

*Jesus Christ is come in the flesh
according to the measure
of the gift of Christ*

That there should be time no longer

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world (1Jo 4:2-3).

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7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ (Eph 4:7).

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13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:

15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, (2Co 10:13-15).

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6 And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer (Re 10:6):

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Preface:

The hope and purpose of this manuscript is to obediently present a concise biblical perspective of 'time' which God in Christ reveals from all of His word (2Ti 3:16-17; Re 19:13):

Psalm 119:128, 130 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. 130 ¶ The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

The biblical understanding of 'time' should be according to the measure of the gift of Christ, (Eph 4:7), according to the measure of the rule God hath distributed to us, [*abundantly*], in preaching the gospel of Christ (Eph 1:1-14; 2Co 10:13-15).

That the eternal spiritual reality of God's eternal sacrifice, [*judgment*], (Isa 53:10-11), and resurrection, [*deliverance*], (Jo 11:25), by the Lord Jesus Christ, 'even now', should abide and dwell in God's people, [*who are one flesh in Christ*], (Eph 5:31-32), by the faith and obedience of Jesus Christ, (Ro 16:25-26), who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Heb 7:3).

Psalm 15:1 ¶ LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

That, before the world and time began, (Ge 1:2; Tit 1:2), God eternally and spiritually preordained that His upright shall obey His word while it is called To day, [*from Alpha to Omega*], (Mt 5:48; Re 1:8), from the beginning of eternal life, [*being born again*], (Eze 36:25-27; 1Jo 3:9), to the end of all sin, [*the second resurrection without sin*], (Heb 9:27-28).

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

God declares, that, if we are partakers of Christ, we hold the beginning, [*being born of God*], (Jo 3:3-5), of our confidence, [*the measure of Christ*], unwavering unto the end (Heb 10:23; Re 10:6).

That whether His born-again enter the grave before that last day, or are taken up to be with Christ, [*before physical death arrives*]; that, 'even now', [*in principle*], for God's eternal souls in Christ; "that there should be time no longer (Re 1:8; 10:6; 21:6-8)".

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Overview:

This is a 24 page, 4 chapter, manuscript, where I share my faith with respect to the subject of, 'time', and, 'Christ's coming'.

From God's word the bible, God teaches how Christ's coming is demonstrated by the re-birth of God's elect people. The Bible reveals this re-birth as, 'the first resurrection', (Re 20:6). When Revelations 20:6 is compared with Hebrews 9:27-28, and Revelations 10:6; God teaches how the first resurrection must be eternally linked to the second resurrection without sin – that there should be time no longer. It is exceedingly important to note that God teaches 'no other way' of knowing the day of Christ's coming – with the one exception – which is the last 24 hour day of this present earths existence.

But should some beware: God teaches, that, from Adam's sin, God has temporarily allowed a beginning for all who would be in the line of Cain, [*the tare*], to inhabit the sin cursed earth; but as a vapour, that is here for a time, and then vanishes away, (Js 4:14), as though it had not been (Oba 1:16; Re 12:12).

So, to recap: the one biblical revelation of Christ's return is, 'a spiritual revelation', that manifests the New Birth, when the soul of a sinner is born again – born of God (Eze 36:24-27; Jo 1:12-13; 3:3-5; 1Jo 3:9). God teaches that those who have experienced the first resurrection are guaranteed to experience the second resurrection without sin (Heb 9:28). The Bible reveals it is this second resurrection that begins the last day of this earths existence – that there should be time no longer (Mt 13:27-30, 38-39; 1 Thes 4:16-18; Re 10:6). The only other biblical revelation of Christ's return, then, is, 'an earthly revelation', that shall be experienced by 'the unrepentant' who are left behind when God takes His elect up from the four winds of the earth (Mt 24:30-31).

Christ's elect, who shall have been taken up, [*who are no longer corruptible*], (1Co 15:51-52), shall stand in the judgment over the earth, [*over the ungodly*], when God shall destroy the cursed earth and heavens; while simultaneously creating, [*changing it into*], a New Heavens and a New Earth – where the former things shall not be remembered, nor come to mind (Isa 65:17). In 2 Peter 3:11-13, God would stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 Peter 3:11-13 11 ¶ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Chapter One

Elijah fled from, 'the us against them disorder', to the LORD God:

To day, no different than at any other time, but with a much greater exposure of a much greater population: judgments about someone's faith that is different from someone else's religion is being broadcast as radical violence in the global market. The media, *[the world]*, portrays this violence as a condition that must be corrected over time by maintaining the current leadership strategy, or, if necessary, by installing a new leadership. But is it a top down leadership problem, or is it a bottom up national problem, or is it a worldly problem (Mt 13:38-39; 1Jo 2:15-17)? Was there, 'once upon a time', leadership that proved God's truth and mercy and reward (Ge 15:1; Col 3:24)? What would such a Nations true historical record show? Without an understanding of the true historical record, *[the Holy Bible]*, of such a nation, how can there be hope of identifying the true root cause of today's global violence, which the Bible declares is, "sin against the law of God?"

