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Introduction

Praise and glory be to the Father through His Son Yahshua the Messiah and the Holy Spirit for His wonderful love and mercy upon His people! Truly, our Father is merciful and His blessings are upon all peoples especially to them who honor Him. He makes all grace abound toward them so that they, having sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. HalleluYah!

I would be touching a little about my previous book because this has something to do with this new one. By the grace of our Father, the author had just written and published the book, "Thy kingdom Come" In Earth. In connection, I encourage everyone to read also this said book. The book is good for guidance, correction, instruction in righteousness, and for enlightenment of Yahweh's Will and Move through the Holy Spirit in our world today which is evidently the "last days." To the lost or unsaved, the book is for salvation. To the saints, it is for strengthening of faith, equipping, and perfecting the saints. The book is not only good but excellent for moral and spiritual instruction and guidance because the LORD Himself gave His beautiful and excellent comments on the said book. In February, 1997 while I was busy preparing the manuscript, the LORD said to me in a dream: "**Dina, the book you are writing is a book of research.**" On June 3, 1997, He again spoke to me in a dream and said, "**The book 'Thy Kingdom Come' In Earth is an eternal book.**" Surely, my brethren, what is holy and what belongs to our Father and Savior is eternal. HalleluYah!

When the book was already in circulation, I thought I was through with the job and I could already relax! But amazingly, the LORD gave me again titles of books that I should write. These are: The Covenant of Peace, and the Promise of Eternal Life. In the book, "Thy Kingdom Come" In Earth, I wrote something about covenant very briefly, and in a dream the LORD said to me, "**Dina**

I want you to write more about covenant.” Gladly, according to the word of the LORD I began the work.

It is therefore my earnest prayer that through this book **The Covenant of Peace**, the Holy Spirit will be able to minister Yahweh’s people, bless them with hope, inspire and enable them to do His Will faithfully. This book aims, first of all, to show clearly to the readers how merciful, and faithful is Yahweh our Father in heaven to His covenant with His people. Secondly, this book would like also to show who are the heirs of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Most of all, it is the author’s prayer and great hope, dear readers that through this book, you will be able to see your position as Yahweh’s chosen people – the new Israel of God, and recognize Yahweh’s precious promises for us. May you be enlightened, and guided always by the Holy Spirit, and remain faithful children of Yahweh Almighty in all circumstances until we obtain the wonderful promise of everlasting peace.

May Yahweh’s rich blessings be upon us all especially to those who sincerely seek to know and obey the truth, through His Son Yahshua the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit. HalleluYah!

*I dedicate this book with
Pleasure & Gratitude
to*

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*“For the mountains may depart and the hills
be removed, but my steadfast love shall not
depart from you, and
My Covenant of Peace
shall not be removed, says the LORD,
who has compassion on you.”*
Isaiah 54: 10



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Part I

*Yahweh's Covenant With
Abraham, Moses,
and David*

The sacred scriptures meaningfully talk about a number of covenants. In the Old Testament, for example, we find moving stories about covenants between Yahweh the Elohim and His people, and between individuals such as Yahweh's covenant with Noah, Jephtha's covenant to Yahweh Almighty, Jonathan's covenant with David, and several others. The author, however, would like to confine and focus her work in this book on Yahweh's Covenant with Abraham, Moses, and David.

1. Definition and Meaning of covenant:

- A. A covenant is an agreement between two people or groups of people (parties) in which usually both made specific promises.
- B. A Covenant is usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action.
- C. "The covenant shows much about what God desired from His people."
- D. "The covenant is the basis for trust and security as a people or as a nation."
- E. "Yahweh's covenant with His people is like a marriage certificate, it involves love and trust, and a thousand other things in two people sharing life together. It defines the boundaries of their relationship, but in no way can this certificate or piece of paper express their marriage relationship adequately."

2. Who Made and with Whom was the Covenant Made?

It was Yahweh the Elohim of heaven and earth who made a covenant with Abraham, Moses, and David. In other words, the Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant, and the Davidic Covenant.

I. The Abrahamic Covenant

- A. "Now the LORD had said to Abram, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; Lot went with him and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son... and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan (Genensis 12: 1-5).

Contents of the Covenant:

1. I will make thee a great nation.
 2. I will bless thee and make thy name great.
 3. I will bless him that blesses thee.
 4. I will curse him that curseth thee.
 5. In thee all families of the earth shall be blessed.
- B. "And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him; Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, southward, eastward, and westward. For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee (Genesis 13: 14-18).

Contents of the Covenant:

1. All the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed (descendant) forever.
2. I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth or as plenty as the dust of the earth.
3. Walk through the land...for I will give it unto thee.

C. Yahweh: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I will shield you from danger and give you great reward."

Abram: Sovereign LORD, what good will your reward do me, since I have no children? My only heir is Eliezer of Damascus. You have given me no children, and one of my slaves will inherit my property."

Yahweh: "This slave Eliezer will not inherit your property; your own son will be your heir." The LORD took Abram outside and said, "Look at the sky and try to count the stars; you will have as many descendants as that." (Abram put his trust in the LORD, and because of this the LORD was pleased with Abram and accepted him).

Yahweh: "I am the LORD who led you out of Ur in Babylonia, to give you this land as your own."

Abram: "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that it will be mine?"

Yahweh: "Bring me a cow, a goat, and a ram, each of them three years old, and a dove and a pigeon."

Abram brought the animals to God, cut them in half, and placed the halves opposite each other in two rows; but he did not cut up the birds. Vultures came down on the bodies, but Abram drove them off. When the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and fear and terror came over him. Then Yahweh said to him,

Yahweh: "Your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land; they will be slaves there and will be treated cruelly for four hundred years. But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and when they leave that foreign land, they will take great wealth with them. You yourself will live to a ripe old age, die in peace, and be buried...(Genesis 15).

Contents of the Covenant:

1. Abram, I will shield you from danger.
 2. I will give you a great reward.
 3. Your own son will be your heir.
 4. You will have as many descendants as the stars.
 5. Abram put his trust in Yahweh; Yahweh Almighty was pleased with Abram and accepted him.
 6. I led you out of Ur Babylonia to give you this land.
 7. I promise to give your descendants all this land from the border of Egypt to Euphrates River, including the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaim, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, Jebusites.
- D. When Abram was ninety nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right...I promise that you will be the ancestor of many nations. Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, because I am making you the ancestor of many nations...I will keep my promise to you and to your descendants in future generations...You must agree to keep the covenant with me, both you and your descendants in future generations. You and your descendants must all agree to circumcise every male among you. You must circumcise

every baby boy when he is eight days old, including slaves born in your homes and slaves bought from foreigners. This will show that there is a covenant between you and me. This will be a physical sign that my covenant with you is everlasting...You must no longer call your wife Sarai; from now on her name is Sarah, I will bless her, and she will become the mother of nations, and there will be kings among her descendants" (Genesis 17).

Contents and Terms of the Covenant:

1. I am the Almighty God; Obey me and always do what is right.
2. I will give you many descendants.
3. I promise that you will be the ancestor of many nations.
4. Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham.
5. Some of your descendants will be kings.
6. Your descendants will become nations.
7. I will keep my promise to you and to your descendants as an everlasting covenant.
8. I will be your God and the God of your descendants.
9. I will give you and your descendants this land.
10. The whole land of Canaan will belong to your descendants forever.
11. You must agree to keep the covenant with me both you and your descendants.
12. You must agree to circumcise every male among you.
13. Circumcision will be a physical sign to show that my covenant with you is everlasting.

14. Any male who has not been circumcised will no longer be considered one of my people.
15. You must no longer call your wife Sarai. From now on her name is Sarah.
16. I will bless Sarah and will give you a son by her.
17. She will become the mother of nations.
18. There will be kings among her descendants.
19. Your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will name him Isaac.
20. I will keep my covenant with him (Isaac) and with his descendants forever. It is an everlasting covenant.

E. Yahweh Almighty Tested Abraham; He called to him:

Yahweh: "Abraham!"

Abraham: "Yes, here I am!"

Yahweh: "Take your son, Isaac, whom you love so much, and go to the land of Moriah. There on a mountain that I will show you, offer him as a sacrifice to me."

Early the next morning Abraham cut some wood for the sacrifice, loaded his donkey, and took Isaac and two servants with him. They started out for the place that Yahweh had told him about. On the third day Abraham saw the place in the distance. So, he said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there and worship..."

"Abraham carried the knife and the live coal for starting the fire but he let Isaac carry the wood for the sacrifice.

As they walked together Isaac spoke up."

Isaac: "Father!"

Abraham: "Yes, my son?"

Isaac: "I see that you have the coals and the woods, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?"

Abraham: "Yahweh Himself will provide one."

When they came to the place, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son and place him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he picked up the knife to kill him. But the angel of God called him, "Abraham!" "Abraham!" "Yes" Abraham answered. "Don't hurt the boy or do anything to him", the angel said.

Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in a bush. He went and got it and offered it as a sacrifice instead of his son. Then God spoke again to Abraham saying, "I make a vow by my own name that I will richly bless you. Because you did not keep back your only son from me. I promise that I will give you many descendants. Your descendants will conquer their enemies...All nations will ask me to bless them as I have blessed your descendants, all because you obeyed my command (Genesis 22).

Contents:

1. God tested Abraham's faith.
2. "Take your only son, Isaac and go to the land of Moriah."
3. "There, on a mountain offer him to me as a sacrifice."
4. Abraham obeyed and God Himself protected Isaac and kept him alive.
5. God said: "I make a vow by my own name that I will richly bless you..."
6. "I promise that I will give you many descendants, as many as there are stars in the sky or grain of sand along the seashore."

7. "Your descendants will conquer their enemies."
8. "All nations will ask me to bless them as I have blessed your descendants, all because you obeyed my command."

Confirmation Of Yahweh's Covenant With Abraham

When Abraham arrived in Canaan (the Canaanites still living in the land), God appeared to Abraham and said to him, "This is the country that I am going to give your descendants." Then Abraham built an altar to God (Genesis 12: 7).

Sarah Gave Birth to Isaac

God blessed Sarah as he promised, and she bore a son to Abraham. The boy was born at the time God had said he would be born. Abraham name him Isaac, and when he was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him as God commanded (Gen. 21: 1-4).

The Twin Sons of Isaac and Rebecca: Esau and Jacob

When the twins were still in the womb of Rebecca, they struggled against each other. Rebecca said: "Why should something like this happened to me?" The LORD said to her, "Two nations are within you; you will give birth to two peoples. One will be stronger than the other; the older will serve the younger."

When Rebecca gave birth to the twins, the first one was reddish and hairy-he was Esau, and the second one-Jacob was holding tightly to the heels of Esau.

The holy scriptures tell us that the firstborn son has a special right called the birthright, and special blessings. The firstborn son inherits the throne of the father, if the father is king. But some time in the lives of the twin boys, the firstborn son Esau decided to sell his birthright to Jacob or exchanged his birthright with bean soup when one day Esau arrived home very hungry. In other words, and in my own understanding, Esau did not value much his birthright in that simply for a bean soup he made a vow to give to Jacob his birthright.

Isaac Was Already Very Old

This is what happened when Isaac was already very old. By the instruction and help of Rebecca the mother of the twin boys, Jacob entered the room of Isaac pretending to be Esau bringing the delicious food which Esau used to give to their father after his hunting activity. Jacob wore the clothes of Esau making his father smell and feel that he was Esau. Jacob then asked the blessing of his father. Although Isaac doubted if he was really Esau because of Jacob's voice, he was finally convinced that he was Esau. So, Isaac gave his blessing and this was how he blessed Jacob:

“May God give you dew from heaven and make your fields fertile! May he give you plenty of grains and wine! May nations be your servants, and may people bow down before you. May you rule over all your relatives, and may your mother's descendants bow down before you. May those who curse you be cursed, and may those who bless you be blessed.”

When Esau arrived home from his hunting business, as usual he entered the room of his father Isaac. Isaac then realized that he had blessed Jacob not Esau. Isaac was deeply sorry for Esau but he could not take back the blessing from Jacob. The following is Isaac and Esau's conversation:

Isaac: "I have given my blessing to your younger brother, Jacob. I have made him master over you."

Esau: Do you have only one blessing, father? Bless me too, father! Then he began to cry.

Isaac: There is nothing I can do for you, son! No dew from heaven for you; no fields for you. You will live by your sword, but be your brother's slave. Yet when you rebel, you will break away from his control (Gen. 27).

My brethren, at this point allow me to remind ourselves that it is really very dangerous to take lightly those things which are very important or valuable to our Father & Savior. Our conduct, attitude and disposition will always tell who we are, whether we are responsible or not, good stewards or not. The scripture says: "Let no one become immoral or unscriptural like Esau, who for a single meal sold his right as the older son" (Hebrews 12: 16). Yahshua the Messiah also said: "He who is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16: 10).

