

**The God
of
Restoration**

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INTRODUCTION

If you look at the people on the earth you will find that many lives are in a miserable state and their lives are crying out for some restoration. Why is that so? It is because when Satan paid a visit on man at the Garden of Eden all hell broke loose and from henceforth the life of man changed completely on the negative. Things were never to be normal again and God had to intervene to reverse the trend and to bring normalcy again. God did that by sending his own Son on the rescue mission but many have not positively responded back to the Son's effort in order to be restored back. But those that do respond positively are restored back to God's order (John 3:16; 1:9-13, Acts 4:11-12, Romans 3:23-26).

To live an orderly and godly life one must go back to God through Jesus Christ who is the way (John 14:5-6, Acts 13:38-39, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2).

Get it right that only in God there is real order that is why all people are called to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:36-38; 17:30-31, Galatians

3:6-11). Outside God there is only confusion (disorder) and a lot of frustration in life.

I do hope that as you read this book you will come to Christ Jesus to bring order in your life and live a normal (godly) life that God purposed for man when he first put him in the garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-25). If you had not received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior get to know that you have no God in you and is living outside the will of God.

It is only in Christ Jesus one can experience a peaceful life, an orderly/ godly life, Jesus as the way, the truth and the life the one that leads to the Garden of Eden in Heaven (Paradise). (Revelation 22:1-2; 14). Only those whose lives have been restored here on earth will be legible to be in Heaven where there is complete order (Revelation 21:9-27). I hope you will begin to live a godly life henceforth and patiently waiting for Christ (John 14:1-3).

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Chapter 1

The Restorer

Right from the word go and as the title of this book suggests, God is the one that restores. God the Eternal Creator (Jehovah-Elohim) has the blue-print for all life and also has the capacity to restore life of any being or anything to its original state.

In the Old Testament when the Israelites went astray God sent them prophets to warn them and to ask them to return back to their God for their restoration.

(Isaiah 1:1-20, Jeremiah 3:1-4:4, Ezekiel 18:1-32, Hosea 1:1-2:23, Joel 1:1-2:32, Amos 5:1-27, Micah 3:1-12, Zechariah 1:1-17) and at the same time God had in mind already a grand plan to restore all mankind back to Himself and which he did accomplish when he later sent his Son Jesus Christ to the Earth (Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-11, Hebrews 2:10-18, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, John 3:16).

In that grand plan of God for restoration God had in mind too, a Millennium rule by his Son Jesus Christ here on Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25) as a foretaste of the

even newer things to come in the kingdom of Heaven (Revelation 21:1-7).

Now during this dispensation of grace the Church of Christ had been overshadowed by darkness which had been brought by Satan on a false gospel which is appealing to the flesh (2 Timothy 4:3-4, Titus 1:10-14, 2 Peter 2:1-3, Genesis 3:1-6) despite God's warning on such (1 John 2:15-17, Matthew 7:15-17, Galatians 1:6-10, Proverbs 14:12).

But God who restores and who has seen that the return of his Son Jesus Christ the Messiah is coming to a close and is very near, he has sent a Messenger (a mighty prophet) as prophesied in the book of Malachi (Malachi 3:1-7) to go to the four corners of the Earth to proclaim the soon coming of the Messiah for his bride (the holy Church) and that she needs to prepare herself in repentance and holy living. The Messenger sent to us has come to restore order in the temple (the house of the Lord, which is the Church). The Church badly need her light on again, so as to shine in glory and power and to be accepted back by the Lord through the latter revival (Haggai 2:1-9, Joel 2:28-29)

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap:

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

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

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return?

Malachi 3:1-7

Now the above cleaning up; do remind me of the cleansing of the temple as was recorded in the book of Luke (Luke 19:45-48). Now the Church has to return to the Lord in repentance and holy living bearing the fruits meet for repentance (Matthew 3:1-8). For God saw in his wisdom that it was necessary as the body of Christ the Church to do so (Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 12:27, Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:28-29, Colossians 1:24) to be restored back to true:

- Repentance (Matthew 3:1-10)
- Holiness (Ephesians 5:1-11, 16, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Hebrews 12:14, Acts 2:38, Acts 19-18).

- Righteousness (Matthew 5:20, 1 Timothy 2:9-10, Philippians 1:27-30; 2:12-16, Titus 2:11-14)
- Worship (John 4:23-24, Revelation 4)
- Priesthood (1 Peter 2:5-9, 2 Timothy 2:19, Romans 12:1-2)
- Gospel (1 Peter 2:1-3, James 1:27, Jude 3-4, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, Mark 1:1-8, Romans 1:1-5, Acts 4:1-12; 5:12-32)
- Teaching (1 Timothy 6:1-10, Titus 1:5-14)

But do not forget that the messenger was not solely for the Church of Christ and that those without have been left out; no. For they too are included for they too are God's creation (Matthew 24:1-14, Acts 17:30-31).

Just as God knew that the Church of Christ will get into apostasy (will fall) (1 Timothy 4:1-5, 2 Peter 1:1-3) he knew too that the Israelites too would fall away from him (Romans 11) and had a plan of restoration for them as well as prophesied by the

prophet Amos and Malachi (Amos 9:8-11, Malachi 4:4-6).

Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, the evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

Amos 9:8-11

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgements.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:4-6

The prophet Elijah is already in our midst preparing all people for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to take his holy Church into heaven; prior to the Tribulation and the Great Tribulation period which all in total will last for 7 years and will be full of God's wrath on the inhabitants of the earth.

THE hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,
And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley;
and, lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, Son, of man, can these bones live?

And I answered, O Lord God; thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones,
and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word
of the LORD.

Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones;
Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye
shall live:

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up
flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put
breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know
that I am the LORD.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I
prophesied, there was a noise and behold a shaking,
and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh
came up upon them, and the skin covered them
above: but there was no breath in them;

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind,
prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind,

Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe
upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and

write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of E'-phra-im,
and for all the house of Israel his companions.

And join them one to another into one stick; and
they shall become one in thine hand.

And when the children of thy people shall speak
unto thee saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou
meanest by these?

Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I
will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of
E'-phra-im and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and
will put them with him, even with the stick of
Judah, and make them one, one stick, and they shall
be one in mine hand.

And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in
thine hand before their eyes.

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Behold, I will take the children of Israel from
among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will
gather them on every side, and bring them into their
own land.