Ancient Israel experienced an identical time when the body, from the top down and the bottom up, (Isa 1:2-6), no longer looked to the LORD who had provided God's truth and mercy, and a Godly witness that the world feared *[profit]*. God's word, *[the Bible]*, testifies of her adversaries of that day, who, *[no longer fearful]*, took notice of her separation from God. Over the decades and centuries, the unbelieving world, *[Gog and Magog]*, (Re 20:8), would practice discrediting her faith. The bible declares God would judge *ancient Israel* for forgetting God (Ps 9:16-17). God's word, *[the Old Testament]*, presents this actual historical event as a spiritual warning for those in the latter days *[the New Testament]*.

An eternal soul named Isaiah, by the moving of the holy ghost, called unto the leaders and the people of his nation Israel that had historically represented the Kingdom of God. As witnessed by Isaiah, God would call unto all, *[His elect]*, who had forgotten God:

Isaiah 55:3-9 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. 4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. 6 ¶ Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Throughout the dispensation of the fulness of times, (Eph 1:10-14), plucked from out of the unbelieving world, (Jer 12:15-17), God's elect people shall come from out of every nation (Acts 10:35; Re 5:9). Simultaneously, the Christian Bible affirms that God is not a respecter of persons (2Ch 19:7); and that those who have respect of persons, [*that in any measure excuses themselves or others as sinners*], dishonors God:

Romans 2:22-23 23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

The truth God would teach from Romans 2:22-23 is that when a spirit, in corrupt flesh, points the finger at another spirit, in corrupt flesh, whether it be an individual sinner, the congregation, or an entire nation; there are three fingers from eternal God pointing back; for there is no sin any commit that is more worthy of death than the sins of the one ('s) pointing a self-righteous finger (Ro 3:10-11, 23; Mt 5:20). There is no sin God cannot forgive if He so wills; as God alone reveals His judgment and mercy before the world and time began:

Jeremiah 12:15-17 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people. 17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

Accepting the intellectual knowledge that man is a sinner, [*ei, correctly interpreting the flesh*], may be hiding a spirit that is not of God's grace, (1Jo 4:1), but of one's own words, or congregations, or nations, where the Lord's perpetual chastisement and correction is not present (Heb 12:6-8). Further, it is natural for individuals to prefer being with others who see things as they do, [*the fellowship group*]. This is because 'numbers' always seem to better justify and support an individuals conclusion [*judgment*], (Nu 16:1-3).

But in the Bible some of God's greatest examples of His gospel truth to mankind mostly came from individuals like; Noah, Job, Elijah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, King David ... Christ Jesus

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With respect to our individual relationship with God; Consider the spiritual attitude the Apostle Paul, [*previously Saul of the Sanhedrin*], witnessed; after God had changed his heart from being a murderer of Christians (Acts 8:1; 22:1-5; 26:9-11):

2 Corinthians 10:12 ¶ For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

A truth that can be seen from 2 Corinthians 10:12 is that, 'truth', that would ultimately come from God, who is Perfect, is not proven by consensus, [*ei., by the world, or Jew, or Christian*]; but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God, [*the Holy Bible*]; as the Holy Spirit guides the believer into truth (Jo 14:26; 16:13). Here God's authority, that has no beginning or end, comes first, over the individual, or congregation, or nation. Eternally, the God of the Bible is glorified as He should be, (Jo 17:5); or, sinful mankind glorify themselves, which leads to God's judgment and death (Ps 10:4; 59:12-13).

The gospel of Christ, and those who profess the gospel of Christ, are not to give the appearance of two different messages (1Th 5:22). One cannot show God's truth by demonstrating an absence of the spirit of truth, [*obedience to God's word in time*] (Ge 3:6). Likewise, one cannot show the spirit of truth, [*obedience to God's word in time*], by adding to, or subtracting from God's word the Bible (Re 22:18-19). Of course, this is why Christ declared: '*there is none good, but one, that is God* (Mt 19:17)'. God implores His people to seek Himself first (Mt 6:33):

1Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

The Christian Bible affirms that God is not a respecter of persons (2Ch 19:7); and that those who have respect of persons, [*that in any measure excuses themselves or others as sinners*], dishonors God:

James 2:9-10 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

What James 2:9-10 can be saying is, that, if a professing Christian could obey the whole law of God, but could also be seen, 'having a respect of persons'; that one sin could make them guilty of all of God's law that leads to eternal damnation. The reason for this is because, 'a trust', no matter 'how little', that is being misplaced in a sinner, if it is not in the Lord, dishonors God. God 'alone' is eternally good, and worthy of eternal life, that is without beginning and without end (Heb 7:3):

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Psalm 146:2-3 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

There are many who'll insist from the bible that God gives His people teachers – which is true (Eph 4:11). Be that as it may; show me the teacher who is not the Lord Jesus Christ, in the first instance, [*the Bible alone and in its entirety*], and I'll show you the false prophet (2Co 11:12-15; 2Ti 3:16-17; 4:3; Re 22:18-19).

When respect of persons dominates over God's spiritual law the Bible, spiritual rock fights and violence is what eventually results, [*the us against them disorder*]. By this disobedience God is no longer showing to be the eternal spiritual authority that is good, in this type of fellowship, [*communion*], where it is 'assumed' two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ (Mt 18:20; Re 2:1-5).