Jacob Dreamed At Bethel

Jacob dreamed that he saw a stairway reaching from earth to heaven, with angels going up and coming down on it. And there was the LORD standing beside him saying, "I am the LORD the GOD of Abraham and Isaac. I will give to you and to your descendants this land on which you are lying. They will extend

their territory in all directions, and through you and your descendants I will bless all the nations. I will be with you and protect you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done all that I have promised you. Jacob woke up...(Genesis. 28).

II. Mosaic Covenant

The Words of the Covenant:

- A. On the first day of the third month after the Israelites had left Egypt, they came to the desert of Sinai. There they set Camp at the foot of Mt. Sinai, and Moses went up the mountain to meet God.

The LORD called to Moses from the mountain and told him to say to the Israelites, Jacob's descendants:

"You saw what I, the LORD, did to the Egyptians and how I carried you as an eagle carries her young on her wings, and brought you here to me.

"Now, if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own people. The whole earth is mine, but you will be my chosen people, a people dedicated to me alone, and you will serve me as priests. So Moses went down and called the leaders of the people together and told them everything that the LORD had commanded him. Then all the people answered together, "We will do everything that the LORD has said," and Moses reported this to the LORD."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will believe you from now on."

The LORD said again to Moses, "Go to the people and tell them to spend today and tomorrow purifying themselves for worship. They must wash their clothes and be ready the day after tomorrow. On that day I will come down on Mt. Sinai, where all the people can see me..."

Moses told the people to get ready for worship. Wash their clothes and not to have sexual intercourse in the meantime....

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, a thick cloud appeared on the mountain and very loud trumpet blast was heard...All of Mt. Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD had come down on it in fire. The smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and all the people trembled violently. The sound of the trumpet became louder and louder. Moses spoke, and GOD answered him with thunder...The LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people not to cross the boundary to come and look at me; if they do, many of them will die, but, bring Aaron back with you" (Exodus 19).

Contents of the Covenant:

If you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own people-my chosen people, a people dedicated to me alone, and you will serve me as priests.

B. GOD spoke, and these were His words. These words are the Ten Commandments or The LAW: Yahweh Himself inscribed these Laws on two stone tablets and gave them to Moses.

1. I am Yahweh your Elohim. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them.... Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the LORD your GOD and I tolerate no rivals.

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's.

Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5

- C. "These are all that the LORD your GOD commanded me to teach you. Obey them in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. As long as you live, you and your descendants are to have reverence for the LORD your GOD and obey all his laws that I am giving you, so that you may live in that land a long time. Listen to them, people of Israel, and obey them! Then all will go well with you, and you will become a mighty nation and live in that rich and fertile land, just as the LORD the GOD of your ancestors, has promised (Deu. 6: 1- 3).

Contents:

1. Obey all the laws that GOD commanded me to teach you.
2. You and your descendants are to have reverence for the LORD your GOD.
3. Obey all His laws so that you may live in that land a long time.
4. Listen to the laws...and you will become a mighty nation and live in the rich and fertile land.

Confirmation Of The Mosaic Covenant

Moses took the book of the covenant, in which the LORD's commands were written, and read it loud to the people. The people answered: "We will obey the LORD and do everything that He has commanded."

Then Moses took the blood of animal sacrifice in the bowl and threw it on the people and he said, "This is the blood that seals the covenant which the LORD made with you when He gave all these commands" (Exodus 24).

How Important Is The Covenant?

The Covenant is so important and valuable that Yahweh Himself took some of His precious moments to meet with Moses the second time at Mt. Sinai, and wrote again on two stone tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which Moses in anger threw before the Israelites who worshiped the gold-bull calf, and broke it.

This very covenant was later placed in the Covenant Box or the Ark of the Covenant made according to GOD's Specific instructions as to the kind of materials to be used, measurements, and accessories attached to it. The Ark of the Covenant was the most valuable piece of furniture of the nation.

It was really very important in that Moses later wrote it into a book called the Book of the Covenant and sealed it with blood. The Kings of Israel were also made to write the Laws, each with his own hand, as his first task upon sitting the throne; and his commitment to Yahweh the Elohim. The handwritten Law was to be hanged in the King's Office or Court.

Yahweh's Faithfulness To His Covenant

Yahweh, our Father in heaven is awesome, holy, and faithful. It is impossible for him to lie. If we are not faithful, he remains faithful because He cannot be false to Himself (Hebrews 6:18; Timothy 2:13). Indeed, Yahweh our Father is faithful to His words and promises. "His faithfulness lasts forever and ever." Ideally, we, professing believers must be like our Father; we must inherit and reflect the character and virtues of our Father. Even as the Father said: "Be ye holy for I am holy."

Graciously, the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; and some of their descendants like Joseph, Moses, Joshua have proven to be Yahweh's faithful people. Consequently, because of their faithfulness, Yahweh was able to communicate to them through dreams, visions and revelations, and used them miraculously in the performance of His Will in earth. Gladly, I suppose, Abraham was not only a faithful man but one of the most unique persons the world ever had. Why? Because during the time of Abraham there was not a single assembly of believers or a 'church' to whom Abraham could go and pray with, be prayed for, be refreshed and strengthened spiritually. But in spite of it, Abraham had stood firmly and faithfully amidst trying circumstances. He lived and died in faith. Yes, Abraham was not perfect; he made mistakes but fortunately there was no man on earth as devoted to Yahweh Almighty as Abraham. Try to imagine Abraham being alone in his walk with Yahweh except for Sarah his wife and their servants, who did not hear Yahweh Almighty as he did and who had never been taught the way "Christians" are. It would have been easy for Abraham to doubt what he heard, falter and fell. But, Abraham's faith was steadfast; he never wavered in the midst of trials such as the "Offering" of his son Isaac, famine, hardship, and temptations around him. It would have been easier for Abraham to follow the ways of the people around him, but he did not. Rather, there was not a temptation greater and stronger than Abraham's faith and determination to obey Yahweh Almighty. How different was

Abraham from most of us today! In spite of the ministers we have, the brethren who pray with us and for us, the holy scriptures to meditate upon, the religious books to read and profit therefrom, prayer meetings here and there, seminars which are readily available for guidance, inspiration, and edification, still many of us fall short of faith.

No doubt, Abraham deserves the title “The father of faith”, for he has given excellent example of his faith in Yahweh to all generations. However, it is a sad thing to note that Abraham’s own lineage failed in spite of the foundation Abraham had laid for them. The following is Israel’s painful story.

Let us recall that the Israelites became slaves in Egypt for about four hundred (400) years. At the fullness of time and as promised, Yahweh looked upon them with mercy and heard their cries and groaning. So, one day Yahweh met Moses at Mt. Sinai and talked to Moses through the “Burning Bush”. There, Yahweh Almighty commanded Moses to go back to Egypt and tell the Pharaoh to free the Israelites from slavery. The Pharaoh refused to believe Moses’ words and to grant freedom to the Israelites. To prove to the Pharaoh that Yahweh sent Moses, miracles or supernatural acts of the Elohim were shown throughout Egypt. The worst and terrible act was the plague that occurred before the Pharaoh gave in to Moses’ demand. This plague was the death of all firstborn male (man & animal) in every Egyptian family or household which happened at the same time. Consequently, there were cries and wailing all over the land of Egypt that night—the night of the “Passover”. This was the night when an angel of death struck the firstborn male of every Egyptian family but “Passover” every Israelite household whose doorpost was marked with blood of a lamb according to Yahweh’s instruction.

The Israelites were witnesses to all these that Yahweh did for them. Through these experiences their faith in the presence, love, and power of Yahweh Almighty would have been easily strengthened. But instead, on their way to the Promised Land, while Moses was fasting and praying up in the mountain for forty

days, the Israelites in the Camp together with Aaron gathered their jewelries, melted them, and formed the gold-bull-calf which they worshiped and said, "This is our god who led us out of Egypt!" They certainly committed a horrible act. An act which is surely an abomination in the sight of Yahweh the Creator.

Yahweh Almighty was terribly angry and said to Moses: *"I know how stubborn these people are. Now don't try to stop me. I am angry with them, and I am going to destroy them. Then I will make you and your descendants into a great nation"* (Exodus 32).

But Moses stood in the gap between Yahweh and His people and pleaded with Yahweh to have mercy upon them. "So, Yahweh changed His mind and did not bring on His people the disaster he had planned."

Today, how is the Philippines? How is the Filipinos' spiritual life and relationship with our Father and Savior? Did we not have enough catastrophes which devastated most parts of our country and killed thousands of our people, such as the typhoon & landslides since 1988, Coup D' Etat in 1989, earthquake in 1990, Ormoc flood in 1991, Mt. Pinatubo explosion in 1991 and many more calamities after the so called "People Power" revolution? After the revolution, to whom did we give the honor and glory for our victory? Did we not set up a huge statue like the one in Babylon during the time of King Nebuchadnezzar? The statue was ninety (90) feet high and nine (9) feet across. It was to this statue that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego refused to bow down, and as a punishment the three of them were thrown into a blazing furnace but by the protection of Yahweh the Elohim, they were miraculously unharmed.

When these above-named calamities happened, who had been standing in the gap between the Almighty Father and the Filipinos so that the Father changed His mind from totally destroying the Philippines?

Just recently, these months of September, October, November, 1998 we also had typhoon "Gading", Illang",

“Loleng”, and “Normeng”. Typhoon “Gading” caused the MV Princess of the Orient to sink and hundreds of passengers died while some were lost in the ocean, after the fluvial parade of images in honor of Mother Mary’s birthday celebration, and the yearly procession of a highly adored image in Bicol region where hundreds of people thronged in praise and faith for healing. What faith is this? Faith in images or statue? Can we not celebrate special occasions without these or without disobeying our Father’s commandments? In October 1998, typhoon “Illang” and “Loleng” hit Catanduanes City, Quezon Provinces, and Metro Manila, causing houses to sink in floods or carried away by strong winds. Do Filipinos celebrate special occasions in order to blaspheme our Father and to arouse His wrath upon us? The scripture says, “The name of GOD is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you.” You might say, “But they are images of human beings not of a bull; or perhaps, it is only a coincidence. Granting it is coincidence, still we have disobeyed our Father’s commandments. The images, whether they are images of human beings or animals, they are all made out of something such as wood, stone, gold, and silver, fashioned by human hands. “They are lifeless; they have mouths but cannot talk, and eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear, and noses, but cannot smell. They have hands, but cannot feel, and feet, but cannot walk; they cannot make a sound. Those who made them and who trust in them will become like the idols they have made” (Psalm 115; 135). Furthermore, Deuteronomy 4: 15 says, “When the LORD spoke to you from the fire on Mt. Sinai, you did not see any form. For your own good, then, make certain that you do not sin by making for yourselves an idol in any form at all—whether man, or woman, animals or birds, reptiles or fish.” Romans 1: 18-25 also says, God’s anger is revealed from heaven against all the sin and evil of the people whose evil ways prevent the truth from being known. God punishes them, because what can be known about God is plain, for God Himself made it plain. Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen; they are perceived in the things

that God has made. So those people have no excuse at all! They know God, but they do not give him the honor that belongs to him... instead of worshipping the immortal God, they worship images made to look like mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles. While Deuteronomy 8: 19 says, "If you ever forget the LORD your GOD and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed... You will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your GOD."

There is only one who is worthy of our faith for salvation, and worthy of our worship. He is our Creator and Father in heaven who revealed himself fully through his Son our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, and who continually guide us through the Holy Spirit. Our Creator is a Spirit and he that worships Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Therefore, everyone ought to know and obey the truth; His Word is truth.

Going back to the Israelites, take note that Yahweh Almighty said to Moses, "I am going to destroy them. Then I will make you and your descendants into a great nation." This certainly proves how faithful is Yahweh our Father to His covenant, that even if all peoples would turn against Him and His Anointed, He is willing to wait until His Anointed increases in number and becomes a great nation, then, He will fulfill His covenant or promise. I strongly believe this is exactly what happened to Yahshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ). Because of Israel's rejection, for thousands of years now Yahweh has been waiting until the Messiah will increase in number through the people who have faith in Him. When the faithful followers of the Messiah therefore would be enough to become a great nation or nations, then he will finally establish His Kingdom and Rule in earth.

Brethren, we are the Messiah's hope; we are the instruments through which He could fulfill the Father's Will in earth. But since by ourselves we can do nothing, it is imperative that we put our trust and hope in Him whose greatness is

dependable and whose faithfulness is everlasting. Remembering always that not by worldly might or power that we will succeed but by the Holy Spirit which He gave to us.

Our Father “knows what we are made of; he remembers that we are dust.” He does not expect us to be perfect always in everything we do, but He surely expects us to be faithful. He does not require or demand from us great achievements as others might have done, but He expects us to do our best faithfully. He knows what we have and what we can do for Him. He knows that we cannot do beyond what we really can; we cannot give what we do not have. But he certainly expects us to give our best to Him at all times. As we do our best, He will take care of the rest.