And I will make them one nation in the land upon
the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king
to them all: and they shall be no more two nations,

neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all:

Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and I will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

And David my servant shall be their king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Ezekiel 37

Now that prophecy on the restoration of Israel has been partially fulfilled awaiting full fulfillment when the sanctuary of God has been built a new once again and the Lord Jesus Christ has come to rule on the earth at Jerusalem for 1000 years with his holy Church after the Great Tribulation is over. We all know that God the Creator is the source of life as he is the fountain / spring of living waters and therefore has the capacity to restore / revive by bringing back life to a dead / lifeless being (Genesis 2:7, Psalm, 36:7-9, Isaiah 44:1-4, Jeremiah 2:12-13, John 4:11-14; 7:37-39, Revelation 22:1-2, 17).

Why restoration?

Restoration may be required as a result of a change or changes that have negative impacts which call for restoration such as health, wealth, position in society and so on.

Conditions for restoration

Conditions for restoration do apply on mankind who need to first acknowledge God's sovereign power and to return to him in genuine repentance. Let us look at some of the scriptures touching on the same.

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

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

Isaiah 1:18-19

O ISRAEL, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Assh'-ur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of

our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

Hosea 14:1-3

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2:12-13

The above scriptures touch on the fallen state of the Israelites and the need to turn back to God in genuine repentance in order to be restored. The same principle applies to you and me today. If one falls as a result of sin, one cannot be restored back to God except one genuinely repents of sin in turning back to God in order to be restored.

Let me now bring you some of the scriptures which openly show that only God can restore one back to Himself.

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-13

If one makes the Lord to be one's Shepherd and Master then one can be restored as the psalmist says in the above scripture.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51:1-12

The above is a repentance prayer for cleansing and restoration by David to God, as only God can restore one back to Himself.

Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.

Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills,
and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the
LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.

Jeremiah 3:22-23

The above scripture says that God is the one that
restores people back to him.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken
heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalms 34:18

That scriptures says that the Lord is ready to restore
one who is penitent in heart. Look at a similar
scripture.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and
sinners for to hear him.

And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured,
saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with
them.

And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
What a man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he
lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine

in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost,
until he findeth it?

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his
shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his
friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice
with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven
over one sinner that repenteth, more than over
ninety and nine just persons, which need no
repentance.

Luke 15:1-7

In that scripture too we find that the Lord is ready
to restore a repentant person back to him.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest
Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the
cherubim, shine forth.

Before E'-phra-im and Benjamin and Ma-nas'-seh
stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

Turn us again, O God and cause thy face to shine;
and we shall be saved.

Psalms 80:1-3

That is still another prayer request for restoration addressed to God.

For thus saith the high and lofty. One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit would fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart:

I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

Isaiah 57:15-18

God is the one that restores.

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Leb'-a-non.

Hosea 14:4-5

God promises restoration to Israel if they return to him in repentance that he will restore them. He can restore you and me as well.

FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Heph'-zi-bah, and thy land Beu'-lah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by arm of his strength, surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored.

But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highways; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world,

Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

And they shall call them, the holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Isaiah 62

God here too in the above scripture proclaim the restoration of Israel with much determination. Now get to know that the restoration of Israel as prophesied is also now applied to the restoration of the Church of Christ which is taking place now worldwide at an accelerated pace as the coming of the Lord nears even the more.

Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I have lifted up mine hand, surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame.

But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.

For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown.

And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 36:6-11

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Leb'-a-non shall be

given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Shar'-on, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35

Although the above scripture talks of the restoration of Israel to Zion, in some way it involves the Church of Christ worldwide, the remnant of which will be restored in the last days and that of course has to do with this very period in time.

YET now hear, O Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen:

Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou Jes'-u-run, whom I have chosen.

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods up on the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

One shall say, I am the LORD'S; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD and surname himself by the name of Israel.

Isaiah 44:1-5

Water is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit and therefore God was telling Israel that he will pour his spirit upon Israel. the same principle applied to the early church as recorded in the book of acts of the apostles (Acts 2:1-18) and applies to the Church of Christ currently (all who are the offspring of Abraham by faith) and as recorded in the book of Joel (Joel 2:28-32) and which comes as a post Pentecost experience for the end time revival and harvest of souls for the Lord.

For thus saith the LORD, that after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and

perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Then shall ye call upon me and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Jeremiah 29:10-14

The above promise to Israel of their return from captivity and their restoration back to their land has already been done by God as throughout the years has been restoring the 12 tribes of Israel to repossess back their land and in 1948 Israel was declared a sovereign state. At the same time God is continuing to restore the Church of Christ back to

glory and power through repentance, holiness and righteousness in the end time revival going on across the nations of the world prior to the rapture of the Church.

Satan tried to bring some disorder in Heaven and was cast down to the Earth where he brought much disorder but I thank God who brought back order on mankind through his Son Jesus Christ (Romans 5:6-15, Ephesians 2:1-10) and in his restoration plan, will bring a totally new order of a new Heaven and a new Earth (Revelation 20 and 21).

Initially there was order on Earth prior to Satan (Lucifer) being cast down on earth after creation by God (Genesis 1 and 2) but when Satan (the old serpent) appeared things changed badly for mankind (Genesis 3)

Parallel restoration

God in his wisdom had a parallel restoration for the people on the earth firstly for the Jews and then for the Gentiles as well. As for the Jews it was to be two-fold, that is, physical restoration which has already taken place beginning from the year 1948

and a spiritual restoration which is yet to take place in the near future.

As for the Gentiles it is a spiritual restoration only which they lacked from the beginning as were not God's chosen people like the Jews who God chose and gave them his commandments (Deuteronomy 7:1-11, John 4:7-24).

Unfortunately for the Jews they disobeyed God and that is why God scattered them to other nations and that is why it was necessary for them to be restored back to their ancestral land and on spirituality they rejected the Messiah who came to save them hence the need to restore them back to the God of their fathers (Matthew 13:53-58, 27).

By rejecting their Redeemer they became spiritually blind and went also into slumber and that was a fortunate thing for the Gentiles who God brought his revival to them as were far from God, to be God's own people as well (Matthew 8:5-13, Romans 11) and therefore it was necessary for the Jews to once again get a spiritual awakening from their slumber / be revived / be restored back to God.