Subsequently, it will not be God's blessing, but God's judgment that must become more and more evident, in the individual, or fellowship, [*church*], or nation, where respect of persons dominates over God's spiritual law the Bible (Re 2:1-4).

In a spiritual rock throwing contest, [*ei., pride*], one is a simple rock thrower where there is no rule of law being considered, [*ei., the Bible is absent*]. In a more subtle manner, [*ei., deception*], another is a sophisticated intellectual rock thrower where certain rules are observed because they are convenient, while other Biblical precepts are ignored, [*ei., the Bible is diminished or added to*]. 'Both represent the prophets of Baal.'

But is it possible there will be individuals who will strive to keep the whole council of God in their daily witness – considering every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Deu 8:3; Mt 4:4)? The Bible shows that this is what the prophet Elijah desired more and more to know (Ps 115:14)?

1Kings 18:15-18 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day. 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

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18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

According to the grace of God in His elect Elijah; Elijah had been made an eternal partaker of Christ by which he understood that God's word alone, and in its entirety, is the only trustworthy point of reference and measure in any doctrine that has opposing views?

The Lord Jesus Christ, who is eternally without blemish, and without spot, was the prophet Elijah's point of reference, and measure (Job 11:7-9)? It is for this very reason 'only' that Elijah was blessed and strengthened and would become a Godly witness to the world, [profitable]; though, on this side of the grave, except for the Lord who dwelt and abided in Elijah, Elijah would stand alone against the 450 prophets of Baal, as a credible witness, who, even now, represents the true and living word of God (1Kgs 18:22; Lk 9:29-31).

Elijah didn't have the acceptance of this world, and, yet, he had everything; because Elijah had the acceptance of the LORD God, even the Creator of the heavens and the earth; that is, *the New Heaven and the New Earth*, and all that is there-in. All that is there-in would include God's elect, Elijah; as referenced in the parabolic language of Exodus 40:9, that points to the eternal work of Christ for His elects sake:

Exodus 40:9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

1 Corinthians 2:11-16 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

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Chapter Two

Christ comes in the flesh of Elijah

Elijah comes in the measure of Christ (1Jo 4:2-3):

2 Corinthians 10:13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

Is Christ, [*ei., the believers measure*], proven by a 24 hour day? Is the 24 hour day our measure of Christ? How would that work; so that it witnesses the Christ who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Heb 7:3); unlike the 24 hour day that has a beginning and a final end? How would that work; except, the 24 hour day is a parable, and a proverb, that testifies of Christ's victory over sin before the world and time began?

Consider Isaiah 65:17, and, Obadiah 1:16. These verses establish the beginning and the end of the ungodly, (Jude 1:4), from the eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; by the law of faith in Christ, (Ro 3:26-28), who, 'alone', abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace, through the forgiveness of sins, for His truths sake (Ps 115:1; Eph 2:14-15; Col 1:14):

GOOD:

Isaiah 65:17 ¶ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

EVIL:

Obadiah 1:16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

Both Isaiah 65:17, and Obadiah 1:16 reveal, that, once the earth has been destroyed by fire, (2Pe 3:10-12), and changed into a new creation, where there is no more death, nor pain, nor tears (Re 21:4); it will be as though the previous corruption of sin and time had not been – for the just and the unjust (Isa 65:17; Oba 1:16). The 'just' shall be eternally with their heavenly Father and Christ in the New Heaven and the New Earth. The unjust shall be as though they had not been.

So where is the validation for looking at 'time' for God's spiritual truth that is eternal, and that has no beginning or end?

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According to the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ 'Himself' is the believers measure through the spirit of truth (Jer 30:11; Ro 12:3; Eph 4:10-13).

God is the spirit of Christ who is without beginning of days, nor end of life, [*ei., even while it is called To day*] (Heb 3:13; 7:3). What is being alluded to here is an eternal spiritual relationship between the Lord and His elect, in earth as it is in heaven (Mt 6:10). In that context, God causes the spirit in the believer to mortify the flesh, according to the bible, the whole bible, and nothing but the bible (Ro 8:13):

Ephesians 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

That measure of grace which is Jesus Christ cannot be perfectly understood, (Job 1:1; Mt 5:48; Acts 18:26), apart from all of God's word the bible (2Ti 3:16-17; Re 19:13; 22:18-19). According to the Bible, on this earth our measure, who is Christ, is mysteriously demonstrated in the souls of those whom Christ indwells in the flesh:

1 Peter 4:1 ¶ Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

The way in which God has chosen to prove the gospel of Christ, through the 24 hour day, so that the world, [*God's ransom*], would be without excuse (Ro 1:17-20); is by the eternal hearts, minds, and souls of God's people in Christ, [*God's remnant*], (Isa 43:3). They, individually, witness God's eternal work in them, as it is demonstrated through the dispensation of the fulness of times (Eph 1:10-14). God's servant, Elijah, is just one of God's examples to mankind of this biblical truth:

1 Kings 18:36-40 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

From 1 Kings 18:36-37, God discloses His prophet Elijah who's heart is in the LORD (Eze 36:24-27). These verses testify of every true believer in Christ, who desire to know, more and more, that they are the servant of the true and living God, and, that, as God's servant, God might bring others to know Him by their obedience, which God has made them partakers of by the spirit of Christ (Heb 3:14). God will deal with those who refuse their word; and, yet, this will include God's servant 'Elijah' who God had made partaker of God's judgment on the profits of Baal, [*pointing to the last day*]:

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38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. 40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Upon examination of this eternal spiritual event, that demonstrates the gospel of Christ, where God's people 'only' shall stand in the judgment on that last day (Ps 1:5): in the hearts of those who believe this account; it is not the 24 hour day that witnesses the coming of Christ's deliverance of Elijah, and God's judgment on the 450 prophets of Baal; rather, it is Christ Jesus who eternally abides in His upright, who, 'together', [*Christ and His elect*], who witness Christ's perfect obedience, deliverance, and judgment [*ei., before the world and time began*]; as God demonstrates with Elijah (Isa 5:14; 40:12).

Further, once the Bible was completed, the story of Elijah serves as a parable, (Mt 13:34), that points to the last day when God resurrects His elect a second time without sin, (Heb 9:28); when God will destroy the earth with the ungodly (2Pe 3:7); as His elect, [*who are no longer corruptible*], stand in the judgment with their Lord over the earth, (Ps 1:5), that there should be time no longer (Re 10:6).

Further, one truth cannot be without the other: It cannot be truthfully said; God did all the work of deliverance and judgment, that, simultaneously, excludes Elijah's obedience to God's will (1Co 2:7), as though it had not been (Oba 1:16). That's not how God designed His gospel program for His elect on this earth, and in the world, [*without end*], to come. But God shows this eternal spiritual reality in two different ways. During the first covenant, [*ei., the Old Testament*], God demonstrated His eternal word through the obedience of His servants the prophets, [*whom God indwelt*]; so that the result would manifest an actual historical event that was experienced according to the elements of this sin cursed earth by everyone involved - that the world would be without excuse (Ro 1:18-20).

However, during the Second Covenant, [*ei., the New Testament*], "and after the Bible had been completed", God no longer 'publicly' proves His eternal truth by the obedience of His elect through earthly historical events; but through the spirit of truth, [*who is the Comforter*]; who brings His upright into remembrance of the obedience of the prophets who walked with Jehovah, [*the LORD God*], and of the Apostles who saw the Salvation and Faith of the Lord Jesus Christ (Js 2:26; 2Pe 3:1-2; 15).

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To day, there is but one last eternal spiritual reality God's elect wait patiently for; and that is the arrival of eternal Christ, who takes His people up from this earth a second time without sin (Heb 9:28); where they will be with God for ever more, and where the elements of this earth, [*sin, time, and death*], shall be as though it had not been; that there should be time no longer (Re 10:6). Until their change come, (Job 14:14), God declares in James 2:26:

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 2:26 is just one verse that makes it clear, how, while it is called To day, [*the last days*], there is an eternal spiritual demonstration, [*relationship*], that exists between Holy God and His servants the prophets, [*the elect*], that takes place in the 'inner man', (Eph 3:16), according to the Second Covenant, and a hope, [*faith*], that is not seen (Ro 8:24-25); rather than according to the First Covenant where God proved His work through, 'earthly things', [*the outward appearance*], (1Sa 16:7), that pointed to Christ; but as a stone of stumbling, for the spiritually disobedient (1Pe 2:8):

Luke 11:29 ¶ And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

Finally, it cannot be said, 'Elijah', had, 'the faith', by which, 'he', did the work that demonstrated the gospel of Christ's deliverance and judgment over sin; while, simultaneously, excluding the Creator of all things, 'who alone is God' (Isa 43:10-11). That was the sin the serpent beguiled Eve into committing, (Ge 3:1-5), which Eve handed to her husband Adam, and by which sin, time, and death entered the earth for all of mankind (Ge 3:6, 17-19).

God 'alone' is the eternal Deliverer, and Judge, (Isa 43:10-15). Before the world or time began, God chose that He would have a people for Himself, who, while on this earth, [*spiritually*], are one flesh in Christ (Ge 2:23-25; Mt 19:5-6):

Ephesians 5:30-32 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

John 17:11 ¶ And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

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God's 'primary purpose' for His gospel proclamation on the earth was not 'solely' to trumpet darkness and the absence of salvation for those who's names are not written in the Lamb's book of life; for Christ arose from that eternal damnation for a better way, and a better message (Oba 1:16; Isa 65:17; Heb 6:8-9).

Absent of the believers spiritual witness of God's eternal life in Christ, *[as evidenced by Elijah's relationship with the LORD]*; the subject of 'time' can only serve to feed the carnal mind that is preoccupied with earthly measurements, that can never reveal light and salvation; but only darkness and death (Ge 2:17; Job 11:7).

The bible shows that those who mind earthly things, (Phil 3:19), are liken to the prophets of Baal who did not escape the coming judgment they themselves understood, (1Kgs 18:27-28);

"Remember Lot's Wife!"