In other words, my brethren, in times like the times of Moses, when things go wrong beyond the Anointed’s control, (the Israelites’ rebellion) do not be discouraged. But stand firm and hold on to the spirit of humility, wisdom, patience, and faithfulness. The Father cares and understand; He takes control of every situation. He will uphold His Anointed for the sake of the honor of His Name, and for the sake of the truth. He will quickly heal the wounds of His Anointed. So take courage and wait patiently until the Father acts miraculously or raise up people who would help fulfill His Covenant. The Father is able to do anything He pleases, therefore, He can make a way for us. Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, and Yahshua the Messiah are our best examples. It was humility, wisdom, faith, patience, courage and determination that made them conquerors and champions in difficult circumstances.

Life itself is much more than a School or University of Knowledge and Learning. It has taught us many things, in fact, the things that we have learned, and can learn through life’s experiences are too precious, unique, and valuable that no school could ever teach but the school of life itself. The truth is: None of the best schools in the world could teach a person how to handle crises in life successfully, and none of the things that we have learned in school either could assure us of a truly meaningful,

happy, peaceful, and successful life no matter how well they may be. Life experiences, however, have taught us that crises are inevitable but they are only temporary, for only what is good, pure, and holy will last forever. Yes, at times there are storms but they will surely go away, then comes the bright and sunny day. Adversities will occur but they will pass away. In fact, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of Yahweh which is in Yahshua the Messiah." Yahweh our Father can turn every adverse condition into great blessings for us His children. So allow the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to turn every storm or crisis into blessings, and let us make every storm drive us to our destiny. It is said that some birds hide when there is storm but the eagles come out and fly with the storm. Let us be like an eagle for the glory of our Father and Savior. Yahshua the Messiah said: "In this world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Truly, the Messiah has overcome the world and He is in us through the Holy Spirit, and greater is He who is in us than he that is in the world. He who is in us and for us will make all things work together for our good.

III. DAVIDIC COVENANT

A. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you go on grieving over Saul? I have rejected him as King of Israel. But now get some olive oil and go to Bethlehem, to a man named Jesse, because I have chosen one of his sons to be King."

Samuel did what GOD told him to do and went to Bethlehem... When Samuel arrived and saw Jesse's son Eliab, he said to himself, "This man standing in the LORD's presence is

surely the one He has chosen." But GOD said to Samuel, "Pay no attention to how tall and handsome he is. I have rejected him, because I do not judge as man judges. *Man looks at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart.*"

When Jesse had brought seven of his sons to Samuel, Samuel said to him, "No, GOD hasn't chosen any of these," "Do you have any more sons?" Jesse answered: "There is still the youngest, but he is out taking care of the sheep." "Tell him to come here. We won't offer the sacrifice until he comes," Samuel said. So Jesse sent for David.... God said to Samuel, "This is the one-Anoint him! Samuel took the olive oil and anointed David in front of his brothers. Immediately the Spirit of the LORD took control of David and was with him from that day on (I Samuel 16).

B. King David said to Nathan, "Here I am living in a house built of Cedar, but God's Covenant Box is kept in a tent!" But that night the LORD said to Prophet Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David that I say to him, 'You are not the one to build a temple for me to live in...' "

"So tell my servant David that I, the LORD Almighty, say to him, 'I took you from looking after sheep in the fields and made you the ruler of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have defeated all your enemies as you advanced. I will make you as famous as the greatest leaders in the world. I have chosen a place for my people Israel and have settled them there, where they will live without being oppressed any more. I promise to keep you safe from all your enemies and to give you descendants. When you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will make one of your sons king and will keep his kingdom strong. He will be the one to build a Temple for me, and

I will make sure that his dynasty continues forever, I will be his Father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him as a father punishes his son. But I will not withdraw my support from him as I did from Saul, whom I removed so that you could be King. You will always have descendants, and I will make your Kingdom last forever. Your dynasty will never end.”

Prophet Nathan told David everything that GOD had revealed to him (II Samuel 7).

Contents of the Covenant:

1. I will make you as famous as the greatest leaders in the world.
2. I have chosen a place for Israel to settle, and they will live without being oppressed.
3. I promise to keep you safe from your enemies.
4. I will give you descendants.
5. I will make one of your sons king and will keep his kingdom strong.
6. He will be the one to build a Temple for me.
7. I will make sure that his dynasty continues forever.
8. I will be his Father and he will be my son.
9. When he does wrong, I will punish him but I will not withdraw my support from him.
10. I will make sure that your kingdom lasts forever.

Yahweh's Faithfulness To His Covenant With David

When King David was already very old, Bathsheba the mother of Solomon reminded David of the promise that he made with her that he would make Solomon their son the successor of his throne. (David had other sons older than Solomon who deserved the throne considering the law of succession). But King David reaffirmed his promise and told Nathan, Benaiah, and the priest Zadok to let Solomon ride on the King's mule down to Gihon Spring, escorted by the Court Officials, where Solomon should be anointed as King by the prophet and priest. David continued by saying that after the anointing blow the trumpet and make a loud declaration or shout, 'long live King Solomon!' then follow him back to the place where he is to sit on my throne.

This time, Solomon was already the King of Israel, and before King David died he saw to it that Solomon would be properly guided. He gave him his final instructions and these are David's words for Solomon.

"My time to die has come. Be confident and determined, and do what Yahweh your Elohim orders you to do. Obey all His laws and commands, as written in the Law of Moses, so that wherever you go you may prosper in everything you do. If you obey Him, Yahweh will fulfill the promise He made when He told me that my descendants would rule Israel as long as they are careful to obey His commands faithfully with all their heart and soul..."

King David died, and King Solomon was firmly established. Yahweh blessed him with unusual wisdom, insight, knowledge, and wealth. Though young, he successfully judged difficult cases. While his father was known as the greatest leader in his day, Solomon also earned the title: the wisest King. It was King Solomon who built the Temple according to the word of Yahweh, although it was King David who first planned it and

prepared the materials. In the early years of King Solomon's reign he was devoted to Yahweh and the Elohim was pleased with him. He appeared to King Solomon in dreams twice and blessed him more, so wonderfully.

Unfortunately, the good and beautiful relationship Yahweh Almighty and King Solomon had did not last. King Solomon disobeyed Yahweh. He married women whom Yahweh had commanded the Israelites not to intermarry because they would cause the Israelites to give their loyalty to other gods (Deuteronomy 7).

"King Solomon married seven hundred princesses, and had three hundred concubines. He built them places of worship where they could burn incense and offer sacrifices to their own gods. (King Solomon did this in order that his foreign wives would not defile or desecrate the holy Temple). But when King Solomon was already very old his wives led him to worship their god such as: Astarte the goddess of Sidon, Molech the disgusting god of Ammon, Chemosh the disgusting god of Moab. King Solomon then had sinned against Yahweh and was not true to Him as his father David had been."

"Yahweh was angry with Solomon and said to him, 'Because you have deliberately broken your covenant with me and disobeyed my commands, I promise that I will take the Kingdom away from you and give it to one of your officials. However, for the sake of your father David I will not do this in your lifetime, but during the reign of your son. I will not take the whole kingdom from him. I will leave him one tribe for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem the city I have made my own.'

One day while Jeroboam, one of King Solomon's officials was traveling from Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah met him alone on the road. The prophet took off his new robe, tore it into twelve pieces, and said to Jeroboam: "Take ten pieces for yourself because Yahweh says to you, 'I am going to take the Kingdom

away from Solomon, and will give you ten tribes. Solomon will keep the other tribes for the sake of my servant David. I am going to do this because Solomon had rejected me and worship foreign gods.”

Let us recall that Jacob who was later called Israel had twelve sons and one daughter named Dinah. This is the origin of the twelve tribes of Israel. One of these, Levi's tribe was dedicated to Yahweh for His special use; they are the ministers who are to help or assist the Priest Aaron and his descendants.

The giving of ten tribes to Jeroboam while Rehoboam Solomon's son had two tribes, Judah's and Benjamin's was the beginning of the divided Kingdom of Israel. From that time on, aside from the troubles that Israel suffered from their foreign enemies, there was also intense civil war between the north Jeroboam's Kingdom and the south Rehoboam's Kingdom until both Kingdoms collapsed. Within two hundred fifty (250) years the northern Kingdom was obliterated. It fell to the Assyrian invaders. Later, King Sennacherib of Assyria also turned against Judah the southern Kingdom and carried away King Hezekiah together with the people. However, King Hezekiah had made a remarkable comeback and from there the southern Kingdom had survived for another one hundred thirty five (135) years (II Kings 18). But since the Kings that followed, except for King Josiah, failed to learn, the southern Kingdom was finally leveled by the Babylonians. This time Israel was nowhere to be found and all the Israelites were dispersed or taken captives to foreign lands.

King Solomon was evidently unfaithful to Yahweh. But every one could see that in spite of it, Yahweh's faithfulness is eternal. Yahweh our Father is really good and merciful. He could have punished King Solomon immediately because he rejected Him but Yahweh chose to be merciful and allowed King Solomon to die in peace. He would have given King Solomon's son Rehoboam only one tribe as he said, but finally decided to give Rehoboam two tribes as an expression of His unfailing love and lasting favor to King David. HalleluYah!

What Is A “Chosen People” And Who Are They?

A “Chosen People” also means “A Peculiar People” or “A Special People.” A people for Yahweh’s own possession and for a kingdom of priests. The priests are or should be teachers of righteousness. They are to help the people distinguish what is right from what is wrong. They are the ones who are to lead the people to live a pure and holy life.

Moses, the anointed leader says to the Israelites, “...Do this because you belong to Yahweh your Elohim. From all the people on earth He chose you to be His own people... Because He loved you and wanted to keep the promise He made to your ancestors” (Deuteronomy 7: 6-8).

You belong to Yahweh your Elohim, He has chosen you to be His own people from among all the peoples who live on earth (Deuteronomy 14: 2).

“Now, if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own people. The whole earth is mine, but you will be my chosen people, a people dedicated to me alone, and you will serve me as priests” (Exodus 19: 5-6).

In the New Testament, Peter says to the followers of the Messiah: “But you are the chosen race, the King’s priests, the holy nation, Yahweh’s own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of Yahweh, who called you out of darkness into his own marvelous light (I Peter 2: 9).

Finally, the author maintains that the Father chooses His “Anointed” from among the chosen people. “The LORD your GOD will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your GOD at Horeb, Sinai on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our GOD nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.’ ... *I will*

raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him" (Deuteronomy 18: 15,16,18 – NIV). And, according to Dr. Rob Carman, a preacher and writer, "It is a very dangerous thing to criticize or despise what GOD has blessed or Anointed." True, indeed, because in the Old Testament we can find that GOD said to the kings of this world, "Touch not mine Anointed and do them no harm." "He that toucheth mine Anointed, toucheth the apple of my eye." Another concrete example to this is the life of prophet Elisha. Prophet Elisha was despised by some wicked boys saying, "Bald, bald" which means that they had no respect for prophets, they had no need of prophets either; they wanted him out or killed. Prophet Elisha stared at the boys and cursed them in the name of the Elohim of heaven and earth. By and by two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty two (42) boys into pieces (2 Kings 2).

In the New Testament, we can also see for ourselves in Luke 11 & 12 that when Yahshua the Messiah was casting out demons the teachers of the law said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub the prince of demons. For a while Yahshua the Messiah sighed in pain and then said: "He who sins against the Son of man shall be forgiven but he who sins against the Holy Ghost will not be forgiven." The "Anointed" of the LORD is of course, anointed with the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit.

Why The Need For "A Chosen People"

II Timothy 2: 20-21 says, "In a large house there are dishes and bowls of all kinds: some are made of silver and gold, others of wood and clay; some are for special occasions, others for ordinary use. If anyone makes himself clean from all those evil things, he will be used for special purposes because he is dedicated and useful to his Master, ready to be used for every good deed."

The message in II Timothy 2: 20-21 is very clear and self explanatory. The peoples in the world are like dishes and bowls of all kinds in a large house. Each one is made for its own unique purpose. Some are for ordinary use, but those who make themselves clean or are made cleaned from the evil of this world are for special purpose and special occasions.

