touching the ark of the Lord. So by our own disobedience of God's commandments we are subject to be judged accordingly.

IN the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

2 Kings 15:1-5

That king although he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, he left undone something - the high places and where people continued to sacrifice and burn incense and which really displeased God and God smote him with leprosy. It seems what was going on in the high places was like leprosy before the Lord and that is why he judged the king that way? Let us all be careful how we live before God and let us not take some things to be small before God the way most people say to

themselves ‘Ah, this is just a small sin’ Now no sin is small as sin is sin regardless of how one views it in the human aspect. God views things differently not as men (1 Samuel 16:6-7).

NOW the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.
And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul, and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul’s sons.
And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.
Then said Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

And when his armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour bearer and all his men, that same day together.

1 Samuel 31:1-6

The above was God's judgement on Saul who had earlier disobeyed God's commandment to kill all the Amalekites and which he executed partially and God rejected him from being king (1 Samuel 15:1-35) and later he went ahead to seek for a witch (1 Samuel 28:1-25) and don't forget the many attempts to do away with David's life, who was anointed king to take over from him.

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

And immediately and angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Acts 12:21-23

Herod was smitten by the angel of the Lord for he gave not God the glory due to him but rather exalted himself so the Lord brought him low to the grave (Luke 18: 9-14).

Please note that the same Herod had misused his office of a king to vex God's servants (Acts 12:1-10). For further reading on God's judgements you can read the following scriptures: Exodus 7:14-10:29; 12:29-36, Numbers 14:1-38, 1 Samuel 4:1-19; 25:1-38, 2 Kings 6:8-18; 19:1-37, 1 Chronicles 21:1-8, Jeremiah 50 and 51, Daniel 4 & 5, Acts 5:1-10, Revelation 17 and 18.

Chapter 3

God's righteousness and justice

In the previous chapter we saw many examples of God's judgements on people and now in this chapter we are going to look at some of the characteristics of God who judged those people.

God as we are going to see in various scriptures is a God of righteousness and justice. In the first chapter I touched on his holiness but he is more being both righteous and just in all he does and I personally thank him very much for that.

Why? because we have experienced a lot of injustices on this earth as those who are in our Law courts some are compromised and therefore give verdicts and more so in favour of those who hold high positions in the Government or those who are rich and wealthy, a sad situation indeed as widows, orphans and the poor in most cases get no justice and even where they get a verdict in their favour say on compensation and the like,

they never get compensated and it seems nobody cares. But God, the Holy One of Israel is quite different as he is impartial to all and does not take bribes and is no respecter of persons (Job 34:16-19, Deuteronomy 10:17-18, James 2:1-9, Acts 10:34-35)

So God who created us is quite justified in judging us going by our doings on this earth.

At this juncture Let us now look at the Holy Scriptures what it has for us.

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgement: and those that live in pride he is able to abase.

Daniel 4:37

Now that was a pagan king, the king of Babylon who became proud and God brought him very low to humble him and later he ended humbled and praised the King of heaven, that is, God, the holy God of Israel. You can read on the pride of king

Nebuchadnezzar in the same book of Daniel from verses 29 to 33.

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.
And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: with thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?
That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?

Genesis 18:22-25

Now that was a God - fearing person who God made him to be the father of faith. He acknowledged God's righteousness and justice on all people.

Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.
For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.
Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

Job 34:10-12

Sure God will not pervert judgement as he is righteous and just.
A just weight and balance are the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag are his work.

Proverbs 16:11

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgement; all his commandments are sure.

Psalm 111:4-7

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD.

Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Ezekiel 18:30

Just as it was with the house of Israel, so it is with all other people. That without repentance and turning away from wickedness God's judgement is due.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgement for all that are oppressed.

Psalm 103:6

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that the power belongeth unto God.
Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Psalm 62:11-12

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man. Whosoever thou art judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.
But we are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Romans 2:1-2

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgements are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

Psalm 36:5-6

Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgement cometh from the LORD.

Proverbs 29:26

The Lord God is judge to all the people on the earth.