Luke 17:28-33 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Chapter Three

A walk of faith that has no end:

The Bible declares that before mankind's disobedience occurred against the spiritual law of God, (Ro 5:13; 7:14), God, who knows all things before they happen, (Mr 10:32; Jo 5:20), purposely preordained that by the eternal death and resurrection of Christ, (Jo 11:24; Php 3:10; Re 20:6), God would design His gospel earth, (Heb 1:2), that would demonstrate His Son's deliverance and judgment, from Alpha to Omega, (Re 1:8), from Adam's sin to the last Adam, (1Co 15:45-50;), who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Heb 7:3).

The LORD Jesus Christ who is eternal God is a spirit (Jo 4:24; 10:30). Those who worship God worship Him in spirit and in truth. It is the beginning of eternal life where there is no longer unresolved sin; but an end to sin in Christ, demonstrated by the beginning of a walk of faith that has no end (Ge 6:9; 1Jo 3:9; 5:4).

This first happens when a sinner is eternally born again (Eze 36:24-27). Once born again, God's elect cease to have a beginning and an end; except, it is understood as the beginning of eternal life, and the end of sin in one's soul (Eze 36:25-26; 1Jo 3:9). Because the flesh can only lust after sin, (Jo 1:13; Ro 3:20; 7:18; 1Jo 2:16), the world can never be sure about those who are of God's elect; which God preordained would be the case on this earth, so that in Christ, His upright would walk by faith, not by sight (Ro 8:24-25; 2Co 5:7).

According to God's word the Bible, the world observes the passing of each 24 hour day because of death, (Eze 18:4), and the consequential aging, [*corruption*], that leads up to it (Ge 5:3; 1Co 15:50-53). The world observes death and the consequential aging that leads up to it because of sin (Ro 6:23). And the reason the world observes sin is because of the spiritual law of God that had been broken by mankind in the Garden of Eden, (Ge 2:16-17; 3:6-7), and that is continuously being broken (Ga 3:10). The result is a world of signs, and seasons, and days, and years, (Ge 1:14), which God intended as a vapour, [*a proverb*], that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away as though it had not been (Js 4:14; Isa 65:17; Oba 1:16). Subsequently, the believers faith is focused on 'Jesus Christ' who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Heb 7:3).

Christ is the believers hope, that is not seen by that which is corruptible, as is the case with sin, time, and death.

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Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Patience, *[longsuffering]*, is a fruit of the spirit, (Ga 5:22), that cannot be revealed by time; except, it's focus is the work, *[measurement]*, of men's hands, that must come to an end (Ec 3:2; Micah 5:13; Ga 2:16).

Rather, spiritual patience is revealed by eternal God, who is without beginning and who is without end. Who, by His own righteousness, arose from an eternal grave, that the beginning of eternal life, and the end of sin, might be experienced by many; not according to, 'time', but according to 'the living eternal word of God', who is Christ Jesus, who comes in the flesh of His elect:

1 John 4:2-3 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Next, a question arises: might the parable of *signs, and seasons, and days, and years*, (Ge 1:14), also be looked at as a temporary, 'container', which the Bible calls, 'a vapour', that is here for a, 'time', and then vanishes away (Js 4:14)? A container is created to contain something, and because the Creator is without sin, the significance, 'of this container', is the elements that occupy and fill the container – 'sinful mankind' – who by the death and resurrection of Christ shall represent both good, *[the wheat]*, and evil, *[the tare]*, {the field}, (Mt 13:38). This follows mankind's disobedience against the spiritual law of God in the Garden of Eden (Ge 3:6). However, spiritual disobedience did not require the existence of, 'time', (Ge 1:31; 3:6). "Sin does not come from God's design of His creation; God did not create sin."

Rather, 'time', is the result of death, *[the containment]*, that resulted from mankind's obedience to the serpent, (Ge 2:17; 3:6; Eze 18:4), and sin against the law of God (Ro 5:12, 21; 6:23; Js 1:15).

Further, if God were an eternal leader and commander in total control of His creation, *[as demonstrated by Elijah]*, (Isa 55:4),

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and it was God's will that He would temporarily allow His creation to become His enemy, so that His great power and majesty might be known on His vessels of mercy, (Ro 9:22-23); God, would first contain His enemy, so that none could move outside of His will and good pleasure (Phil 2:13). "That containment is, 'the gospel earth', and the infinite universe that surrounds it, which mankind could never hope to conquer before the Lord's return."

In one sense it is a beautiful holding place, [*ei., a spiritual jail*], because God all by Himself is beautiful and without sin, from everlasting to everlasting (Ps 90:1-2; Ec 3:11). All of mankind, [*good and evil spirits*], (1Jo 4:1), that are born into this earth, [*spiritual containment*], shall experience the LORD's creative ability and great beauty, but with judgment, and eternal spiritual darkness, [*as a warning*], demonstrated by an infinite universe of death, and an earth of thorns and thistles (Ge 3:17-19). This had to be so; for a Righteous God must eternally separate Himself from the corruption of mankind, by His eternal judgment against sin that had been unjustly levered against Christ, who had created everything 'very good' (Ge 1:31; Jo 8:46; Col 1:15-18).