As Witnesses To The Nations Of The World

The chosen people are people who are set apart so that the Father could intimately commune with them; reveal Himself to them. They are chosen from among the peoples of the world to share the Father's thoughts, feelings, desires, and works. Chosen so that they would hear the Father's words, laws, and principles for a truly meaningful and fruitful life. Chosen so that the Father will be able to nurture them, guide and discipline them; allow them to experience His love, mercy, power, and enjoy His blessings so that they in turn will testify to the world what they have heard, known and learned from the Father, and what they have experienced with Him until the whole world will know the Father, honor and praise Him, and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

In the case of the Israelites, of all the peoples in the world, in the Old Testament time, they were the only people who had the most knowledge about the Father because they were the ones who received the Law through Moses, who had the most experience of the Father's love, mercy, and power or wonderful acts such as: the breaking of the "Red Sea" causing dry lands to appear for the Israelites to walk on, the marvelous clouds that protected them from the heat of the sun during their journey from Egypt to the Promise Land, the pillar of fire that brightens their path at night,

etc. They were the only people who had encountered Yahweh personally, hence, they were the most capable people to witness for Yahweh Almighty, to give examples and to lead all other peoples to live according to Yahweh's Will and Ways.

"They were called to be witnesses to the nations through their obedience to the Law of Yahweh... As long as Israel walked in obedience and faith, she would experience great blessings. This in turn would benefit all mankind, for many would see her prosperity and decide to worship her Elohim.

"This witness was to be accomplished in a number of ways. It was given through Israel's obedience to her laws, through sacrificial system, through dietary regulation, and through the prohibition to intermarry with people of surrounding nations – pagan people" says David C. Egner.

Brother David C. Egner is surely right because Yahweh declares through prophet Isaiah: "Do not be afraid... You are my chosen people whom I love. I will give water to the thirsty land and make streams flow on the dry ground. I will pour out my spirit on your children and my blessings on your descendants. They will thrive like well-watered grass like willows by streams of running water. One by one, people will say, 'I am the LORD'S. They will come to join the people of Israel. Each one will mark the name of the LORD on his arm and call himself one of GOD'S people'" (Isaiah 44).

The chosen people were chosen to testify the truth of Yahweh's words. To prove to all people that Yahweh is indeed, faithful, loving, merciful, and powerful. They are also chosen to help the people distinguish what is holy from what is not holy, what is right from what is wrong, to guide and to lead the people by examples, to choose and do what is good and proper. These in particular are the works of priests.

Yahweh says, "People of Israel, you are my witnesses; I chose you to be my own, so that you would know me and believe in me and understand that I am the only Elohim. Besides me there

is no other-there never was and there never will be. I alone am the Elohim, the only one who can save you. I predicted what would happen, and then I came to your aid. No foreign god has ever done this; you are my witnesses. I am Yahweh and always will be. No one can escape from my power; no one can change what I do" (Isaiah 43: 10-13).

The chosen people were chosen to give light for the salvation of the whole world. The holy scriptures teach us that the world is in darkness, in fact, I John 5: 19 tells us that the world is under the rule of the Evil One (TEV). As such, the world needs light so that the inhabitants therein will be able to see the path that they should walk on towards the right destination, that is, the Kingdom of our Father and Savior.

"Israel, you are my servant; because of you, people will praise me... I have greater task for you, my servant. Not only will you restore to greatness the people of Israel who have survived, but I will also make you a light to the nations so that all the world may be saved" (Isaiah 49). To the disciples, Yahshua the Messiah said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5: 16).

The chosen people must be a nation of people unlike any other, a pure people, a model society centered around a commitment to Him who chose them.

Unity Of The Witnesses

The Holy Bible teaches us that two or more witnesses are necessary to verify and prove certain issue or issues. ('...That in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established' – Matthew 18: 16). Evidently, if the witnesses do not say the same thing or agree with each other before the judges, naturally, the person they are witnessing for would lose the case.

The witnesses, therefore, should be united with each other in thoughts, words, and deeds. Their statements or declaration and actions should be in harmony with each other in order to uphold the cause of the one they are witnessing for. They should have the same standards and goal in life as far as witnessing for Yahweh the Elohim is concern. This is especially true to all people of a nation chosen to be a witness to other nations. Their faith and worship of Yahweh the Elohim must be based on truth and love. Though many different denominations, each must worship Yahweh through His Son Yahshua the Messiah, and by the help of the Holy Spirit, in truth and with all their heart, mind, and strength. Their life must be a life that clearly manifests Yahweh's love, mercy, faithfulness, justice, and righteousness, instead of lust, pride, greed, envy, treachery, indifference, and idolatry.

The reason why the Israelites had not been an effective witness ever since was because while there were prophets among them, while there were some who sincerely listen and obey God's Law, more were deeply engaged in idolatry, and were guilty of covetousness, pride, envy, and treachery. As far as the people who have not heard and known Yahweh are concern, Israel's spiritual and religious practices were confusing. The people who observed them did not understand which was really good and right.

Responsibility Of The Witnesses

The witnesses should faithfully obey Yahweh's commands and keep His covenant in order to be able to maintain Yahweh's required standard, and never in any way, conform to the world's standard. Maintain as well an appropriate distance necessary for the people that they are witnessing to, to have a clear view of Yahweh's virtues in them. In other words, the witnesses should not align with or imitate the ways of the people of the world but rather cause the people to imitate and unite with them.

The witnesses are Yahweh's ambassadors to the people. They do things in His behalf, and speak for Him (II Corinthians 5: 20 KJV).

Privileges Of The Chosen Witnesses

The chosen people are privileged people. They have the revelation of Yahweh Himself and that revelation were promises of Yahweh's presence which means salvation, restoration, and protection so that they would live in peace.

In the case of the "Anointed", the Holy Spirit is in him or in them. To the others who are still growing to spiritual maturity, the Holy Spirit is with them or among them (...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; *for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you* (John 14: 17). It also follows that the wisdom and power of the Father rest upon them especially upon the "Anointed". This wisdom and power enable them to do the Father's works and accomplish His purposes. This will also protect them and enable them to overcome enemies (satan & demons) who try to harm them in order to destroy the Father's plan and works through them. The "anointing" enables also the anointed to protect the new and young believers who accepted the truth they proclaimed and are united to them. We should remember that satan and his demons will not readily give up and surrender. He will do everything possible to destroy the plans and works of our Father and or keep the people to his side. As such, the new and young believers need the help, protection, direction from above through the "Anointed". In other words, the "Anointed" or the "Anointing" that is upon him serves as the Protective Covering of the people. That is why the people need to unite to the "Anointed" and follow his direction for as long as the Anointed maintains his unity with the Father in heaven, through

faith and humble obedience to His commandments. **That is why, again, it is a grave mistake and sin to ignore, despise, and reject the Anointed of the Father because to do so also means destruction of the people and nation.** Let us recall that the Kings of Israel were Anointed but it did not say that they were anointed with the fullness of the Father. Only Yahshua the Messiah had the fullness of the Spirit of Yahweh the Father. I would like to say then that the Anointing that the Kings had was only to a certain degree, the wisdom and power from above that they had was to certain measure or limit unlike that of Yahshua the Messiah. Above all, most of the kings were not faithful in keeping the commandments that Yahweh gave to them through Moses. "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that GOD has assigned" (Romans 12: 3). "He gave some measure of wisdom to everyone but poured her out on those who love Him" (Sirach 1: 10).

The chosen witness is the "Apple of the Father's Eye." The eye is one of the most delicate and valuable parts of the body. "It is the window of the soul", they say. Like the eye of a human body, the chosen witnesses are very precious to the Father. The Father gives His special care and favor to them because they are very important and useful to Him. Without them, the whole world would be in total darkness. The Father also gives them His special concern and protection; He defends, protects, and upholds them. To them the Father said: "I will be with you wherever you go to protect you. You will cross through great waters and the waters will not overwhelm you. You will walk through fire and the fire will not harm or burn you. I will always be with you to save you and honor you because I love you. I will give up nations to set you free because you are precious to me. I will give up nations for your salvation because I love you. Don't be afraid – I am with you!" (Isaiah 43). "Do not be afraid – I am with you! I am your GOD – let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and

help you; I will protect you and save you. Those who are angry with you will know the shame of defeat. Those who fight against you will die and will disappear from the earth. I am the LORD your GOD; I strengthen you and tell you, 'Do not be afraid; I will help you'. Small and weak as you are, don't be afraid; I will help you" (Isaiah 41).

The Holy Scriptures also tell us that when the chosen people (Israelites) were passing through the lands of the Gentiles towards the Promise Land, Yahweh warned the Kings saying, "Touch not mine Anointed and do them no harm." Those who fight against the "Anointed" or try to harm them are not fighting against men but against the Elohim of heaven and earth. They will surely be destroyed by their own wicked devices; they will be snared by their own traps. For, Yahweh has promised saying, "They that shall gather against you shall fall for my sake and for your sake too. No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every tongue that rises against you shall be condemned" (Isaiah 54). "If you are careful to obey me, ten of you will chase a thousand enemies and they will fall before you. A hundred of you will chase ten thousand enemies and they will fall before you. I will even cause their eyes to rot in their sockets, their tongues to rot in their mouths, their flesh to wither while they are standing on their feet" (Leviticus 26 & Deuteronomy 28). But anyone who respects and supports Yahweh's Anointed will gain His mercy and favor. That is why it was said to Abraham and Jacob, "I will bless them that bless you, and I will curse them that cursed you."

Let us take note also that the Messiah Himself said: "He who accepts you, accepts me and he who accepts me accepts the Father also. But he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects the Father also." "He who receives a prophet in my name, will also receive a prophet's reward."

The chosen witnesses and the "Anointed" have the special privilege of leading other peoples and nations to Yahweh Almighty. Lead them to worship Yahweh in spirit and in truth; to worship Him in the beauty of holiness, serve and glorify Him

forever and ever. The “Chosen and Anointed” of Yahweh is/are His appointed leaders e.g., Moses, Aaron, and David. “See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples” (Isaiah 55:4). To them, Yahweh says, “Kings (of this world) will be like fathers to you; queens will be like mothers (meaning they would serve, love and care for the Anointed). They will bow low before you and honor you; they will humbly show their respect for you. Then you will know that I am the LORD; no one who waits for my help will be disappointed” (Isaiah 49:23).

This does not mean that the Anointed and Appointed leaders always know better in everything and in all cases than the rest of the people. This simply means that our Father and Savior is the One who is in control over the universe. He reserves the right to choose whomsoever He wants. “He overrules the nations of the world and He appoints anyone He desires to reign over them.” “...GOD’S choice was based on His call, and not on anything they had done.” “...For He said to Moses, “I will have mercy on anyone I wish; I will take pity on anyone I wish.” This should further remind us that the Father looks at our hearts more than our external qualifications and abilities-qualifications the world requires. His favor is upon those who have contrite and humble spirit, pure and faithful hearts. But, “He resists the proud, and He gives grace to the humble.”

No matter what external qualifications one has, no matter how skilled a person is, he has to recognize the authority of the “Anointed” and give him or them support and due respect. The people should cooperate, help, and uphold the “Anointed” for the good of all and for the glory of the Father. When people respect and support the “Anointed”, it also means they respect the choice and decision of the Father in heaven who chose him.

One of the faults and sin of the Israelites during the time of Moses was their attitude of degrading Moses. They gathered around and stirred the people and said to themselves, “What does Moses have that we do not have? If Moses is holy, we are also holy. We can do better than Moses; we can lead the people better

than him.” With this thought they had, they were not willing to help and support Moses which eventually redound to the misery of all the Israelites until Yahweh’s wrath and judgment was upon the opponents of Moses. Yahweh caused a portion of land to break open and swallow Korah, Dathan, and Abiram and their families-clans, and all the people who were one with them, to be buried alive (Numbers 16).

Confirmations Of Yahweh’s Covenant Of Peace With Abraham, Moses, and David Through The Prophets

1. “A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, ‘Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty GOD, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.’ His royal power will continue to grow; his Kingdom will always be at peace. He will rule as King David’s successor, basing his power on right and justice, from now until the end of time. The Almighty is determined to do all this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).
2. “The royal line of David is like a tree that has been cut down; but just as new branches sprout from a stump, so a new King will arise from among David’s descendants. The spirit of the LORD will give him wisdom and the knowledge and skills to rule his people. He will know the LORD’S Will and have reverence for Him, and find pleasure in obeying Him. He will not judge by appearance or hearsay; he will judge the poor fairly and defend the rights of the helpless. At his command the people will be punished, and evil persons will die. He will rule his people with justice and integrity. Wolves and sheep will lie together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats. Calves and lion cubs will feed together, and little children will take care of them. Cows and bears will eat

together, calves and cubs will lie down in peace. Lions will eat straw as cattle do. Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near a poisonous snake... There will be nothing harmful or evil. The land will be as full of knowledge of the LORD as the seas are full of water" (Isaiah 11: 1-9).