1. Jews (the children of Israel)

Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the

street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:21-27

Some of the events had already been fulfilled as the people of Israel came from exile, the Messiah came and accomplished the redemption of mankind and the sanctuary/temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and is yet to be built again prior to Christ's Millennium rule in Jerusalem (a post rapture event) what is imminent is the peace agreement between Israel and his rivals by the involvement of the anti

Christ, for a 7 year period which will usher in the Tribulation period and which the anti-Christ will break after 3 ½ years (false peace) and which ushers in the Great Tribulation for the remaining 3 ½ years when things will be for the worse and the elect of God will be killed. It is at this time the Jews will come to the realization that they were deceived and some of them will be saved (144,000; 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel) as they will now believe the message of the two witnesses of Revelation 11. You can read also the following scriptures: Matthew 24:15-22, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). Those 144,000 were chosen by God (Revelation 7:1-8) and as they were being killed (Revelation 12:17-13:1-8) they cried and were told they wait until their colleagues be killed to reach the number God had set (Revelation 6:9-11) and God who is faithful took them with him in heaven (Revelation 14:1-5). That Great Tribulation is also known as the time of Jacob's trouble. Jacob is the one who had twelve sons which became the twelve tribes of Israel as Jacob's name was changed by God to the name Israel (Genesis 32:24-28;

35:16-26). The Israelites will be undergoing the most difficult / terrible time ever in life on earth.

2. The Gentiles (The Gentile Church)

We are all living during the period of grace in God's divine calendar and it is an extended opportunity for all the nations of the earth to partake of it positively by repenting and turning away from sin and accepting Jesus Christ as the only Savior (Matthew 1: 18-21, John 3: 16, Acts 2: 36-39, 4: 11-12) and living holy and righteous life (Hebrews 12:14) awaiting to be taken away by Christ into heaven for eternity and that is why Jesus said such words in the book of Matthew (Matthew 8:10-11). The last messenger from God prior to rapture of the Church of Christ is already on the earth (Malachi 4:4-6). Let us choose wisely now!

Chapter 2

The restoration of Samson

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of Samson and how God restored him.

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Phi-is'-tines forty years.

And there was a certain man of Zor'-ah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Ma-no'-ah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shall conceive, and bear a son.

Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Phil-is'-tines.

Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

Then Ma-no'-ah entreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

And God hearkened to the voice of Ma-no'-ah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Ma-no'-ah her husband was not with her.

And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto the other day.

And Ma-no'-ah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him,

Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman?

And he said, I am.

And Ma-no'-ah said, Now let thy word come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'-ah, of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

She may not eat of anything that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that commanded her let her observe.

And Ma-no'-ah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'-ah, though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Ma-no'-ah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

And Ma-no'-ah said unto the angel of the LORD, what is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honor?

And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?

So Ma-no'-ah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously; and Ma-no'-ah and his wife looked on.

For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Ma-no'-ah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Ma-no'-ah and to his wife. Then Ma-no'-ah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

And Ma-no'-ah said unto his wife, we shall surely die, because we have seen God.

But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have showed us all these things,

nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

And the spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zor'-ah and Esh'-ta-ol.

AND Samson went down to Tim'-nath, and saw a woman in Tim'-nath of the daughters of the Phil-is'-tines.

And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Tim'-nath of the daughters of the Phil-is'-tines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Phil-is'-tines?

And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against

the Phil-is'-tines: for at that time the Phil-is'-tines had dominion over Israel.

Then went Samson down and his father and his mother, to Tim'-nath, and came to the vineyards of Tim'-nath: and behold, a young lion roared against him.

And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.

So his father went down unto the woman and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so?

And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast

put forth a riddle unto the children of my people,
and hast not told it me. And he said unto her,
Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother,
and shall I tell it thee?

And she went before him the seven days, while
their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh
day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon
him: and she told the riddle to the children of her
people.

And the men of the city said unto him on the
seventh day before the sun went down, what is
sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a
lion? And he said unto them, if ye had not plowed
with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he
went down to Ash'-ke-lon, and slew thirty men of
them, and took their spoil, and gave change of
garments unto them which expounded the riddle.

And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his
father's house.

But Samson's wife was given to his companion,
whom he had used as his friend.

BUT it came to pass within a while after in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go into my wife into the chamber.

But her father would not suffer him to go in.

And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? Take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Phil-is'-tines, though I do them a displeasure.

And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Phil-is'-tines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

Then the Phil-is'-tines said, who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Tim'-nite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion.

And the Phil-is'-tines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

And Samson said unto them,

Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock E'-tam.

Then the Phil-is'-tines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Le'-hi.

And the men of Judah said, why are ye come against us?

And they answered, to bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock E'-tam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Phil-is'-tines are rulers over us? What is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, as they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

And they said unto him, we are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Phil-is'-tines.

And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

And they spake unto him, saying,

No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

And when he came unto Le'-hi, the Phil-is'-tines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

And he found a new jaw bone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

And Samson said, with the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ra'-math-le-hi.

And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said,

Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die of thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

But God clave a hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereabout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hak-kor'-e, which is in Le'-hi unto this day.

And he judged Israel in the days of the Phil-is'-tines twenty years.

THEN went Samson to Ga'-za, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her.

And it was told the Ga'-zites, saying, Samson is come hither.

And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night saying, in the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and

carried them up to the top of a hill that is before He'-bron.

And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sor'-ek, whose name was De-li'-lah;

And the lords of the Phil-is'-tines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

And De-li'-lah said to Samson, Tell me I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withes that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

Then the lords of the Phil-is'-tines brought up to her seven green withes which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Phil-is'-tines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the

withes, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

And De-li'-lah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

De-li'-lah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Phil-is'-tines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber.

And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

And De-li'-lah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, if thou weaves the seven locks of my head with the web.

And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Phil-is'-tines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web:

And she said unto him, how canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? Thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

That he told her all his heart and said unto her, there hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

And when De-li'-lah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Phil-is'-tines, saying Come up this once, for he hath showed me all his heart.

Then the lords of the Phil-is'-tines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

And she said, The Phil-is'-tines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before and shake myself.

And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

But the Phil-is'-tines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Ga'-za, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

Then the lords of the Phil-is'-tines gathered them together for the offer a great sacrifice, unto Da'-gon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the

prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Phil-is'-tines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Phil-is'-tines for my two eyes.

And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

And Samson said, Let me die with the Phil-is'-tines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew

at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zor'-ah and Esh'-ta-ol in the burying place of Ma-no'-ah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Judges 13, 14, 15 & 16

Quite a long story it was, of the history of the life of Samson who was a Nazarite to God.

We find that in the life of Samson at some time he had fallen so low as to sleep with a harlot an unimaginable thing to happen to a servant of God. But the good thing is that he realized his folly and returned back to God pleading for his mercy and requesting to be given an opportunity to accomplish his mission for God on his people and God granted him his request by restoring strength back to him and he successfully accomplished his work for God by slaying all the Phil-is'-tines rulers (lords) who were ruling over the Israelites. For sure God restored Samson back to Himself and I believe he died (slept) in the Lord as he is counted among the

faith giants in the epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-34).