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

Jeremiah 17: 9-10

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished:

2 Peter 2:9

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the LORD our God:

For true and righteous are his judgements: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Revelation 19:1-2

Because God is both righteous and just he requires from us too whom he created to live a righteous and just life and has spoken about the same in his holy scriptures and for that matter you can read some of the following:- Deuteronomy 16:20, Proverbs 21:3, Romans 13:7, Psalm 82:3, Isaiah 56:1, Colossians 4:1.

Chapter 4

The only route for escape

In the previous chapter we found out that God who judges sin is not only holy but righteous and just as well.

In this chapter we are going to see an escape route that God has provided to us and which we need not ignore but to grasp and live in it.

The escape route is the redemption that is found in his Son Jesus Christ.

We all know that sin entered into the world through the first man Adam when Satan beguiled them in the Garden of Eden and unfortunately, they repented not of their sin but each one blamed the other before God. Now we who are the descendants we just must repent and make an about turn in our lives and be ready to obey God all the time.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the

LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

Come now, and let us reason together saith the LORD; though your sins be scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Isaiah 1:18-20

God is calling for repentance and the turning away from sin so that it is well with us - he is holding out an olive branch to us which if we fail to take we are going to suffer a serious blow.

IN those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

And the same John had his raiment of Camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan,

And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto

you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

Matthew 3:1-10

During that time when Jesus came into the world John the Baptist his forerunner was busy preaching to people and preparing them for the Lord for his kingdom and many went to him. The same is being repeated today by God's servants who preach the good news of God's kingdom and how to prepare for it.

John the Baptist saw that the Pharisees and the Sadducees were not sincere as they took the baptism of John as some religious formality without the seriousness it deserves - they were being hypocritical and John had to ask them that question.

John the Baptist knew that God would judge the impenitent. Those who genuinely repented the outcome expected from them by God was

the bringing forth out good fruits. If that was lacking from any candidate who was baptized after confessing of sins God's judgement was due to such a one.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they all heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

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

Acts 2:36-38

The two scriptures touch on the confession of sins committed, that is, repentance. Something else.

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

John 3:16

Faith in Christ Jesus is equally mandatory and which John the Baptist told the people he preached to (John 1:6-7). Now how is this to be? Read on.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above)
Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead).
But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:6-13

Salvation is not for a selected few or some class of people but for all beginning with the Jews as salvation came from them (John 4:21-22) and to the rest of the world as some Jews have not believed in Jesus Christ to date for some good reason (Romans 11).

Now after receiving God's salvation, what next? Here comes the responsibility.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

God has ordained those he has saved to walk in good works (righteousness) as he is righteous and so is his Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit too. We are literally created a new in Christ Jesus- transformed to begin a new life (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus Christ told his disciples to live a righteous life as we are going to see.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16

Apostle Paul too in writing to Titus he mentioned the same thing.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14

Christians' zeal should be in good works as they have been purified and prepared for the same so as to inherit eternal life in heaven. So in a nutshell one is saved to be able to live a holy and righteous life while on earth and be ready to be with God eternally in heaven, after this life. What a privilege, you can't afford to be left out by not accepting the offer and living holy and right once again!

Chapter 5

Those to be judged

In the earlier chapters we saw that God is going to judge people just he had done many years back. The question to ask is who are those he is going to judge? From the scriptures we are going to see that no one is going to be spared.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.

Hebrews 9:27

So judgement is for all of us.

And Enoch also the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
To execute judgment upon all, and convince all that are ungoldly among them of their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

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

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or a

thirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Matthew 25:31-46

And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgement, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17

Chapter 6

The intensity of judgement

Now that we have seen that all people are to be judged by God, let us now see how the judgement is going to be.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;
And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh they may open unto him immediately.
Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.
And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what how the thief would

come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Be ye therefore be ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

And the Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

But if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

The Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

And that servant, which knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Luke 12:35-48

Now from that scripture we do see that the intensity of judgement is commensurate to what was bestowed on one.