3. Yahweh says, "I am making a new earth and new heavens. The events of the past will be completely forgotten. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I create... There will be no weeping there, no calling for help. Babies will no longer die in infancy, and all people will live out their life span. Those who live to be a hundred will be considered young. To die before that would be a sign that I had punished them... Like trees, my people will live long lives. They will fully enjoy the things that they have worked for. The work they do will be successful, and their children will not meet with disaster. I will bless them and their descendants for all time to come (Isaiah 65: 17-20;22,23).
4. Yahweh says, "The time is coming when I will fulfill the promise that I made to the people of Israel and Judah. At that time I will choose as King a righteous descendant of David. That King will do what is right and just throughout the land. The people of Judah and of Jerusalem will be rescued and will live in safety. The city will be called 'The LORD Our Salvation'. I, the LORD, promise that there will always be a descendant of David to be King of Israel and that there will always be priests from the tribe of Levi to serve me and to offer burnt offerings, grain offerings, and sacrifices." "I have made a covenant with the day and with the night, so that they always come at their proper times; and that covenant can never be broken. In the same way I have made a covenant with my servant David that he would always have a descendant to be King, and I have made a covenant with the priests from the tribe of Levi that they would always serve me; and those covenants can never be broken" (Jeremiah 33: 14-21).

5. "So now, I, the Sovereign LORD, tell you that I will judge between you strong sheep and the weak sheep. You pushed the sick ones aside and butted them away from the flock. But I will rescue my sheep and not let them be mistreated any more. I will judge each of my sheep and separate the good from the bad. I will give them a king like my servant David to be their one shepherd, and he will take care of them. I, the LORD, will be their GOD, and a King like my servant David will be their ruler. I will make a covenant with them that guarantees their security. I will get rid of all the dangerous animals in the land, so that my sheep can live safely in the fields, sleep in the forests. I will bless them..." (Ezekiel 34: 20-26).
6. I will make a covenant with them that guarantees their security forever. I will establish them and increase their population, and will see to it that my Temple stands forever in their land. I will live there with them; I will be their GOD, and they will be my people. When I place my Temple there to be among them forever, then the nations will know that I, the LORD, have chosen Israel to be my own people" (Ezekiel 37: 26-28).
7. In days to come the mountains where the Temple stands will be the highest one of all, towering above all the hills. Many nations will come streaming to it, and their people will say. "Let us go up the hill of the LORD, to the Temple of Israel's GOD. For He will teach us what He wants us to do; we will walk in the paths He has chosen. For the LORD'S teaching comes from Jerusalem; from Zion He speaks to His people." He will settle disputes among the nations, among the great powers near and far. They will hammer their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again. Everyone will live in peace among his own vineyards and fig trees, and no one will make him afraid. The LORD Almighty has promised this (Micah 4:1-4).

8. The LORD says, "Bethlehem Ephratah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times." So the LORD will abandon His people to their enemies until the one who is to give birth has her son. Then his fellow countrymen who are in exile will be reunited with their own people. When he comes, he will rule his people with the strength that comes from the LORD and with the majesty of the LORD GOD Himself. His people will live in safety because people all over the earth will acknowledge his greatness, and he will bring peace (Micah 5: 2-5).
9. Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion! Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you! He comes triumphant and victorious, but humble and riding on a donkey-on a colt, the foal of a donkey. The LORD says, "I will remove the war chariots from Israel and take the horses from Jerusalem; the bows used in battle will be destroyed. Your King will make peace among the nations; he will rule from sea to sea, from the Euphrates river to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9: 9-10).

Consequences Of Obedience Or Disobedience

"For obedience, I will bless you; for disobedience, I will curse you", says Yahweh the Elohim of heaven and earth.

"If you obey the Lord your GOD and faithfully keep all His commands that I am giving you today, He will make you greater than any other nation on earth... The LORD will bless your towns and fields. You will have all that you want to eat. Your harvest will be so plentiful that they will last... You will have to throw away what is left of the old harvest to make room for the new. He will bless everything you do... he will defeat your

enemies when they attack you... The LORD will give you many children, many cattle, and abundant crops in the land that He promised your ancestor to give you. He will send rain in season from His rich storehouse in the sky and bless all your work, so that you will lend to many nations, but you will not have to borrow from any.

“But if you disobey the LORD your GOD and do not faithfully keep all His commands and laws that I am giving you today, all these evil things will happen to you: The LORD will curse your towns and fields. The LORD will curse you and everything you do... He will bring on you disaster, confusion, and trouble in everything you do, until you are quickly or completely destroyed. The LORD will send diseases after diseases on you; He will strike you with infectious diseases. He will send drought and scorching winds to destroy your crops. The LORD will give your enemies victory over you. You will not prosper in everything you do.

“You will be constantly oppressed and robbed, and there will be no one to help you. Your sons and daughters will be given as slaves to foreigners... Your sufferings will make you lose your minds. He will send on you and your descendants incurable diseases and horrible epidemics that can never be stopped. Foreigners who live in your land will gain more and more power... They will have money to lend you but you will have none to lend them. In the end they will be your ruler... You will be scattered among all nations of the earth and there you will serve gods made of wood and stone... You will live in fear; you will be terrified that you will run even when no one is chasing you. If after all this punishment you still do not listen to me, I will make your punishment seven times worse than before. Your hunger will be great and you will be so desperate that even the most refined man and woman will secretly eat their children.”

Israel's Rewards

Truly, Yahweh our Father is just, and faithful. He rewards everyone according to what he has done. For Israel in particular, instead of blessings, they got the curse which Yahweh El pronounced against the disobedient. Since then they have been serving the consequence of their rebellion against Yahweh's Law, and for breaking the Covenant. Yahweh says, "From the time I brought you out of Egypt until today, I warned you again and again saying, 'Obey Me'. But you did not listen or pay attention; instead, you followed the stubbornness of your evil hearts. So I brought on you all the curses of the Covenant I had commanded you to follow but you did not keep... You have followed other gods to serve them" (Jeremiah 11).

"Israel's long centuries of suffering are the consequence of her failure to accept the role assigned her in history. They have gone their own way and therefore, have been chastened for their disobedience. Israel's troubles may abate, but they will not end until she is purged, purified and turns in faith to her Messiah" says David C. Egner.

Briefly, let us recapture in our imagination the striking things that happened to Israel before we consider the three dispositions that they had experienced.

Israel suffered serious attacks from their gentile neighbors and finally lost their battles. Gentile Kings had entered the Temple. Took away the gold altar, the lamp stands, and all the Temple treasures that they could find and carried them to their own country. In particular, King Antiochus Epiphanes set up the "Awful Horror" on the altar of the Temple, dedicated it to the Olympian god Zeus, the supreme god of the Greeks whose home was believed to be on Mt. Olympus. The city of Jerusalem became a colony of foreigners who murdered and persecuted the Jews or Israelites. The gentiles further defiled the Temple with drinking

parties and all sorts of immorality. "They even had intercourse with prostitutes in the Temple."

The Jews were compelled to eat unclean animals including intestines which the Law forbids the Israelites to eat. They were also required to wear ivy wreath on their heads and march in procession in honor of a gentile god. They were forced to treat the Sabbaths and festivals as ordinary work days. They were forbidden to circumcise their children. Anyone caught circumcising their children were tortured and put to death. Any book of the Law found were torn and burned, anyone found obeying the Law was put to death by order of the King. The Jews were also commanded to build pagan altars and shrines, and to sacrifice pigs and other unclean animals. Youths were enlisted in athletics and sent somewhere for training so that they would forget the Law which Yahweh gave them through Moses, and eventually learn to adopt the gentile way of life. Finally, the gentile King issued a decree that all nations in his empire including Israel of course, should abandon their own customs. Forced the people to accept his pagan religion as the official religion, and to offer sacrifices to idols.

One author wrote and I quote: "It is a serious thing to disregard Yahweh's Law... The people whose ways they admired and whose customs they tried to imitate became their enemies and oppressors."

Israel's Dispositions

1. To Egypt
2. To Assyria or Babylon
3. Throughout the world

Disposition to Egypt

The Holy Bible tells us that due to intense famine that occurred in Canaan (Promised Land) where Jacob lived, Jacob and his loved ones together with all their possessions left for Egypt where Joseph one of Jacob's sons was Governor at that time. While there was famine in Canaan, there was enough food in Egypt because of Joseph. Jacob's company was seventy people in all and they chose to live in that part of Egypt called Goshen, the best place for sheep and shepherds. Joseph talked to the Pharaoh about it and the Pharaoh gladly permitted them. Though strangers, they enjoyed a peaceful life there until Joseph died and the Pharaoh who knew Joseph personally, died also.

Sadly, after their deaths, Israel's ordeal began. The Israelites were made slaves to the Egyptians and they were severely treated for about four hundred (400) years. Oppression and injustice of all forms became a part of their "daily bread" year after year until one day Moses, a brother Israelite who grew up in the Palace visited his own people out in the field. There Moses saw one Israelite mistreated and killed by an Egyptian. He defended the Israelite by killing also the Egyptian and buried him in the sand secretly.

On another occasion, Moses showed up again to his own people in the field and tried to settle a dispute between two Israelites. But instead of listening to him the wrongdoer arrogantly responded saying, "Who made you our ruler and judge? Are you going to kill me also like what you did to the Egyptian?" Moses knew that what he did was not a secret anymore. Above all, Moses was greatly disappointed that his own people did not understand that he was there to rescue them. "For

he (Moses) supposed his brethren would have understood how that GOD by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not" (Acts 7: 25).

In utter disgust and for fear that the Pharaoh would have him killed for what he did to the Egyptian, Moses fled to Media. There he established his family and tend sheep and goats until one day at Mt. Sinai while tending the sheep, Yahweh appeared to him and commanded him to go back to Egypt to tell the Pharaoh to free the Israelites from slavery and bring them back to the Promised Land.

Disposition to Assyria or Babylon:

From Egypt the Israelites returned to the Promised Land through the leadership of Moses and Joshua, the successor of Moses. In the Promised Land, they had King Saul ruling over them as the first King of Israel. Later, King Saul was replaced by King David and then King Solomon succeeded King David who died in old age. King Solomon and the Israelites did not remain faithful to Yahweh Almighty especially the Northern Kingdom under King Jeroboam, who led the people to worship images made of wood and stone which is strictly prohibited by Yahweh.

Yahweh Almighty was angry with the Israelites and allowed the Babylonians or Assyrians to destroy Jerusalem especially the Temple and brought the Israelites captives to Babylon. When Babylon fell, the Israelites were under the Persian rulers. For two hundred more years (200 yrs.), they were Persian subjects. But it was also the Persians who made provision for the captured Jews to return to their homeland.

They gratefully returned home between 558 and 538 B.C. greatly hoping to rebuild the Temple and repossess the land. Though they were granted religious freedom and autonomy, they continued to pay high taxes and tribute to Persia, most especially to support the Persian wars against Greece – Alexander the Great.

It happened that they were inevitably linked with Greece under Alexander the Great. But when Alexander died, Palestine and Egypt were ruled by Ptolemy one of Alexander's Generals. Asia was ruled by the Seleucids who were ardent promoters of Hellenism (Greek Culture and in time took control of Judea). Judaism then diminished in number and influence until King Antiochus Epiphanes decided to extinguish the Jews or Israelites.

Certain Jews by the name of Mattathias and his sons (the Maccabees) organized a resistance guerilla up in the mountain and caves where they fled and hid, took command of the forces and fought against Antiochus. After many years, the Jews once again ruled their own land and the Temple rededicated sometime in 164 B.C. This occasion is still celebrated by the Jews in December, a celebration called the Festival of Hanukkah.

Throughout The World

When Yahshua the Messiah was born in Bethlehem, Judea, Palestine was under the Roman Government. It started when at the height of Palestine's strife, a Roman General Pompey was invited to arbitrate a dispute. The General gladly responded and later used this occasion as an opportunity and chance to capture Jerusalem. He then put Hyrcanus II as a puppet ruler under the Roman Governor in Syria. Hyrcanus II was succeeded by Herod. Herod wiped out all opposition through treachery and convinced the Romans to name him King in Judea and thereby reign for more than forty years (Matthew 2). Later, after Herod's death, Augustus Caesar named Judea a Roman province and steadily increased the Roman power in Palestine.

On the other hand, Yahshua the Messiah who went about doing good-teaching the people Yahweh's Ways and Will, healing the sick, feeding the hungry miraculously, was rejected by the

religious authorities until He was crucified and buried but resurrected and ascended to heaven.

Not long after the death of Yahshua the Messiah, more cruel and corrupt leaders Caligula and Nero came into power in Rome and demanded worship by their subjects but the faithful Jews refused to be intimidated, and above all, they refused to worship them. At this point the seed of Jewish Revolt was planted. After Nero's death, Vespasian became the Emperor and Titus his son was appointed head of the Roman Forces in the East. With a spirit of vengeance Titus marched through Palestine focusing his attention upon Jerusalem with the intention of destroying the Temple which was the symbol for Israel's divine strength and power.

The hard battle began. Titus had eighty thousand Roman Legionnaires while according to Josephus, Jerusalem was defended by only twenty three thousand four hundred soldiers. Though Titus's forces and Rome had suffered much loses, the Jews were defeated. The Romans burned the Temple, threw infants into the fire and killed thousands. The survivors were led to Rome to die there or to be sold as slaves.