Chapter 3

The restoration of David

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of David at some point and how God restored him.

AND the LORD said unto Samuel,
How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

And Samuel said, how can I go? If Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

And he said, peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'-ab and said, surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on the countenance, or on the height of his stature, because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Then Jesse called A-bin'-a-dab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, neither hath the LORD chosen this.

The Jesse made Sham'-mah to pass by. And he said, neither hath the LORD chosen this.

The Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chose these.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children?

And he said, there remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to.

And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ra'-mah.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

AND it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Jo'-ab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rab-bah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

And it came to pass in an eventide, That David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-she-ba, the daughter of Eli'-am, the wife of U-ri'-ah the Hit'-tite?

And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

And David sent to Jo'-ab, saying, Send me U-ri'-ah the Hit'-tite. And Jo'-ab sent U-ri'-ah to David.

And when U-ri'-ah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Jo'-ab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

And David said to U-ri'-ah,

Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And U-ri'-ah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.

But U-ri'-ah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lords, and went not down to his house.

And when they had told David, saying, went not down unto his house, David said unto U-ri'-ah, comest thou not from the journey? Why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?

And U-ri'-ah said unto David,

The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Jo'-ab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

And David said to U-ri'-ah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart. So U-ri'-ah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Jo'-ab, and sent it by the hand of U-ri'-ah.

And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye U-ri'-ah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

And it came to pass, when Jo'-ab observed the city, that he assigned U-ri'-ah unto a place, where he knew that valiant men were.

And the men of the city went out, and fought with Jo'-ab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and U-ri'-ah the Hit'-ti-te died also.

Then Jo'-ab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

And charged the messenger saying, when thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? Knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

Who smote A-bim'-e-lech the son of Je-rub'-be-sheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in The'-bez? Why went ye nigh the wall? Then say thou,

Thy servant U-ri'-ah the Hit'-ti-te is dead also.

So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Jo'-ab had sent him for.

And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant U-ri'-ah the Hit'-ti-te is dead also.

Then David said unto the messenger, thus shalt thou say unto Jo'-ab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

And when the wife of U-ri'-ah heard that U-ri'-ah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

AND the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, there were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

And there came a traveler unto the rich man, and he spared to take his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan as the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

And Nathan said to David,

Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight thou hast killed U-ri'-ah the Hit'-ti-te with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of U-ri'-ah the Hit'-ti-te to be thy wife.

Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy

neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD.

And Nathan said unto David,

The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that U-ri'-ah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, is the child dead? And they said He is dead:

Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

Then said his servants unto him, what thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead thou didst rise and eat bread.

And he said, while the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him but he shall not return to me.

And David comforted Bath-she'-ba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.

And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jed-i-di'-ah because of the LORD.

2 Samuel 11:1-12: 25

In the former scripture we saw how God chose David to be king of Israel and Judah and directed Prophet Samuel to go and anoint him as king and the Spirit of God came to him. But in the above scripture we see David falling into sin repeatedly but God forgave him after pronouncing some judgments on him and for sure God had restored David back to Himself as he had genuinely repented of his sins. If it were not so, God would not have referred to David as a man after his own heart in another scripture. Moreover, David is among the men of faith who overcame by their

faith and is listed in the epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-34). Those so listed there are some of the inheritors of heaven. But as to the Judgments of God they all came to pass beginning with the death of the son born in adultery (2 Samuel 12:13-19) others followed in chapter 13 of the same book of Samuel going onwards. Let us all fear God and remember the golden rule that Jesus taught on the Sermon on the Mount in the book of Matthew (Matthew 7:12).

Chapter 4

The restoration of Naaman

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of Naaman who was a leper and how God miraculously restored his body.

NOW Na'-a-man, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and honorable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper.

And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Sa-mar'-i-a! For he would recover him of his leprosy.

And one went in, and told his lord, saying, thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel.

And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying,

Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold I have therewith sent Na'-a-man my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

And it was so, when E-li'-sha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

So Na'-a-man came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of E-li'-sha.

And E-li'-sha sent a messenger unto him, saying,
Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh
shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

But Na'-a-man was wroth, and went away, and
said,

Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me,
and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his
God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover
the leper.

Are not Ab-a'-na and Phar'-par, rivers of
Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May
I not wash in them and be clean? So he returned
and went away in a rage.

And his servants came near, and spake unto him,
and said,

My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some
great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How
much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and
be clean?

Then he went down, and dipped himself seven
times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man
of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh
of a little child, and he was clean.

2 Kings 5:1-14

In the above scripture we see how God miraculously healed Naaman of his leprosy and his body was completely restored back to normalcy. Also, from it we do learn that when we approach God for help, we need to humble ourselves before him and additionally need show God the desperation of our hearts by being serious with what he tells us and to act on it (to obey).

Let us approach God in all simplicity and not try to be complicated and knowing all as we are totally unable to do many things or to get what we want by our own efforts. Let us lay down all our achievements at the feet of Jesus as we are just like worms before him.

It seems that Naaman went to the man of God not as a leper but as a man with authority (a captain of the house of the king of Syria). Probably too, Naaman may have gone to the man of God with a superiority complex as earlier they (Syrians) had attacked Israel and come out with captives, the little maid being one of them. It may be true that the rivers in Syria were cleaner than the rivers in Israel

as Naaman purported. But the God of Israel is both a God of fact and tack and can handle any situation in any way he deems fit as he is not limited in problem solving because the fact remains that he is God and not a man and will remain so eternally. In disobedience one can very easily miss on God; Let us therefore be very careful when approaching Him for any help.

Chapter 5

The restoration of Hezekiah

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of Hezekiah and how God restored his life.

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Ho-she-a son of E-lah king of Israel, that Hez-e-ki'-ah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zach-a-ri'-ah.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

He removed the high places, and brake the images and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Ne-hush'-tan.

He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

He smote the Phil-is'-tines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city,

And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hez-e-ki'-ah, which was the seventh year of Ho-she-a son of E'-lah king of Israel, that Shal-man-e'-ser king of Assyria came up against Sa-mar'-i-a, and besieged it.

And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hez-e-ki'-ah, that is the ninth year of Ho-she-a king of Israel, Sa-mar'-i-a was taken.

And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Ha'-lah and in Ha'-bor by the river of Go'-zan, and in the cities of the Medes: Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God but transgressed his covenant, and all that

Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

Now in the fourteenth year of king Hez-e-ki'-ah did Sen-na-ch'-er-is king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

And Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to La'-chish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou putttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

And Hez-e-ki'-ah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.