Whether the sinner be a barbarian, [*The simple*], or, sophisticated intellectual, [*The Pharisee*]; and according to the measure of Christ, [*ei., who purchased the field*], (Mt 13:24-30), all shall witness the earth God had placed them in, where-by death, and the consequential aging, [*corruption*], shall expose the sinners guilt – all of whom are without excuse (Ro 1:18-20):

Psalm 14:2-3 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Adam and Eve had been perfectly created in the image and likeness of God (Ge 1:26, 31). God did not sin against mankind; mankind sinned against God, (Jo 8:46), by which God's curse, on mankind, would begin on this earth, but would end in eternal death. And, yet, wonderfully, God has shown Himself to be merciful and willing to forgive many who shall come to Him with the whole heart (Mk 12:33).

Without God's witness of Adam and Eve's eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; 'sin, time, and death', cannot be biblically understood, with respect to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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The Bible declares it is mankind's sin that guaranteed mankind would die (Ge 2:16-17; Eze 18:4).

Following Adam's sin, and according to the eternal purchase, [*redemption*], of the earth, by the Lord Jesus Christ, (Mt 13:38-40, 44): death would manifest the dispensation of the fulness of times; (Eze 18:4; Eph 1:10-14; Re 1:8). God had preordained and designed mankind, that, following sin, mankind would age, [*corrupt*], (1Co 15:50), before succumbing to death because of sin (Ro 6:23).

While this earth remains, mankind, who had been created without sin, (Ge 1:31), in the likeness and image of Christ, (Ge 1:26), 'following sin', (Ro 3:23), shall demonstrate both, death, [*eternal damnation*], and life, [*Christ's resurrection*], where there is both a Warning and Hope; and His elect who walk by faith not by sight.

Jesus Christ, who is God, shows that Hope, on earth as it is in heaven, by coming in the flesh of His brethren in whom Christ indwells spiritually and eternally; where time, that has a beginning and an end, is meaningless (Ecc 1:1-2; 1Jo 4:2-3).

What mercy, what love, and compassion God would show to sinners, who, in themselves, could care less about God; yet, God, in Christ, 'alone', is Good, and Forgiving, (Ps 73:1), to all who will be found seeking Him with the whole heart, in sincerity and in truth (Jos 24:14).

God has proven Himself to the unbelieving world by His gospel design that is based on the eternal death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ge 1:1; Isa 5:3-4; Jo 1:1-3, 14; Ro 1:17-20; 1Co 15:3-4; Re 1:8). Christ's atonement guarantees that the grave must come for all who are born sinners in the flesh; that, 'time', should be no longer (Ro 6:2-11; Re 10:6). Yet, His 'born again' shall be resurrected 'a second time without sin' (Jo 3:3-5; Heb 9:27-28).

That the elects resurrection, [*being born again*], takes place prior to the grave, [*the first resurrection*], (Re 20:5-6), or, is proven by, 'the last day', when God's people are resurrected a second time without sin (Heb 9:27-28): both equal the same eternal spiritual reality for His upright in Christ; for whom there should be time no longer (Re 10:6).

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By the grave there is no misunderstanding (Heb 9:27). Both the good and the evil, after entering the grave, shall experience the beginning and ending of time never again (Ecc 3:19, 21; Js 4:14).

Following their departure from this earth, many shall be eternally with God, while many others shall have been eternally damned into eternal darkness (Mt 22:12-13). It is a judgment that was ordained by eternal God before 'time' would 'begin' and then 'end', (Ge 1:2; Ro 9:11-13; Titus 1:2).

'Time' is not a cause, but an attribute of sin, the wages of which is death, where there shall be no beginning and no end.

Subsequently, the only way of escape from the prison of sin, time, and death, [*which contains the deceiver and the liar Satan and the tare*], is by the eternal Love, and Mercy, and Truth that is in the Lord Jesus Christ – who is from everlasting to everlasting – who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Ex 6:1-3; Ps 90:1-17; Heb 7:3).

Revelations 19:13-16 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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Chapter Four

Borders: an earthly parable of God's spiritual protection in Christ:

God promises His people a New Heaven and a New Earth – where there are no borders, in the sense, that, there is no sin, nor time, nor death – no beginning of days, nor end of life (Isa 65:17; Re 21:27):

Revelations 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

However, on this earth, a nations practice of eliminating its borders may demonstrate a people who are being deceived by the one who comes 'looking' like the Creator who is without sin (2Co 11:13-15). But this 'one' is an evil commander who takes advantage of those who have been contained, and, who, in themselves, are helpless in preventing their own death – just as he is. His method of conquest over those being contained is to harass, to intimidate, and to separate God's people from the work God would call them to do – if that were possible (Mt 24:24). While eternally the devil cannot succeed at this, because the elect are eternally secure from the consequences of sin (Ro 8:1, 28-31); still, on this sin cursed earth, the devil and the tare shall cause all kinds of chaos and confusion; because they know that they have but a short 'time' (Re 12:12).