In time the Jews had rebuilt their city and nation and in 133AD the Jews staged again their second revolt. This time it was against Emperor Trajan and the fighting ended after three years. The next Roman Emperor, Emperor Hadrian on the other hand tried to make peace with the Jews through deception. He allowed them to rebuild their Temple but after it was finished, he succeeded in declaring it as the temple of Jupiter.

A Jewish military leader by the name Simon Bar Kokhba with Rabbi Akiba as his mentor emerged. In 132 AD, A revolt led by Simon Bar Kokhba took Rome by surprise. Emperor Hadrian then called General Severus his best military leader who was in Great Britain. With thirty five thousand experienced warriors Hadrian sent General Severus to Palestine who confidently

marched toward Jerusalem and where they met their painful and unexpected defeat.

General Severus, however called for reinforcement and then burned villages, and killed every Jew they could find until the Jews finally surrendered. Survivors were sold to slavery throughout the empire. Palestine was greatly devastated and empty of Jews. But wherever faithful Jews went as exile or slaves they always took with them their devotion to the Torah and their belief that their way of life was superior to that of other nations. This belief was implanted by Yahweh Himself in their hearts and minds, they, being His witnesses to the world. They also took with them their love for learning.

The Jews In Foreign Lands

In France:

1. The Jews were falsely accused of manipulating the government and exploiting system in order to acquire immense wealth.
2. They were accused of treason or selling military secrets. This particularly happened to a Jewish Captain in the French Army who was tried, convicted, and imprisoned on Devil's Island.
3. A man named Charles Faurier published a work which called the Jews "Parasites" which term was later used also by Adolf Hitler.

In Germany:

1. Adolf Hitler charged the Jews with economic domination of Germany.

2. He also accused them of being the father of communism.
3. Later, Adolf Hitler was obsessed with racial “purity”. The Aryans were encouraged to divorce their Jewish mates.
4. Jewish children were refused admittance to public schools.
5. Jewish children were not allowed to attend museums, the theater of musical halls.
6. There was the formation of ghettos and mass confiscation of Jewish properties.
7. The mysterious disappearance of the Jews.
8. Finally, the use of gas chambers and oven to exterminate the Jews since the use of ammunition would cost them some money. The Germans sent the Jews to labor camps, let them work as hard as possible, inadequately clothed, humiliated, starved, beaten, and then sent to their deaths. Some were left maimed, blind, crippled, terminally ill or insane.

In Russia:

1. Catherine the Great made a scheme for removing the Jews from influential position by designating a strip of land, “Pale Settlement” where Jews are permitted to live, work, and trade within that particular area.
2. Czar Nicholas I continued Catherine’s policy.
3. Alexander II granted the Jews some rights, but false accusations and massacre still characterized his reign. The May Laws of 1882 greatly limited Jewish activity. This also led to the establishment of the “Black Guards” which persecuted and killed thousands of Jews.

In Poland:

In Warsaw ghetto, six hundred thousand (600,000) Jews had been crammed into that infamous section. By 1943 only forty thousand (40,000) were left. Desperate and starving, the Jews decided to fight and embarrassed the mighty German War Machine by inflicting an amazing losses. Five (5) years later Israel was born.

Conclusion:

The extent of the Jews' suffering could not be measured. Forced expulsion occurred everywhere and death was commonplace. All these, the foregoing accounts happened because they broke the Covenant. Prophet Daniel in his prayer while he was in Babylon said: "O LORD, the great and awesome GOD, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your Name to our Kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land..."

"Therefore, the curse and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of the Most high, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us great disaster...."

Above all, this is so because of their rejection of the Messiah.

"The Priests and the Elders persuaded the crowd to ask Pilate to set Barabbas free and Jesus (Yahshua the Messiah) put to death. But Pilate asked the crowd, "Which one of these two do you want me to set free for you?" "Barabbas!" They answered. "What, then shall I do with Jesus called the Messiah?" Pilate asked them. "Crucify him!" they all answered. But Pilate asked,

“What crime has he committed?” They started shouting at the top of their voices: “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that it was no use to go on, but that a riot might break out, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am not responsible for the death of this man! This is your doing!”

The whole crowd answered, “let the responsibility for his death fall on us and on our children”. “In another version, Pilate said: “I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.” Then answered all the people, and said, “His blood be on us, and on our children” (Matthew 27).

Indeed, the blood of Yahshua the Messiah fell on the children of the Israelites who shouted at the top of their voices: “Crucify him!”

“By stubborn rejection of divine love and mercy, the Jews had caused the protection of God to be withdrawn from them, and satan was permitted to rule them according to his will.”

Part II

Yahweh's New Covenant Through His Son Yahshua The Messiah

... "Take and eat; this is my body."

... "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins... I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

Matthew 26: 26-29

The Messiah Greater Than Any Man On Earth

Obviously, even today, there are still many people who think that Yahshua the Messiah is just like any good leader the world has known. While the Holy Scriptures also inform us that the Messiah Himself had aroused great and fierce opposition among the religious "Professionals" of His day, so that even His own family doubted and questioned His sanity and said, "He is out of his mind" (Mark 3 & John 7). On the other hand, the Holy Bible also bears record that the teacher of the Law said: "He is possessed by demons." What an amazing and terrible accusations against the Anointed One!

Yes, all these were said about the Messiah, but, certainly these did not change or alter the truth that Yahshua the Messiah was unlike any man who had walked on earth, because He was/ is holy and perfect. In fact, ever since He was in the womb of His mother Mary, He has been holy and will always be. Therefore, he is greater than any man who had lived on earth.

Yahshua the Messiah is the Word of the Father Yahweh which became flesh (John 1: 1; 14). To Him the Father said: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." He is the begotten Son of Yahweh and He alone has manifested the fullness of the Almighty Father. Yahshua the Messiah Himself confirmed this by saying: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." "All things are delivered unto me of my Father." "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." "I am the resurrection and the life." "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall never hunger and he who believes in me shall never thirst." "I am the Good Shepherd." "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." "If you believe in me, the works that I do ye shall do also; and greater works than these shall ye do..." Furthermore, the Books of

Hebrews and Colossians also tell us that He is greater than Moses and all the prophets, greater than all the High Priests, and greater than all the angels. Colossians 1: 15-16 says: "Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible GOD. He is the firstborn Son, superior to all created things. For through Him GOD created the seen and the unseen things including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through Him and for Him." He is indeed the Savior of the world, the King of kings, and he who comes to Him in faith will never be disappointed but will have abundant and eternal life. He is the One of whom the prophet Isaiah said: "The Wonderful, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, and the Government shall be upon His shoulder." The Anointed of the Father to preach the gospel to the poor (good news about salvation and the Kingdom), to heal the brokenhearted, to open the eyes of the blind, to set the captives free.

He is the One who said in the garden of Gethsemane, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death", and prayed for three times the same prayer, "O my Father, If it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt." He is the One whom the High Priest asked, "Are you the Christ, the Son of God?" "Yes, it is as you say", He answered. The High Priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy. He is worthy of death." He is the One whom Governor Pilate asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say", He replied. He is the One whom the crowd of Jews wanted to crucify, "Crucify him!" "Crucify him!" They shouted. While the Chief Priest, and the teachers of the Law mockingly said, "He saved others, himself he cannot save... Let God rescue him now, for he said, 'I am the Son of God!'"

He is the Anointed of the father who made the New Covenant sealed with His own precious, holy, and powerful blood. In Him and through Him alone can man find a meaningful, peaceful, fruitful, and everlasting life. For he says, "No man can go to the Father except by me." He is the One who said to the

lawyer who attempted to trap Him with his question, "Thou shalt love God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He is the One who said to His disciples, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another." "Whoever does the Will of my Father in heaven is my brother, my sister, my mother." The One who said, "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; he who humbles himself shall be exalted." "The last shall be first, and the first shall be last for many are called but few are chosen." "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." "He who gives you a cup of water to drink in my name because you belong to me, he shall not lose his reward." He is the One who said: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consist not in the abundance of the things which he possesses." "How hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of GOD. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God. He is the one who said: "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." "I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to give to everyone according to what he has done."

Yahshua the Messiah is indeed coming soon to separate the sheep from the goats and to completely establish Yahweh's Kingdom in earth, so that those who shared His sufferings will also share His glory. Those who are one with Him in faith will rule and reign with Him over the nations of the earth. "For all who receive GOD'S abundant grace and are freely put right with Him will rule in life through Christ" (Romans 5: 17).

To summarize it all, since Yahshua the Messiah is the Word of Yahweh the Creator, which became flesh, then, He has the fullness of the Father. He spoke, moved, lived and worked according to the perfect Will of the Father. Anyone who hears Him, hears the Father. He who obeys and follows Him is as good as he obeys and follows the Father himself. He who accepts Him, accepts the Father; he who honors Him, honors the Father also.

Since Yahshua the Messiah has all power and authority over the whole universe, those who are with Him will also rule and reign over the nations of the earth together with Him.

Link Between The Old The New Covenants

Another word for covenant is testament. The New Testament Book is being opened with the gospel of St. Matthew and the same gospel starts with genealogies or long list of names. In the said pedigree, we are also informed that the Messiah is Abraham's son. This therefore enables us to have a clear view of the link between the Old and the New Testaments.

Conspicuously, as the name Messiah speaks, which means the Anointed, Yahshua the Messiah was the ultimate fulfillment of Yahweh's Covenant with Abraham, Moses, and David; the Law and the Prophets. "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John: since that time the Kingdom of God is preached...(Luke 16: 16; Matthew 11: 13 – John the Baptist and Yahshua the Messiah were relatives and contemporary). But since the chosen people who were especially nurtured through Yahweh's Law and the Prophets, rejected and killed Him on the cross, Yahweh's Rule or Kingdom in earth has not been fulfilled and realized. Instead, His rule is limited only to those who have faith in the Messiah; over individuals who have surrendered their lives to Him as living sacrifice. That is why also, Yahweh's Covenant of Peace in earth is yet to be fulfilled in the second coming of the Messiah.

The Messiah was Yahweh's Peace in earth and through His leadership had He been accepted the Governor or the King, as the angels had said to mother Mary, the earth would have been an earth of goodness, righteousness, and peace. "A great army of heaven's host appeared with the angel, singing praises to GOD:

‘Glory to GOD in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom He is pleased’” (Luke 2: 13-14). Was Yahweh pleased with the way men on earth received and treated the Messiah? “And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel” (Matthew 2: 6). But my brethren, let me ask you: Did the Messiah rule over Israel? Has there been peace in the world since the birth of the Messiah? If there is, then what kind of peace does Israel have?

Again, I would say that Yahweh is holy, just, and faithful. And though He has all power and authority over His creatures, He does not abuse His power nor coerce anybody because He is just and holy. He is also faithful that He does not forget His promises nor violate His decrees especially the freewill that He has given to mankind. So, confronted with the two conflicting facts on a very crucial issue, the Covenant: Yahweh’s faithfulness, and the chosen people’s unfaithfulness as shown in their rejection of the Messiah, Yahweh through His Son made a New Covenant sealed with the blood of the Messiah Himself for the believers and followers to receive the promised Peace, Kingship over the nations of the earth, and eternal life. Practically speaking, it is the same Covenant which was first made with Abraham, Moses, and David. In other words, if I may say it this way, an amendment to the Old Covenant was made by the Messiah Himself and the amended or New Covenant is already applicable and effective directly not only to the physical descendants of Abraham (Israel) but to all who believe and follow the Messiah whether Jew or Gentile. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond (slave) nor free, there is neither male or female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3: 28).

Matching The Old And The New

The Blood That Seals The Covenants:

For the Old Covenant, Moses took the blood of animal sacrifice in the bowl, threw it on the altar and on the people and then he said: "This is the blood that seals the covenant which the LORD made with you..." But, the New Covenant was sealed with the blood of the Messiah Himself, confirmed by the disciples of the Messiah by accepting and believing that Yahshua the Messiah is their personal Savior and King.

The scripture declares that "All men have sinned and come short of the glory of (God) Yahweh." Sin requires atonement. In the ancient times, to atone sin is to offer animal sacrifices. There were three types of (animal sacrifice) offering. First, is the guilt and sin offering. Second, is the burnt offering. The third is the fellowship offering. This simply means that a sinful man cannot directly and carelessly approach his Creator. He has to go through the rituals of purification before he can worship Yahweh. Take note of the sequence of the offerings.

First, he has to "pay the price for his sin" though it cannot really be paid exactly. Then the burnt offering where the animal after removing the intestines and other dirty parts, is burn whole which also means complete dedication to Yahweh on the part of the sinner. Finally, the fellowship offering. This further means that the sinner cannot have fellowship with the Father unless he has gone through the rituals of purification, and dedication of himself.