At that time, did Hez-e-ki'-ah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-sa'-ris and Rab-sha'-keh from La'-chish to king Hez-e-ki'-ah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit

of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. And when they had called to the king, there came out to them, E-li'-a-kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah, which was over the household, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and Jo'-ah the son of A'-saph the recorder.

And Rab-sha-keh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hez-e-ki'-ah, Thus saith the great king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

Now, behold, thou trusted upon the staff of this brused reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

But if ye say unto me, we trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hez-e-ki'-ah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two

thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

And I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me,

Go up against this land, and destroy it.

Then said E-li'-a-kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah, and Sheb'-na, and Jo-ah, unto Rab-sha-keh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language: for we understand it: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people, that are on the wall.

But Rab-sha'-keh said unto them, hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee to speak these words? Hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung and drink their own piss with you?

Then Rab-sha'-keh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

Thus saith the king, let not Hez-e-ki'-ah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

Neither let Hez-e-ki'-ah make you trust in the LORD, saying.

The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the king of Assyria.

Hearken not to Hez-e-ki'-ah: for this saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine and every one of his fig tree and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and honey that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hez-e-ki'-ah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Syria?

Where are the gods of Ha'-math, and of Arpad?
Where are the gods of Se-phar-va'-im,

He'-na, and I-vah have they delivered Sa-mar'-i-a
out of mine hand?

Who are they among all the gods of the countries
that have delivered their country out of mine hand,
that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of
mine hand?

But the people held their peace, and answered him
not a word: for the king's commandment was,
saying, answer him not.

Then came E-li'-a-kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah, which
was over the household, and Sheb'-na the scribe,
and Jo'-ah the son of A'-saph the recorder to Hez-
e-ki'-ah with their clothes rent, and told him the
words of Rab-sha'-keh.

AND it came to pass when king Hez-e-ki'-ah heard
it, that he rent his clothes and covered himself with
sack clothes, and went into the house of the LORD.
And he sent E-li-a-kim, which was over the
household, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and the elders
of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the
prophet the son of Amoz.

And they said unto him,

Thus saith Hez-e-ki'-ah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth it may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-sha'-keh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

So the servants of king Hez-e-ki'-ah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them,

Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD,

Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

So Rab-sha'-keh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Lib'-nah: for he had heard that he was departed from La'-chish.

And when he heard say of Tir-ha'-kah king of E-thi-o'-pi-a,

Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying,

Thus she ye speak to Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

Have the gods of the nation delivered them which my fathers have destroyed: as Go'-zan, and Har'-an, and Re'-zeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelas'-ar?

Where is the king of Ha'-math, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Se-phar-va'-i-m, of He'-na, and I'-vah?

And Hez-e-ki'-ah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hez-e-ki'-ah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

And Hez-e-ki'-ah prayed before the LORD God of Israel which dwellest between the Cher'-u-bim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth thou hast made heaven and earth.

LORD, bow down thine ear and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes and see: and hear the words of Sen-nach-er-ib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying,

Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, that which thou hast prayed to me against Sen-nach'-er-ib king of Assyria I have heard.

This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; the virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. Whom hath thou reproached and blasphemed? And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? Even against the Holy One of Israel.

By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Leb'-a-non, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter unto the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.

I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? Now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

And this shall be a sign unto thee, ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor

shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

For I will defend this city, to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred four score and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

So San-nach'-er-ib king of Assyria departed and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'-e-veh.

And it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nis'-roch his god, that A-dram'-me-lech and Sha-re'-zer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land, of Ar-me'-ni-a. And E-sar-had'-don his son reigned in his stead.

IN those days was Hez-e-ki'-ah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, thus saith the LORD,

Set thine house in order for thou shalt die, and not live.

Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hez-e-ki'-ah wept sore.

And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

Turn again, and tell Hez-e-ki'-ah the captain of my people,

Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 18, 19, 20:7

In the above scriptures we have seen that Hezekiah was very sick (sick unto death) but God healed him and he once again was in good health fully restored and fifteen more years were added to his days. Now that is full restoration by God for sure and nothing less.

Chapter 6

The restoration of Job

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of Job and to see how God restored his life.

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was greatest of all the men of the east.

And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one of his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for

Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.

Thus did Job continually.

Now there was a day that the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, doth Job fear God for nought?

Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, the oxen were ploughing, and the asses feeding beside them:

And the Sa-be'-ans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, the fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chal-de'-ans made out three bands, and fell up on the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants, with the

edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped.

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

And the LORD said unto Satan, from whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his wife.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the LORD said unto Satan,

Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

Then said his wife unto him, dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite, and Bildad the Shu'-hite, and Zo'-phar the Na'-am-a-thite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

Job 1 & 2

That is what happened to Job when God granted Satan his request to temp Job. In a very short time Job's life had totally changed in the most negative

way such that even those who came to comfort him were unable to recognize him and also were unable to say a word of encouragement to comfort him.

Now the scripture does say that the end of a thing is better than its beginning. Let us straight away look at the end of the life of Job how he fared.

THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,

I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?

Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee:

Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite, my wrath is kindled against thee,

and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job. So El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite and Bildad the Shu'-hite, and Zo'-phar the Na'-am-a-thite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money and every one an earring of gold.

So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

He had also seven sons and three daughters.

And he called the name of the first, Je-mi'-ma; and the name of the second, Ke-zi'-a and the name of the third, Ker'-en-hap'-puch.

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among the brethren.

After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

So Job died, being old and full of days.

Job 42

Now the above is restoration plus, let me call it so. We see in the above scripture that God surely is a God of restoration and when he restores, he restores fully and beautifully and sometimes even beyond! For sure Job badly needed the restoration of God as Satan really made a mess, total mess of his life (Job

2:11-13). God did restore Job in style and in a big way indeed. Let us list the blessings:

- Job's health restored
- Job's children restored
- Job's riches and wealth restored two - fold
- Job's fame and honor restored
- Job's life strengthened
- Job's life was commended by God (James 5:10-11).

Chapter 7

The restoration of Nebuchadnezzar

In this chapter we are going to see the life of Nebuchadnezzar and how God restored him.

NEB-U-CHAD-NEZ'-ZAR the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth;

Peace be multiplied unto you.

I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

How great are his signs! And how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chal-de'-ans and the sooth sayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Bel-te-shaz'-zah, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,

O Bel-te-shaz'-zah, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

Thus were the vision of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.