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgement, than for you.

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgement, than for thee.

Matthew 12:20-24

From that scripture we find that judgement will be more intense on those who saw mighty doings of God in life but refused to repent as they did not take God seriously in their lives.

Chapter 7

Delegation of judgements

In the previous chapters we saw God's judgements as is recorded in the scriptures. Now in this chapter we are going to see the fact that God the Father has delegated judgements to his Son Jesus Christ and it looks like he is the one who will be giving judgements on behalf of his Father.

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

For the Father judgeth no man but hath committed all judgement unto the Son:

That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Father which hath sent me.

John 5:19-23

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

The man that God has ordained to judge people is Jesus Christ whom he raised from the dead.

PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.

Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgement of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power,

2 Thessalonians 1:1-9

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Timothy 4:1-4

For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;
(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:
Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another;)
In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 2:12-16

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write, these things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works and the last to be more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which called herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

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

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Revelation 2:18-23

In closing this chapter let me give you the pictures of Jesus Christ. Let me begin with his first coming to the earth which is already history then his second coming which is two-fold, that is first secretly on the day of the rapture of holy saints and the other openly after the 7 year Tribulation period is over and all are in the near future. So there are two major phases.

Now in his first coming as was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah he was to be a suffering servant and also the Lamb of God (Isaiah 53) and which came to pass when he was born as a baby (Luke 22:39-23:49, John 1:29-36; 10:11-15, Romans 3:25-26; 4:25, Hebrews 9:12; 10:1-10, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 5:6-14, Luke 2:1-20).

Now in Christ's second coming he will come first secretly to take home his holy Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Philippians 3:20-21, John 14:1-3). The second part of his coming will be openly and I

wish to elaborate by giving the texts on the same and which I do as follows hereunder as it will be quite spectacular and as I said earlier, it will be openly.

a) The Conqueror of death

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants, things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand.

JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be into you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to

come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, A'-men; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:9-18

b) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice,

Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon:

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 5:1-5

c) The Lord of hosts (Jehovah Sabaoth)

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Revelation 19:11-14

Quite frightening! Jesus Christ in his second coming to the earth he is going to come as a man of war to judge the sinners of course and he has his armies which include the holy raptured saints.

d) The King of kings, and the Lord of lords

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 19:11-16

e) The Mighty and terrible God (Jehovah El Gibbor)

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth

and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

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

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11-15

The mere fact that the earth and the heaven fled away from the face of the one who sat on the seat of the great white throne tells it all that God is not only mighty and terrible! Let us all fear God and take his words very

seriously as he must judge the world- he never lies (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29)

Chapter 8

Church's privilege on judgement

In the previous chapter we saw that God has delegated judgement to Jesus Christ. In this chapter we are going to see from the scripture that the Church of Christ has been privileged to judge as well.

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

And he said unto him, Why, callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt no commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false, witness,

Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what

lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible: but with God all things are possible.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

And Jesus said unto them;

Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Matthew 19:16-30

DARE any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things, that pertain to this life?

If then ye have judgements of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers.

1 Corinthians 6:1-6

So it is not Jesus Christ who talked of the Church's privilege to judge, but even apostle Paul led by the Spirit talked of the same issue and went ahead to say that the judgement by the Church is not to the world only but is inclusive of the judgement of angels. Now that is quite a privilege indeed!

Chapter 9

Christ's seat judgement

Now coming to this chapter and the subsequent chapters we are going to see the future judgements that are ahead of us and beginning with Christ's seat judgement which is for the church of Christ that will be raptured into heaven at Christ's return to take her home (John 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Philippians 3:20-21).

Now as we are going to see it is more of an awarding ceremony than a judgement and Christ will take the opportunity to sit and decide by scrutiny who to be awarded with what among the saints, by looking at each one's life how lived after salvation and not to destine any saint to hell. Jesus Christ is going to keenly look at each one's work and reward him or her accordingly (Revelation 22:12, Matthew 25:14-23).