Certainly, the blood of human being is greatly superior than the blood of animal. More so, the blood of Yahshua the Messiah that seals the New Covenant, and His own body that was offered for us that we may be reconciled to the Father and have eternal fellowship with Him.

The Old And New Circumcisions

When Yahweh Almighty made a promise to Abraham to give him many descendants, Yahweh said to Abraham, "I will give you many descendants and you will be the ancestor of many nations... You must agree to circumcise every male among you. Circumcision will be a physical sign to show that my Covenant with you is everlasting. Any male who has not been circumcised will no longer be considered one of my people."

Any male therefore who did not have the mark of circumcision was a gentile, while all the circumcised male were Yahweh's chosen people. It was, however, an outward circumcision. The new circumcision is inward – a circumcision of the heart. Although an outward circumcision is important and good for physical hygiene, the inward circumcision is of more value and importance. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15: 19). The foreskin therefore of the old, stubborn, deceitful heart must be removed so that a new and pure heart will appear. "Man looks at the outward appearance but Yahweh looks at the heart." Today, it is best that males be circumcised outwardly and inwardly so that both the outside and inside or the whole being-body, soul and spirit will be clean and pure.

More About Circumcision:

"For whether or not a man is circumcised means nothing; what matters is to obey GOD'S commandments" (I Corinthians 7:19).

"If you obey the Law, your circumcision is of value; but if you disobey the Law, you might as well never have been circumcised. If the gentile, who is not circumcised, obeys the commands of the Law, will not GOD regard him as though he

were circumcised? It is not the man who is a Jew on the outside, whose circumcision is a physical thing. Rather, the real Jew is the person who is a Jew on the inside, that is, whose heart has been circumcised...(Romans 2: 25,26,28,29).

“For when we are in union with Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor the lack of it makes any difference at all; what matters is faith that works through love” (Galatians 5: 6).

“In union with Christ you were circumcised, not with the circumcision that is made by men, but with the circumcision made by Christ...” (Colosians 2: 11).

The Chosen People And The Faithful Followers Of The Messiah

The Chosen people of the ancient times and the followers of the Messiah today have practically the same responsibilities and privileges. The only difference is that the believers of the Messiah are not only called chosen people, but also sons or children of Yahweh. For their responsibilities and privileges, please refer to Part I of this book.

About Being Sons or Children of (God) Yahweh:

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then heir of God, and joint heirs with Christ” (Romans 8: 14,16,17).

“For ye are all children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. For as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ... And if ye be Christ’s then are ye Abraham’s seed and heir according to the promise” (Galatians 3: 26,27,29).

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God... Beloved, now we are the sons or children of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is” (I John 3: 1-2).

“But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ” (Galatians 4: 4-7).

Children should always remember that they bear the name of their father. They are also the heirs of all the possessions of the father. The father’s standing is the children’s standing. The father’s honor and glory are the children’s honor and glory as well. If the father is king, the children are princes and princesses; they are members of the royal family. Children rule and reign together with the father. On the other hand, a wicked and dishonorable father is a shame and disgrace to the children.

But, HalleluYah! Believers and followers of the Messiah are children of the King of Kings! As children of no ordinary king, let us reflect our Father’s perfect nature: just, holy, loving, merciful, and faithful.

Partakers Of Divine Nature

Even as Yahshua the Messiah is one with the Father and has manifested the fullness (nature, virtues) of the Father, the believers of Yahshua the Messiah must be one with Him so that they will become partakers of His divine nature. "Be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect." "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (Matthew 5: 48 & I Peter 1: 15-16). This can be made possible through: faith, humble obedience, and steadfastness. Obedience takes two major considerations or categories: Obedience based on the recorded commandments for everybody. Another, is based on the specific or particular Will of the Father for each individual.

A person may be obedient to all the recorded commandments of the Father but not to what the Father and the Messiah want him to do in particular. For example, the Father wants a certain person to be a physician to the poor or missionary, but he chose to become a businessman because there is much money in business. Another, the Father wants a person to be a minister, but he left abroad for personal and selfish reasons such as the comfort of luxury and material gain. In this case, these people are particularly disobedient. I would even say that it is easier to keep the recorded commandments than to find out Yahweh's Will for one's life. More so, to obey and do it. For the information of everybody, I'd like to quote what Rev. Don Arney has written in his book entitled: *Running With Horses And Chariots*. "Church statisticians tell us that 92% of all Christians have never really asked the question, 'What do you want me to do, LORD?' This means that only 8% of all Christians are responsible for the work and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ".

If we, believers and followers of the Messiah are merely obeying the commandments, but after that, have not found out the Will of the Father for our lives, we have not really done much for our Father and Savior. Meaning, we have not made ourselves

available for the works he has assigned us. In other words, we have not been really useful and productive according to the Father's plan and purposes.

To obey and do the Will of the Father is to exercise faith and trust in Him. To believe that true and lasting success comes from Him alone, not through our own effort no matter how good it may be. "For what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his own soul?" (Mark 8: 36). To do the Will of the Father also means to be steadfast in doing what He wants us to do no matter how little we have to offer to Him. No matter how poor our performance may look to other people; no matter what people say. After all, we are not their hired workers, it is our Father and Savior who hired us. To emphasize the statement, "No matter how poor our performance may look to other people", I would like to share with you what I heard and learned from Dr. Rob Carman from the United States of America who came to Cagayan de Oro City to conduct Pastors' Seminar. He expounded Ecclesiastes 11: 1-3, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth: If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree falls towards the south, or north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be."

Expressing Dr. Carman's thoughts in my own words, he said: Our own self, what we have, and what we can do to the people for Yahweh's glory is our "Bread" which we should cast to the waters or people for them to be fed and filled. It does not matter how plain and simple the things we have. Though plain and simple, when it is used to serve the needy, it becomes really good and useful. On the contrary, no matter how good and beautiful the things you have, if others especially the needy are not able to taste it, how will they thank and glorify GOD with you for what you have? So it does not matter whether we have only saging & ginamos (cooked bananas & saltedfish), or we have sandwiches, spaghetti, beefsteak, fish and rice. The important

thing is: are we sharing it with other people? When people are hungry, they will surely eat whatever food you offer them, Dr. Carman said.

I'd like also to add that casting our bread or whatever good thing we have, to the people especially to the needy is like scattering seeds to a fertile fields. Some time later you will be amazed to discover that the seeds you have scattered have grown and bear fruits for your own needs at the time, and for other people as well. Even your coming generations will still reap and enjoy what you have scattered or planted. One famous writer wrote: "Kindness to the poor brethren is like money saved for your own future needs." True, indeed, that is why the writer of Ecclesiastes says, "Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." The number seven is the number for perfection or rest, but even after you have completed or perfected your duty, if possible, try to do more for others because you do not know that the needy today will be much better than yourself tomorrow and you will need their help.

Brethren, do not be too conscious about how people judge your performance. What is most important is that we do our work with all humility, sincerity, and faithfully for the glory of our Father and Savior. You know, the author was once a victim to this, I could hardly start the work the Father assigned to me. But, Praise GOD! I have realized then that it was fear of people's disapproval, and vain pride that deterred me. Fear and pride are some of the devil's strongest weapons in destroying the Father's wonderful works through our lives. In my case, the devil had gone to the extent of having my hands and fingers bound. But thank be to the Father for intercessory prayers. Through prayers, my son Gibson destroyed the works of the enemy; he loosed my hands and fingers, and this was shown to me in a dream. HalleluYah!

Yes, we may have hundreds of good and convincing reasons such as: others can do it better. I will do it when times are good and finances are much better. But do you guess what, my

brethren? We are reluctant most of all, because we want the best for ourselves. We want the approval and praise of people for our own pride and the satisfaction of our flesh. But we should rather remember that we are soldiers of the Messiah engaged in battle against satan; we must be obedient, loyal and brave soldiers all the way. We must do our best, give our best in order to win the battle for the good of all, and for the glory of our Father alone, not for anybody's satisfaction.

Generally, people are gregarious. By nature we always want to be where people are, to do what they are doing, to attain success and recognition as they do, and to be comfortable as they are. But Yahshua the Messiah says, "He who does not forsake all that he has is not worthy to be my disciple" (Luke 14: 33). "Whosoever loves his father or mother more than me is not fit to be my disciple; whoever does not take up his cross and follow in my steps is not fit to be my disciple. Whoever tries to gain his own life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will gain it" (Matthew 10: 37-39). "His cross" means, his share of the burden and sacrifice in accomplishing the Father's Will in earth. Sad to say that there are people who think they have already complied the Messiah's words "Take up your cross...", whenever they have problems even if their problems are the results of their own foolishness and wicked decisions. No, indeed our cross is our share of sacrifice pursuant to the establishment of the Father's Kingdom in earth. St. Paul said: "Take your part in suffering, as a loyal soldier of Christ Jesus. A soldier on active duty wants to please his commanding officer and so he does not get mixed up in the affairs of civilian life" (II Timothy 2: 3-4).

At one instance, the Messiah also said to St. Peter: "Peter when you were young you went wherever you wanted, but now you will have to go where you do not want to go" (John 21: 18). In this case, self-discipline, and obedience count much. In other words, obedience, self-discipline, and self-sacrifice or self-denial are a must if we are to partake the Messiah's cross or suffering, and divine nature.

Although the Messiah commissioned the believers to go and preach the gospel (good news about salvation, and about Yahweh's Kingdom in earth), I believe it is equally important or even more important to attend to the purification of our attitude, conduct, behavior, and character through obedience and self-discipline. In this way, believers will not be preachers only but teachers of truth and righteousness in words, and in deeds wherever they are. Teachers by examples or models.

The scripture says, in the Kingdom there will be no dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters. Neither fornicators nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners. These people shall not inherit the Kingdom of heaven (Revelation 22: 15; I Corinthians 6). But the truth is that, even among those who claim that they are believers of the Messiah, there are still many whose countenance are of human beings but the attitude, conduct, and character are of dogs or wolves-undisciplined, greedy, and harmful. St. Paul says, "...But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Corinthians 9: 27). In other words, being a preacher is not a gate pass or guarantee for entrance to the Kingdom of our Father and Savior. It is rather the quality of our person, a perfect human being. A human being that is truly partaker of the divine nature of Yahshua the Messiah through faith and humble obedience. I believe this is one reason why Yahshua the Messiah said: "Not everyone that says unto me, LORD, LORD, shall enter the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the Will of my Father who is in heaven. Then many will say to me in that day, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devil? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7: 21-23). To the believers that still work iniquity, the Messiah will certainly say, "I never knew you: depart from me."

In I Corinthians 13, St. Paul emphasized the virtue of love as the most basic quality each believer should have because GOD is love and His Son Yahshua the Messiah is the visible expression of the invisible love of GOD the Father. St. Paul said, "If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise. If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love. If I gave everything I had to poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever." HalleluYah! Love must be expressed or is always expressed in kindness and giving, understanding of other people's situation, helpfulness, thoughtfulness, and concern. Love is being considerate also of other people's feelings, and always seek to uphold the beloved. Love is willing to sacrifice for the sake of the loved ones. "It is never haughty, selfish, or rude." All that we do, then, if not done in faith and love for God and our fellowmen, even the best preaching will be in vain, because only what is true, pure, and holy will last and be useful. "Nothing that is impure will enter the city (Kingdom) or anyone who does shameful or deceitful things or who tell lies" (Revelation 21 : 27 TEV). On another occasion, St. Paul also reminded the believers saying, "An athlete cannot win the prize unless he obeys the rules." Likewise, believers cannot enter the Kingdom of Yahweh and of the Messiah unless they properly observe the rules and wear upon themselves the divine nature of the Savior and King. And, what is the rule? The rule is the Royal Commandments: "Love GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. Love your neighbor as you love yourself." "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another" (Matthew 22: 37,39 & John 13: 35 KJV).

True and faithful believers are children of the Most High. As children, they should be like their Father. "Be ye therefore followers of GOD, as dear children" (Ephesians 5:1). The scripture also says, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Believers must be trees of righteousness, the planting of the Father for His own glory.

Heirs Of The Promises

"Truly then the soul that has been grafted into Christ is spoken of as being *"Married" to Christ*, bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. He is spoken of as being a member of His body, and our body becoming His Temple, the temple or dwelling of His Spirit, and he that is joined to the LORD is one in Him. The soul redeemed by the grace of GOD and made the true Israel of GOD can now say: MY beloved is mine and I am His; His life is my life; His inheritance is my inheritance; His name has become my name; His character, my character; His righteousness, my righteousness; His glory my glory; His standing in heaven, my standing."