The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the

heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven;

He cried aloud, and said thus Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

This dream I king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zah have seen.
Now thou, O Bel-te-shaz'-zar, declare the
interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise
men of my kingdom are not able to make known
unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the
spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

Then Daniel, whose name was Bel-te-shaz'-zar was
astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled
him. The king spake and said, Bel-te-shaz'-zar, let
not the dream or the interpretation thereof trouble
thee. Bel-te-shaz'-zar answered and said, my lord,
the dream be to them that hate thee, and the
interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was
strong, whose height reached unto the heaven and
the sight thereof to all the earth;

Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much,
and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of
the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls
of the heaven had their habitation:

It is thou, O king, that art grown and become
strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth

unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

This is the interpretation O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto

thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

Whereof, O king let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by sharing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility.

All this came upon the king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar.

At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

The king spake, and said, is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar, to thee it is spoken; the kingdom is departed from thee.

And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar: and he was driven from men; and did eat grass as oxen and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds claws.

And at the end of the days I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever, whose dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou?

At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom mine honor and brightness returned unto me; and I was established in my kingdom and excellent majesty was added unto me.

Now I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar praise and extol and honor the king of heaven, all whose works are truth

and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride, he is able to abase.

Daniel 4

There too in the above scripture we see how the life of Nebuchadnezzar turned completely all of a sudden and he ended living among the beasts as one of them for quite some time until he humbled himself and acknowledged God in his life and God restored him beautifully back into his kingdom with a bonus as well an excellent majesty was added into his reign after he had been fully established restored. The God of Israel cannot be compared to any other god.

Chapter 8

The restoration of the prodigal son

In this chapter we are going to look at the story of the prodigal son which is but a parable to us and specifically touches on God as a restorer of mankind.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, this man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

And when he hath found it he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying, unto them,

Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Either what woman having ten pieces, of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it.

And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying,

Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

And he said, a certain man had two sons:

And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:1-24

In the above scripture God is illustrating his love to us and is more than ready to accept us back to Himself thereby restoring us. The only condition is that we have to come to ourselves and to appreciate God's love and goodness and to come back to him in true repentance and he will be more than glad to accept us.

Let us know that whenever we go away from God, there is nothing good that will come our way. Wherever we are God is always able to see us. Also, when we go away from God we will end up with dirty cloth/ garment and will need a new one from God to be able to live again in his house as children of God. In the same note out there without God we end up losing our engagement ring which

God gave us when we went to him at first and which qualified us to be in the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven in the near future when Christ (the Bride groom) comes for his Church (the Bride) (John 3:16; 14:1-3, Revelation 19:6-9).

Chapter 9

The restoration of Simon Peter

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of Simon Peter and how God restored him.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

And he said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, nothing.

Then said he unto them, but now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, and he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords.

And he said unto them, it is enough.

And he came out, and went as he was wont, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

And when he was at that place, he said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation.

And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Saying, Father, if thou be willing remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

And said unto them, why sleep ye? Rise and pray,
lest ye enter into temptation.

And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he
that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went
before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the
Son of man with a kiss?

When they which were about him saw what would
follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite
with the sword?

And one of them smote the servant of the high
priest, and cut off his right ear.

And Jesus answered and said,

Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and
healed him.

Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains
of the temple, and the elders which were come to
him,

Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and
staves?

When I was daily with you in the temple, ye
stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your
hour, and the power of darkness.

Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, this man was also with him.

And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilean.

And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake the cock crew.

And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he

had said unto him, before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice.

And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:31-62

In the above scripture we are able to see the life of Simon Peter who had confidence in himself and not in God and therefore Satan really desired to sift him as he was an easy prey. You and I need not have confidence in ourselves (the flesh) but in God. Satan desires to tempt all true believers in the Lord. Don't think the case of Simon Peter is an isolated case. Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the wisdom of God knew all that would befall his disciples and he told Simon that he had prayed for him (in advance) that Simon's faith should not fail and when that happens and he is restored, he will need to strengthen his brethren (other believers).

Jesus Christ told his disciples to pray in order to keep/ maintain their faith but it fell on deaf ears as they did not heed and Simon Peter ended with a physical confrontation instead of a spiritual confrontation as he just as the other disciples had not prayed as were instructed/ advised by the Lord.

You and I will repeat the same mistake if we fail to pray.

Satan who desires to tempt born again Christians is a spiritual being and must be confronted spiritually to overcome him. Prayer is a spiritual exercise and is very effective in a Christian's life and that is why Jesus told his disciples to pray. Jesus told his disciples exactly what he Himself practiced always. When one stops to pray one is essentially sleeping in the spiritual realm and also one is on the way to falling as far as temptations are concerned. Simon Peter fell because he was not that spiritual then (lacked in prayer) and he now followed Jesus afar off after first smiting off the right ear of the servant of the high priest and he went further and denied his Lord (Jesus Christ) thrice just as Jesus had said. He was sited among the scorners which was also wrong (Luke 22:54-55, Psalm 1:1-3).

Simon Peter was lucky because Jesus had prayed for him and he too realized his folly and wept bitterly for restoration.

Let us look at yet another scripture on the life of Simon Peter after Jesus' crucifixion on the cross and his resurrection from the dead after three days.

AFTER these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Ti-be-ri-as; and on this wise showed he himself.

There were together Simon Peter and Thomas called Did'-y-mus, and Na-than'-a-el of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zeb'-e-dee, and two other of his disciples.

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him

We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

But when the morning was now come Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

Then Jesus saith unto them,

Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, no.

And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.

They cast therefore and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter,

It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked) and did cast himself into the sea.

And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

As soon as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught,

Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to the land full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst, ask him,

Who art thou? Knowing that it was the Lord.

Jesus then cameth, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith unto him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou me? He said unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonah, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

John 21:1-17

Jesus appeared to the seven disciples who had left their call and gone back to fishing.

In the list we find the first name that appears funny enough begins with Simon Peter (who also happened to be the first disciple Jesus called along with his brother Andrew followed by John and James the sons of Zebedee - Matthew 4:18-22). Simon Peter is the one who led the others to fishing (John 21:1-3).

In verse 7 we see that Simon Peter was naked. When one has fallen from the faith one's nakedness can be seen in the spiritual. When one is converted to Christ and receives the promise of the Father being filled with the Holy Spirit one is clothed and not naked before God as only the Holy Spirit can cover our nakedness (Genesis 3:6-13, 21, Revelation 16:15).

It seems the disciples badly needed God's restoration and that is why he had to show himself as a Son to the disciples three times in a row.