Apostle Paul was very conscious of that ceremony and he exhorted Timothy his son in

the faith to remain steadfast in ministry work as rewards awaits the faithful ministers of the gospel (2 Timothy 4:1-8). The apostle was in prison and sensed that his time of departure was at hand and that is why he exhorted Timothy with those words. You can read my other book entitled 'A Christian and a Victorious life' on the rewards awaiting the saints who shall have overcome as Christ also overcame. Let us have a look at the scriptures.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:
If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.
For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be

unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight).

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ: that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

HIM that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputings.

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth.

Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord: and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:

whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ.

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to god.

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

Romans 14:1-13

AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

I have planted, A-pol-'los watered; but God gave the increase.

So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid

the foundation, and another builded thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

For other foundation no man can lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver previous stones, wood, hay stubble;

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work abide, which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself he shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

Every man's work will be tested / tried by fire to see its quality and quantity so as to determine whether it deserves a reward or not. If it qualifies for a reward, to see what reward is sufficient for it. If it does not qualify being

burned; one will lose by not getting any reward but not losing one's salvation. The Lord's scrutiny on each one's work is so intense and is likened to fire.

Remember the description of the Lord's eyes by apostle John in the book of Revelation it is piercing and frightening (Revelation 1). So that calls for the Church to live a holy and righteous life and to serve the Lord very well with pure motives. The Church need to build on Christ with gold silver and precious stones which will withstand Christ's gazing and blazing eyes, and therefore avoid using wood, hay or stubble for that matter. Let the body of Christ work pretty well (smartly and wisely) so as not to come out empty handed on that day.

Chapter 10

The Tribulation period judgements

Immediately the rapture of Christ's holy Church takes place, it ushers in the Tribulation period which to last for 3 ½ years and followed by the great Tribulation period which also to last for yet another 3 ½ years so that the whole Tribulation period totals to a span of 7 years and during all those years will be God's judgements on the whole earth and the ruler of the world will be the beast and whose other name is the antichrist (Revelation 13).

During that time there will be only one world government with one currency and one religion and a terrible time it will be indeed! It is recorded in the three gospels according to saint Matthew, Mark and John (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21) and is also known as the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:1-7). It will be a time of much distress on the whole earth and more so in the land of Israel because they had rejected Jesus Christ as their

Messiah (John 8:12-59; 10:22-39; 11:45-57). Jesus Christ told the Jews that they had rejected him who was from God the Father but when someone else will come to them they will easily accept him (he was referring to the antichrist) (John 5) and that will surely come to pass as they (the nation of Israel) will enter into a false peace treaty with the antichrist who will seem to be harmless and a very wise ruler who have the solution for the troubled world. But they will realise much later that he had deceived them and will have to undergo much trouble in his reign. Apostle Paul touched on the antichrist (the lawless one) in his second epistle to the church in Thessalonica (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). Let me now take you straight away to the judgements of that time.

AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

And there went out another horse that was red: and the power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth beast say, Come and see.

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell

followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death and with beasts of the earth.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the soul of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held:

And they cried with a loud voice saying, how long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

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

And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation 6:1-17

That is how terrible the judgements of God and of the Lamb during the Tribulation period.

AND When he had opened the seven seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of

trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhibiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

AND the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented

five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.
And they had a king under them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousands: and I heard the number of them.

And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by

the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

For their power is in their mouth, and in their trails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 8:1-9:21

Quite frightening as nightmares. But the most unfortunate thing is that those who were lucky as they were not killed went on with life impenitent!

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and

to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

And there followed another angel saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: ascendeth up for ever and ever:

And they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

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

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs

AND I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory

over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgements are made manifest.

And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

And the temples was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Revelation 14: 1- 15:8

It is judgement after judgement as the holy angels of God are to be busy with the work of God in executing judgements on the earth. A terrible time it will be, quite terrible. All of us have an equal opportunity to make a difference in our lives before that time by repenting of our sins to God asking him for forgiveness and believing in his Son Jesus, Christ inviting him to save our souls and to begin to live a life in the fear of God and in giving glory to him.