Satan is the author of time where there is no hope of repentance following death, because of sin against the law of God, (Ge 3:4-5; Heb 12:16-17; Re 12:12). Still, this fact could never prevent eternal God in the spirit of Christ from coming in the flesh of His people, that there should be time no longer; but eternal life (Joh 6:64-71; Re 10:6).

Just as God in Christ works in the believer to show the coming harvest and hope of God's people [*ei., Elijah, Isaiah, the Apostle Paul*]; the evil one works through the tare to create doubt and chaos, [*lawlessness*], that denies the sovereignty of one nation, [*God's elect*], under God (1Jo 2:19). Speaking of the Pharisee's, who were the religious leaders of a nation that had forgotten God; Christ declared:

Matthews 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

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Through the medium of time, this will be demonstrated by God, as the Antichrist is temporarily allowed to grow his border into a global reality, (Re 20:1-3), the Bible speaks of as, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (Re 17:5).

While it may be seen to be true by the intellectual mind, that everything in the Bible manifests a parable and a doubling (Mt 13:34; Ge 41:28-32); but only God can reveal the Lord Jesus Christ in the hearts, minds, and souls of His people, (Eze 36:24-29) – which was, and which is, and which is to come (Re 1:8). While God's spiritual truth may reveal parables, (Pr 1:6); the understanding of dark sayings, 'alone', do not reveal the Savior who spiritually abides in the flesh of His elect. A parable is, 'a sign', that points to Christ who alone is the Deliverer, (Isa 43:10-11-15; 65:17), and the Judge (Oba 1:16). Yet, the understanding of parables, [*while intellectually sound*], is not necessarily spiritual proof of eternal life in Christ (Da 8:23):

Ultimately, God's people do not commune with Christ by the things that are seen with the natural eye [*intellect*]. They commune with Him in spirit, that cannot be seen, (Ro 8:24-25), yet in truth that is spiritually proven (Jo 14:26; 1Co 2:12-13; 2 Ti 3:16; 1Thes 5:21).

It is a tremendous joy for God's people, in their spiritual relationship with Christ, when drawn to prove God's word the bible (1Jo 5:3). "Why should a Holy God who is without beginning of days, nor end of life, consider 'sinners' for such gifts as these (Job 7:17-18)?"

Following Adam's sin 'the gospel earth' became a border and a proverb that reveals God's containment of the sin of mankind, with a warning of eternal damnation; where the border of heaven cannot be breached by the unrepentant sinner (Re 21:27). Religion's where, 'anything goes', and where all of God's law is no longer applicable, manifests a people without God's protection (Ps 101:5; Re 3:3). On the sin cursed earth this can be typified by a nation that has forgotten God, and a people who see no borders; [*no laws*]; as its congregations and fellowships perpetually subtract and add to God's word the Bible, [*forsaking the commandments of the Lord and following Balaam*], (Deut 4:2, 5-6; 2Co 6:14-17).

It is an exhibition of the false prophet, and their craft that prospers, spoken of in Daniel 8:25, and in Matthew 23:5; which the tare, [*the unbeliever*], bring into the world through premeditated sin (Ro 2:14-15).

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It is a practice that can only guarantee death, and the end of life, *[that there should be time no longer]*; and where there is, “no hope of repentance (Heb 12:16-17)”.

Wonderfully, it is a parable, *[a doubling]*, that also points to the border, *[measure]*, of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is without beginning of days, nor end of life. “The measure of Christ Jesus, *[the Anointed Savior]*, is eternal life (Lk 4:18)”:

Matthew 14:36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem [border] of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

The Lord Jesus Christ is mankind’s only way of escape from the wages of sin which is death, that there should be time no longer (Re 10:6). However, ‘beware’: learning everything one can know about this earth’s containment, including the last 24 hour day, does not guarantee the deliverance that is in Jesus Christ. “Remember Lot’s Wife!”

That we might be spiritually and eternally separated from the coming destruction of this earth, before that day come, (Isa 61:3; 2Ti 1:9), is what should matter most to all who profess Christ as their Lord. ‘Time’ cannot show the answer, until there should be time no longer. But then it is no longer time, but ‘eternity’ (Mk 10:28-31).

The Bible teaches that, even, NOW, while it is called, TO DAY, the elect walk by the eternal faith of Jesus Christ, (2Co 6:2), NOT, by the eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; that can only manifest intellectual, *[carnal]*, knowledge, of a beginning and an end, *[time and judgment]*, where eternal life was lost because of sin against the law of God (Ge 2:16-17; 3:6; Eze 18:4). Our salvation cannot be based on what we know; but on what God alone has given us; before the world and time began (2Ti 1:9).

God’s people do not look for earthy guarantee’s, *[things that can be seen by the wisdom of Solomon]*, (1Kgs 11:4), as proof of eternal life. If they could, what purpose would there be for having a daily relationship with the Lord, according to a hope that is not seen, (Ro 8:24-25), yet, where God’s patience, *[longsuffering]*, manifests in His elect – while it is called To day (Heb 3:13)?