It also seems Jesus was trying to drive a point home in the heart of Simon Peter by asking him thrice if he really loved him to a point that Simon Peter was grieved. But all these Jesus Christ did as part of God's restoration.

Simon Peter was just receiving the final touch of restoration from the Lord. Now for sure he was fully restored and his life was not the same and he encouraged and strengthened his brethren (Acts 2:1-42, 2 Peter 1:12-21).

Chapter 10

The restoration of the adulterous woman

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of a woman who was caught in adultery and how Jesus Christ reacted and what later transpired.

JESUS went unto the Mount of Olives.

And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger on the ground, as though he heard them not.

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst:

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?

She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

John 8:1-11

In the above case we see that the reputation of that woman had been severely affected going by what happened when she was caught in the act of adultery. But Jesus Christ knows the hearts of all men and can easily see sin in them and reacted to the accusation brought before him by challenging their lives and all were convicted by their own

conscience that they too were no different from that woman as they too had sinned in one way or another and all left in shame. Jesus Christ the Son of God did not condemn the woman but forgave her the sin she had committed and advised her not to sin again. At last she got her freedom back and her reputation was restored back to her as her accusers now could not condemn her any more as a result of Jesus' challenge and therefore the society would not continue to treat her as they had prior to accusing her before Jesus.

At least she could now get some dignity from the scribes and Pharisees.

Chapter 11

The restoration of Jairus' daughter

In this chapter we are going to look at yet another phenomenal on God's work in the lives of mankind and in this case the life of Jairus' daughter. This is the first of a series of three that we have to see as recorded in the scriptures of God.

Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done to thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

And it came to pass that when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

And, behold, there came a man named Ja-i-rus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.

And Jesus said, who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, who touched me?

And Jesus said, somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said; she is not dead, but sleepeth.

And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

Luke 8:38-56

Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, the most High God, is the life and can command back life where there is lifelessness. In the above scripture

we can see how he restored back life to Jairus' daughter. As I write this book, here in Kenya, it is about a month and we are still celebrating the resurrection of mama Rosa from the dead who God miraculously brought back to life after she had died in a village in South Pokot. Surely our God, Jehovah - Eloheenu is a very, very, great God indeed!

God still does restore lives even today. No wonder the scriptures say he is the God of the quick and the dead. It is a time of great revival in the Church of Christ once again and which will culminate to the rapture of the holy Church of Christ.

As we have seen in that scripture, Jesus Christ is not a master of some things but he is a Master of everything and controls the whole universe as he has unlimited power. Get to know that the wisdom, authority and power of God defies even science, the law of nature, name it.

Chapter 12

The restoration of a widow's son

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of a widow's son what happened and what Jesus the Son of the living God was able to do.

And it came to pass the day after, that we went into a city called Na'-in; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying,

That a great prophet is risen up among us; and,
That God hath visited his people.
And this rumor of him went forth throughout all
Judea, and throughout all the region round about.

Luke 7:11-17

In the above scripture we see again Jesus restoring
back life to that widow's son who had passed on
and people glorified God and had the fear of God in
their lives. Now that too shows God's compassion
on mankind and this time round specifically on
widows whom the scriptures say God is their
husband (their cover and a place of help).

Chapter 13

The restoration of the Lunatic

In this chapter we are going to look at the life of a man who was a lunatic as a result of demon possession and how God beautifully restored him.

And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

And cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most High God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

And he asked him, what is thy name? And he answered, saying, my name is Legion: for we are many.

And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country.

And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Mark 5:1-15

From the above account we can see that the Lord did a wonderful work by restoring that man who was demon-possessed and was lunatic and the men who fed the swine and those in the city and in the country who the men told them what had happened and all came to see the once demon possessed man were afraid when they saw him because he had received a great transformation!!!.

They must have wondered at the power of Jesus.

Let us now keenly look at the man who was healed:

- Restored from dwelling among the tombs and mountains to be in the city and country among the living in the society
- Restored from being violent to being gentle.
- Restored from insanity to sanity
- Restored from a state of restlessness to a state of peacefulness.

Chapter 14

The restoration of Lazarus

In this chapter we are going to look at yet again God's restoring back to life on Lazarus who had died.

NOW a certain man was sick, named Laz'-a-rus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Laz'-a-rus was sick)

Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

When Jesus heard that, he said, this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Laz'-a-rus.

When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judea again.

His disciples say unto him,
Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and
goest thou thither again
Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the
day, If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not,
because he seeth the light of this world.
But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth,
because there is no light in him.
These things said he: and after that he saith unto
them,
Our friend Laz'-a-rus sleepeth; but I go, that I may
awake him out of sleep.
Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall
do well.
Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought
that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Laz'-a-rus is
dead.
And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there,
to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go
unto him.

Then said, Thomas, which is called Did'-y-mus,
unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we
may die with him.

Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in
the grave four days already.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about
fifteen furlongs off:

And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary,
to comfort them concerning their brother.

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was
coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the
house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst
been here, my brother had not died.

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt
ask of God, God will give it thee.

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise
again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the
life: he that believeth in me though he were dead,
yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called, Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

And said, where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said,

Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'-a-rus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

John 11:1-45

There you are. Even restoring back life to a dead body is nothing to God. He can do it if he wills and for his own glory. As I said earlier, we in Kenya still do glorify the God of Israel who through the mouth of his great and mighty prophet mama Rosa came back to life after she had died and her body was left covered on a bed with clothing. For those who doubt, we truly have a prophet in the land of Kenya sent to the four corners of the earth (Malachi 4:5-6, Matthew 17:9-11, 1 Kings 17:17-24, Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

Chapter 15

The restoration of the man at the pool

In this chapter we are going to see how a man at some pool was restored back and could now walk by himself.

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of important folk of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

And a certain man was there which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.

John 5:1-9

From the above account we see how that man was totally restored back by Jesus being made whole from 38 years of infirmity and from hopelessness as he said it ‘Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool’.

Chapter 16

My personal experience

In this chapter I am going now to share my own personal experience how at some point in my Christian walk faltered and how God in his grace and mercy restored my faith. In my book entitled 'A Christian and How not to backslide' I explained more vividly on the same but in this book and in this particular chapter which happens to be the last chapter of the book I am just going to corroborate the fact that God indeed is the Restorer of all things and that there is no any other being save for Him that can restore As God does. God restores uniquely, fully and beautifully.

I can confidently say that God is good all the time and all the time God is good as truly that is His nature. God is a Spirit (John 4:24) and the fruit of the Spirit includes goodness (Galatians 5:24) and God has demonstrated that goodness In His own Son too (Acts 10:38).