AND I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea: and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous,

O Lord, which art, and wast and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink: for they are worthy.

And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgements.

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and the power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

And the men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain.

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

And I saw three unclean spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Behold, I came as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a

talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Revelation 16:1-21

You can go further and read chapter 17 and 18 respectively on the same and come to know from all the foregoing that God is sovereign both in heaven and on earth as he is the Creator of all things and is supreme and he needs to be feared and given all the glory and that he says what he means and he must be taken very seriously at his word.

Chapter 11

The Millennium period judgement

After the Tribulation and the great Tribulation period (a total of 7 years) and its judgements are over as we saw in the previous chapter, the marriage Supper of the Lamb in heaven also will be over as it begins after the rapture of Christ's holy Church has just taken place and the saints have been rewarded with crowns remunerate with each one's work and also takes a span of 7 years.

At the end of that big banquet Christ will return back to the earth accompanied by the raptured saints and the Millennium period judgement will take place and Christ and his Church will be in Jerusalem where Christ is to rule for a span of 1,000 years.

Now let us look at a scripture to see the turn of events that would unfold at that time.

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia;

Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power unto the Lord our God:

For true and righteous are his judgements: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God, that sat on the throne, saying Amen; Alleluia.

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to

make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.

These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

AND I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

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

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the

thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

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

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

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 19:1-20:6

In that scripture from verse 5 of chapter 19 up to verse 9 is just about the rapture is to take place and in heaven there is a lot of jubilation

as the twenty four elders, the four beasts and the holy angels prepare to receive and welcome the bride of Christ (the Church) and immediately when the rapture takes place and the bride of the Lamb enter heaven to receive rewards what follows is the marriage supper of the Lamb that goes on for 7 years. In verse 11 when the years are fulfilled Christ will come out of heaven followed with the saints to come to the earth and settle in Jerusalem to live and reign for a thousand years and there will be judgement of nations by Christ and the Church (verses 11 through to verse 6 of chapter 20).

Chapter 12

The White throne judgement

In the previous chapter we saw the judgement to be executed during the Millennium reign of Christ. In this chapter we are going to see the white throne judgement which is the last judgement and is essentially for the sinners. After that judgement eternity begins both in heaven and in hell for the people who will be in them. It will be everlasting life in heaven with the saints and the holy angels with the Lord God and eternal damnation in hell with the sinners, the beast, the false prophet, fallen angels and Satan as well in that lake of fire. Let us now go to the scripture recording this judgement.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.
And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

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

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

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

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

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works. And

death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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

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

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

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

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said unto me, It is done.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death.

Revelation 20:7-21:8

The above judgement which is the last is real bad news and whoever reads this book my advice is that you avoid reaching that point of no return by repenting of your sins and accepting Jesus Christ to save you and begin a life of holiness and righteousness as you await for the rapture of the saints by Jesus Christ.

Notes to the reader

I take this opportunity to congratulate you for reading this book and hope you have been enlightened, for you to adjust your life accordingly. If you are not yet saved, I sincerely advise you to be saved now in order to avoid regretting on the big day which is not far from now. Please with all sincerity of heart repeat audibly this prayer for you to be saved: 'Lord Jesus, I have had this opportunity to know of your truth and today I believe you are truly the only Saviour. I take this opportunity to request you to come into my life and save me for I am a sinner and I repent of my sins and request that you forgive me for all the sins I committed I ask you all this in your precious and holy name, Amen'.

If you have said that prayer faithfully with an open heart know for sure you are now saved. Take a step and be in a Bible based church where the word of God is preached, taught and practised.

Ask the pastor to be baptized in much water and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and finally live wisely by the word of God. For any comments you can contact us using the following address.

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The need to live wisely

In life every move one makes has a consequence that is either positive or negative and that fact alone makes it mandatory for the need to live wisely here on earth as all are going to be accountable to God the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is therein.

The book is an eye opener to all and one need to get a copy and read and be ready to face God at the opportune time.

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