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Knowing the last year and day of this earth's existence from its beginning is NOT NECESSARILY the evidence of one's salvation in Jesus Christ; nor the PROOF that one has understood the true gospel; "Remember Lot's Wife!" (Ec 9:12; Mt 24:37-39; Lk 17:32-33).

Knowledge of the end of time, 'alone', is ultimately the evidence of an intellectual mind that has not been resurrected a second time without sin – and as such cannot be trusted – which God has recently proved several times, NOW, for those who would be sober, and who have the light of Christ to see (Ps 119:105; 146:3; Mt 24:27; = 2Co 4:6).

The reason that the knowledge of the end of time cannot be trusted as the evidence of one's understanding of the true gospel, is because it cannot witness the eternal council of God, where there is no beginning and no end; except in the 'inner man'. But on, 'this earth', the, 'inner man', cannot see perfectly what will be when sin, time, and death is no longer (1Co 2:9). The fact is: as it stands alone; the gospel, 'time line', manifests the gospel of the Antichrist, who knows that he hath, BUT A SHORT TIME, (Re 10:6; 12:12):

Are we of God's chosen elect, (Eph 1:1-14), before the world and time began, (2Ti 1:9), or are we of those who's names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, (Re 21:27), before the world and time began? "What a wonderful and terrible question (Isa 1:11-21)!"

'Who' shall truly desire God's answer to this question in the affirmative? Because God alone knows the eternal answer to all things, God is the only one who can assure us by an eternal spiritual comfort, that can only come from God's word the Bible, as the spirit of truth intercedes (Jo 14:26). The Bible shows that those who come to God in sincerity, and in truth, are those who first look at themselves in the mirror of God's word, (Js 1:23-25), that they might know the ultimate answer to this question:

Am I a true child of God in Christ, (Ps 149:2; Eph 5:6), who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Heb 7:3); or, do I remain subjugated to a beginning and an ending, (Ps 73:17), that shall not be remembered, nor come to mind, (Ob 1:16), when there should be time no longer (Re 10:6)?

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God's people know from God's word the Bible, that Christ Jesus 'alone' shall be glorified and praised as LORD of LORD'S and KING of KINGS, for all eternity, without beginning of days, nor end of life; "for Christ, 'alone', is worthy (Re 4:10-11)."

"Who of 'us' deserves eternal life in Christ?" It is these type of questions that begin to demonstrate the separation that exists between the true gospel, and another gospel (Ps 14:1-3; 2Co 11:4; Ga 1:6)?

The Antichrist, and the world that follow him, have only 'time' that has a beginning, *[from Adam's sin]*, but that should be no longer, when the Lord comes for His people, as God manifests the final end of all sin (2Co 1:22; Heb 9:28). This is what, "the gospel time line", has been demonstrating since its beginning, *[in the day]*, (Ge 2:1-4; Eph 1:10-14).

God's gospel message to the world manifests parables and proverbs, that warns of an eternal spiritual reality who is Jesus Christ the Lord; either from hell, which He endured for all eternity, *[before the world and time began]*, or from heaven by His eternal resurrection, for His elects sake (Ps 90:1; Jo 17:5):

Psalms 71:19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

With respect to biblical calendars, which ultimately represents the things of this earth that can be seen: is it any wonder that the Apostle Paul uttered the following words:

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Throughout all of scripture God declares how there is only one escape from this troubled earth that perpetually manifests a beginning of life, and then the grave; and it is NOT by the intellectual knowledge of when God created mankind, *[good]*, and when the wicked shall be destroyed with the earth *[evil]*. That knowledge, while it exists, yet, by itself, cannot prove one's eternity in Christ – whether it be good or evil. It is knowledge, that, while it may be true, *[academically for argument sake]*; {ei., Lot's wife was warned about the last day}; yet;

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Who, living in Sodom and Gomorrah, could have 'proved' that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed in that day – that Lot's wife would look back and be turned into a pillar of salt – all before it happened (Ge 19:14; Lk 17:26-30, 32)? If we truly believe this historic event, and its spiritual warning and reward (Ps 19:7-11), [*the gospel*]; it is because, 'like Lot', God proves it by His spiritual word in us; otherwise, [*like Lot's son-in-laws, and Lot's wife*], we would never want to believe it (Lk 22:67; Jo 6:29).

God alone can prove His gospel truth from Alpha to Omega; for He alone has earned this right by His own eternal destruction, and resurrection, before the world and time began (Isa 53:10-11). "Who can understand it (Job 26:14; Ps 19:12)?" And because God alone is eternally righteous, His judgments are His own, where there is no beginning and no end, before the world and time began (Titus 1:2).

That eternal God would now share Himself with those who were sinners – makes no sense – and yet He does – eternally – that there should be time no longer (Re 10:6).

The believers Hope, and assurance, and comfort, in life and in death, can only come by the eternal work of God's only begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ, [*the tree of life*]; who Himself is the living word of God, that abides and dwells in those who ceaselessly cry out to God for His mercy and truth while it is called To day (1Thes 5:17):

Hebrews 3:13-14 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Isaiah 26:1-5 ¶ In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: 5 ¶ For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.