I have come to learn many, many lessons in my Christian walk and one of them is that God has his own time of doing things restoration included and

that he will never do a thing too late or too early but on time (at the exact time it is necessary at his discretion). Now look at the following scripture:

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

The above scripture applies in my life as before I was restored back in the faith (the faith of God) I was helpless as had no strength in me and could do nothing to change the miserable/ pitiable life I was living in then and it took only the hand of the Lord Himself to restore me. I had done all on my own in vain. I was left with only one option and that was to wait on the Lord which I did and it was not in vain. It was just a matter of time (God's time) and as the scripture say; there is a time for everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). Now look at this other scripture.

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? Saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall.

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:25-31

The above scripture too apply to my life at some point as I was weary and faint in my faith and God

who is everlasting and strong gave me strength after delivering me and restored me fully and now I do by God's grace possess more spiritual insight than before and have a more closer and deeper relationship with the Father than before. In fact I continue to be amazed in my Christian walk by what God has endowed in my life and have nothing to say but only to thank him for his goodness toward me as for sure I did not qualify for it but is all by His grace, mercy and love toward me.

I take this very opportunity to encourage you that be not dismayed and feel as if God has deserted you that be encouraged in the Lord as only Him alone can bring light in your life. He is the Restorer and restore can back your life. God can turn around your gloomy life and your sadness can be turned into joy and your hopelessness can be turned into hopefulness and your failure can be turned into victory and success and your weakness can be turned into strength and might and your cowardice turned into bravery and confidence. Just have faith in God trusting him in whatever situation you find yourself in and patiently wait on Him and for sure

he will come to your rescue and your life will never remain the same just as mine has not remained the same but has had a tremendous transformation and my life is now better and no longer bitter as I now have the joy of my salvation (Psalm 51:12). I advise you that also take time (good time) to thoroughly examine your life as you petition God for restoration. Please read the book of Psalms chapter 51.

Now the sons of E'-li were sons of Be'-li-al; they knew not the LORD.

And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servants came, while the flesh was in 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 Shi'-loh 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 all 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 to 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.

1 Samuel 2:12-17

AND the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Phil-is'-tines to battle, and pitched beside Eb-en-e'-zer: and the Phil-is'-tines pitched in A'-phek.

And the Phil-is'-tines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Phil-is'-tines: 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 Phil-is'-tines? Let us

fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shi'-loh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

So the people sent to Shi'-loh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cher'-u-bim: and the two sons of E'-li, Hoph'-ni and Phin'-e-has, 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 Phil-is'-tines 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 Phil-is'-tines 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's? These are the God's that

smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

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

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

And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of E'-li, Hoph'-ni and Phin'-e-has, were slain.

1 Samuel 4:1-11

The reason why Israel were smitten was as a result of the sins of Hophni and Phinehas the sons of Eli who we read earlier that they disobeyed God by abhorring the offering of the Lord and God withdrew his protection from them and even the ark of the covenant of the Lord could not save them from the hand of their enemies as these same disobedient sons of E'-li were with the ark of the covenant of the Lord and God judged them as they too were among the slain. Please do remember that

these sons of Eli did worse things by laying with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation (an unimaginable thing to do) (1 Samuel 2:22).

AND, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jer-o-bo'-am stood by the altar to burn incense.

And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Jo-si'-ah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bone shall be burnt upon thee.

And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken;

Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

And it came to pass when king Jer-o-bo'-am heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his

hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God, besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: For so it was charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou comest.

So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

And their father said unto them, what way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

Then he said unto him, Come home with me and eat bread.

And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor return again to go by the way that thou camest.

He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art;
and an angel spake unto me by the word of the
LORD, saying,

Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he
may eat bread and brink water. But he lied unto
him. So he went back with him, and did eat bread
in his house, and drank water.

And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the
word of the LORD came unto the prophet that
brought him back:

And he cried unto the man of God that came from
Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as
thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and
hast not kept the commandment which the LORD
thy God commanded thee,

But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drank
water in the place, of the which the LORD did say
to thee,

Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcasses
shall not come unto the sepulcher of thy fathers.

And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and
after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass,
to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcasses was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcasses.

1 Kings 13:1-24

Here is another example of the withdrawal of divine protection as a result of disobedience by that man of God who was not principled in life by having his no remaining no, who was not watchful and careful with his peers thinking that all are faithful men and took not the trouble to test the spirit in that who was confessing to be also a prophet. God is not confused to say this then soon later say that. If at all he changes his mind he definitely will use the same method he used earlier and not by proxy (through others, as this old prophet claimed/lie) do compare the case of prophet Isaiah and king Hezekiah (Isaiah 38:1-8)- God talked to the king using the same channel, that is, the prophet Isaiah.

AND it came to pass in those days, that the Phil-is'-tines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel.

And A'-chish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. And David said to A'-chish, surely thou shalt know that thy servant can do. And A'-chish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ra'-mah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

And the Phil-is'-tines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shu'-nem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gil-bo'-a.

And when Saul saw the host of the Phil-is'-tines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by U'-rim, nor by prophets.

Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said unto him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

1 Samuel 28:1-8

NOW the Phil-is'-tines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Phil-is'-tines, and fell down slain in mount Gil-bo'-a.

And the Phil-is'-tines followed hard upon Saul, and upon his sons; and the Phil-is'-tines slew Jonathan, and A-bin'-a-dab, and Mal'-chi-shu'-a, 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 armor-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these

uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

And when his armor-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 armor-bearer and all his men, that same day together.

1 Samuel 31:1-6

Saul and his sons died because most likely Saul's disobedience in going to seek for a woman with a familiar spirit to inquire from her and he knew God of Israel is a jealous God and judges those who hate him to the third and forth generation and he is a consuming fire (Deuteronomy 4:23-24; 5:6-9). God definitely must have withdrawn his protection from that family of Saul as he detests witchcraft so much.

Notes to the reader

I thank you for reading this book and have come to the knowledge of the need to live an orderly life in Christ Jesus after accepting him in one's life and receive the Holy Spirit to enable one live a godly life. If you had not done so, you can do it right now by repeating this prayer to be reconciled and restored back to God the Creator of Heaven and Earth and all that is therein.

‘Lord Jesus, I have read your word and have come to realize that I cannot live a godly life without you. I acknowledge all my sins today and ask for forgiveness. I believe with all my heart that you died for my sins on the cross and rose again on the third day to life. Save my life now and come to my life. I ask, all this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

If you have repeated that prayer you are restored now back to God the Father. Join a Bible based church if you have not been going to one. Ask the pastor to baptize you in much water by complete body immersion.

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