When Yahshua the Messiah came to the territory near Tyre and Sidon, a Canaanite woman approached Him and said, "Son of David, have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in terrible condition." The Messiah did not say a word at once, but later He replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman fell at His feet and said, "Help me sir!" the Messiah answered: "It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." The Messiah's answer vividly tells us two

things: First, is that, in the eyes of our Father in heaven, there are human beings who are like dogs, and who should become as sheep through faith and humble obedience in the Messiah or the Word. Why sheep? Because sheep are clean, meek, and obedient; they do not drink from troubled waters but from still waters. The sheep know the voice of their shepherd and follow him. Second, is the love and care of the Father for the physical descendants of Abraham - the Israelites over the gentiles. Truly, the Israelites would have been the direct heirs of Yahweh's Promises or Covenant with Abraham, Moses, and David had they accepted the Messiah as their Ruler. Consequently, they would have been the mighty instruments in the establishment of Yahweh's Kingdom in earth; the rulers or kings, and priests, with Yahshua the Messiah as the King of kings while all the gentiles would have been their subjects.

"Israel, you are my servant; because of you, people will praise me. I have greater task for you, my servant. Not only will you restore to greatness the people of Israel who have survived, but I will also make you a light to the nations – so that all the world may be saved." Did Israel as a nation become light to the world? How? "Kings (of this world) will be like fathers to you.... They will bow low before you and honor you... Then you will know that I am the LORD... I will make your oppressors kill each other... Then all mankind will know that I am the LORD... The one who saves you... They will know that I am Israel's powerful GOD" (Isaiah 49).

But, since the Israelites refused to believe and accept the Messiah, the Messiah made a New Covenant with those who believe and follow Him so that in them and through them Yahweh's Covenant of Peace in earth will be fulfilled and realized. In other words, today's Israel of Yahweh is the Assembly of faithful believers of the Messiah. Why? The scripture says, "The just shall live by faith." Man, first and foremost, becomes righteous and obtain eternal life by faith in the Messiah or the Word of the Father. It also follows that man becomes heir of the

promises of Yahweh only by faith like faithful Abraham. "For without faith, it is impossible to please (God) Yahweh." This is the reason why the Israelites were carefully and patiently nurtured through the Law and the Prophets so that they would know Yahweh and have faith in Him and in His Son while the rest of the people of the world did not know Him yet. By faith and humble obedience, man's spirit is quickened by the Holy Spirit, and through steadfastness, man's body eventually becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit, and only then, can a man really say that he is a child of Yahweh Almighty and therefore, heir of Yahweh's promises. "The Spirit of truth... dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14: 17).

"Through you (Abraham) all nations or mankind shall be blessed." This means that Jews and Gentiles who have faith in Yahweh and in the Messiah shall be blessed together. This also means that any one who has no faith though he be a descendant of Abraham will not be heir of Yahweh's promises. Remember that Yahweh made a covenant with Abraham because of his faith in Him. But sad to say that even today the Israelites, in general, do not have faith in Yahshua the Messiah who is the Word of Yahweh made into flesh.

Heirs By Faith

"Consider the experience of Abraham; as the scripture says, 'He believed God, and because of His faith GOD accepted him as righteous.'" "You should realize, then, that the real descendants of Abraham are the people who have faith" (Galatians 3: 6-7). "If you belong to Christ, then you are the descendants of Abraham and will receive what God has promised" (Galatians 3: 29).

“Abraham believed God, and because of his faith God accepted him as righteous” (Romans 4: 3).

“At the time you were apart from Christ, you were foreigners and did not belong to God’s chosen people. You had no part in the covenants,... And you lived in a world without God. But now in union with Christ... You have been brought near by His sacrificial death” (Ephesians 2: 12-13).

The secret is that by means of the Gospel the gentiles have a part with the Jews in God’s blessing” (Ephesians 3: 6).

“Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from GOD’S Spirit. Such a person really does not understand them; they are nonsense to him because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis” (I Corinthians 2: 14).

The Messiah’s Lamentations

Reading and studying the book of “Lamentations” in the Holy Bible is like reminiscing ones tragic event in life for good. It is a book of sad and painful stories but good for the awakening of the soul. It reminds us of the important but often the most neglected things in life such as the spiritual and lasting values that each man and woman should keep and uphold.

Israel’s tragic destiny, I believe, can also lead every reader to the realization of the Father’s nature. That while the Father is good and merciful, he neither tolerates evil nor withhold judgment when it is due and well-deserved. Another, is the fact that man, even today’s men and women have not learned much; have not learned to humbly obey the Father. So, man always end up in trouble, pain, and miseries making their own children the worst victims or the most afflicted ones. It is sad that man has not learned much from past experiences, that there is no other way to

find peace, live in peace, but to be with Him or in Him who is Peace.

In "Lamentations" the author believed to be prophet Jeremiah, expresses his deep and intense grief over Israel's fate. Although, he said, it was the Babylonian Army who did the work of burning and destroying Jerusalem, caused the children to die of starvation, the women to cook and eat their own children (Lamentation 4: 10; Ezekiel 5: 10), carried some into captivity while the rest were lying dead everywhere, it was Yahweh Himself who was responsible. The author, however, undoubtedly admits that Israel deserved the judgment and suffering because of the evil they had done.

Now, let us turn to the Messiah's very own lamentations. Why did the Messiah have to lament?" Because of Israel's failure; because at a very crucial moment, Israel raised their final rebellion against Him. The Messiah had no choice but to bear upon His body the pain of crucifixion, and although His body was greatly afflicted, His Spirit was highly exalted because He knew He was in much better condition than the people who shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" That is why in spite of everything He could still say to the weeping women, Women of Jerusalem! Don't cry for me, but cry for yourselves and your children. For the days are coming when people will say, 'How lucky are the women who never had children, who never bore babies, who never nursed them! That will be the time when people say to the mountains, 'fall on us!' And to the hills, 'Hide us!' For if such things as these are done when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (Luke 23: 28-31). Indeed, lucky were the women who never bore babies because they had not seen their children suffered God's wrath and judgment due to Israel's rebellion against Yahweh's Will or because of their rejection of the Messiah. Those who had children helplessly watched their children die of starvation, and severe oppression. Some of the parents even cooked and ate their own children.

“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and messengers God has sent you! How many times I wanted to put my arms around all your people, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not let me! And so your Temple will be abandoned and empty. From now on, I tell you, you will never see me again until you say, ‘God bless him who comes in the name of the LORD’ (Matthew 23: 37-39).

“When Yahshua the Messiah came closer to the city and saw it, He wept over it, saying, ‘If you only knew today what is needed for peace! But now you cannot see it! The time will come when your enemies surround you with barricades, blockade you, and close in on you from every side. They will completely destroy you and the people within your walls; not a single stone will they leave in its place, because you did not recognize when God came to save you! In another version, “Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation” (Luke 19: 41-44).

We know and believe that Yahshua the Messiah came or was sent to be the Savior and King over Israel, and eventually for the whole world, but why then did the Messiah say, “Your enemies will surround you and completely destroy you...?” “Because you did not recognize when God came to save you!” The Messiah said further. Sadly, the Israelites had already an established doctrine and attitude on how the Messiah would come or “mindset”, the reason why they could not accept Him. And, also because of envy, pride, and arrogance. They were not willing to accept that the Messiah God sent was only a son of a carpenter (Mark 6), born in poverty, not a High Priest, nor a lawyer, not a political leader. Therefore, He was unqualified according to their own standards or to the world’s standard. In spite of God’s revelations and the many good things the Messiah did, the people in general, could not submit to his authority and leadership. The common people who care less about God’s Plan and Works in earth were complacent, they were concern only about their personal welfare. While the High Priest, Elders and Teachers of the Law were strongly opposed. Except for the eleven disciples

and few others who were sometimes frightened and terrified, no one was really with Him and for Him. And who was most responsible for Israel's failure? Of course, the leaders: the High Priest, the Elders and Teachers of the Law.

Obviously, no one can deny that the Messiah's lamentations were vivid expressions of the Israelites failure to do their role so that Yahweh's Covenant of Peace in earth with Abraham, Moses, and David would be fulfilled through them with Yahshua the Messiah as their King. Israel received the revelation of Yahweh Himself and that revelation were promises of salvation, restoration, and protection so that they would live in peace and rule the world in righteousness and peace with Yahshua the Messiah as the King of kings. But, evidently, they had failed. One famous author wrote: "Israel's long centuries of suffering are the consequence of her failure to accept the role assigned her in history."

What can we say, then, of the New Israel or Assembly of believers and followers of the Messiah today? Do we have with us our Father's revelation? Are we ready for His marvelous visitation? Are we doing our role individually, and collectively? An English Statesman Edmund Burke said: "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." One renown preacher also said, "We are not wrong simply because we do not do wrong but we are wrong when there are wrongs around us and we don't do about it."

Let us also be conscious that the Messiah will not come again to deal with sin or to teach repentance and forgiveness of sins as He did in His first coming. But He will come to judge; to separate the sheep from the goats, and set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on His left. Then He will say to them on His right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." And, He will rule and reign with them as the King of kings.

In addition, I would like each one of us to figure out the second coming of the Messiah. We should remember that the Messiah said: "Take heed that no man deceives you. For many will come in my name saying, I am the Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24: 4-5). How then will people be able to recognize the Messiah in his second coming if not, by the revelation and help of the Holy Spirit who is the Teacher of truth? Not one of us today has seen the Messiah in his first coming. How He looked, what was really the color of His skin, how tall and big He was, the color and length of His hair, nobody knows. Will He appear in exactly the same countenance when He first walked on earth, teaching, preaching, healing the sick, raising the dead, and feeding the hungry people?

At this juncture, allow me to share with you my insight on II Chronicles 20:20 and John 14:1. It says, "Men of Judah and Jerusalem! Put your trust in the Lord your God, and you will stand your ground; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." While John 14:1 says, "Let not your hearts be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me."

In the Old Testament, particularly in II Chronicles 20:20 King Jehoshaphat addressed the people who were to go to battle by saying, "Hear ye people! Believe in God, believe also in the prophet's words. "I would like to say, then, that it was so because the King knew that the prophets were the anointed of God at that time to receive messages from Him and to deliver those messages to the King and people.

In the New Testament, i.e., in John 14:1, the Messiah said, "Ye believe in GOD, believe also in me." Obviously, that is so because the Spirit of God the Father was in Him. He was the Anointed of the Father and He was also in earth physically. Besides, there was no one to speak for Him. John the Baptist who was tasked to tell the people to believe and follow Yahshua the Messiah was beheaded. The Messiah had no choice but to speak

boldly the truth about Himself even if it seemed to the people that He was boasting and exalting Himself.

Now, in our own time, what do you think should be said to the people since Yahshua the Messiah is no longer in earth physically? Don't you think it is right to address the people by saying, Hear ye people! Believe in God the Father, believe in His Son Yahshua the Messiah, believe also in the One whom the Father has Anointed with the Holy Spirit, in order to lead and guide the people in earth to the heavenly kingdom?

Did not Yahshua the Messiah said: He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and even greater works shall he do; because I go unto my Father? (John 14: 12).

When the Messiah appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, did He not breathe on them, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained?" (John 20:22-23). Let us ponder upon these...

Anyway, the Holy Spirit will certainly lead the humble and faithful ones into all the truth, and the sheep know the voice of their Shepherd and follow Him. HalleluYah!

Fate Of The Lost Or Unsaved

We have just mentioned that Yahshua the Messiah will come again in earth not anymore to teach repentance and forgiveness of sins, but, to judge; to separate the sheep from the goats and dogs.

For enlightenment and precaution, I believe, it is equally important to know what will become of the goats and dogs, while

the sheep will enjoy eternal life and peace in the Kingdom of the Father.

Of course, there is no other way to know their destiny, but to search and know it from the holy scriptures. The following are some of the truths which the author discovered from the Holy Bible:

“Away from me ye that are under God’s curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. They will be sent to eternal punishment” (Matthew 25: 41-46). “...they shall be cast into outer darkness and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:12).

“God did not spare the angels who sinned,” but threw them into hell, where they are kept in chained in darkness, waiting for the Day of judgment. God did not spare the ancient world, but brought the flood on the world of godless people... God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha, destroying them with fire” (II Peter 2).

“God did not spare the angels who sinned,” he did not spare the men, women, and children in that godless world, what do you think will God do to the wicked people and cities of today? Remember, “God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

“Death and the world of the dead gave up the dead they held. And all were judged according to what they had done. Then death and the world of the dead were thrown into the lake of fire. Whoever did not have his name written in the book of the living will be thrown into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20: 13-15).

“But the fearful or cowards, perverts, unbelieving, and the abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death” (Revelation 21: 8).

The “fearful or cowards” are the people who have no faith in God, in His words or promises, in His power and faithfulness; people who cannot respond to God’s call and cannot obey or do

His Will because they are afraid what to eat and drink, what to wear, how to provide the needs of their children; people who are always worried and anxious about their future. People who are not willing to sacrifice for the sake of the Father's Will. People who cannot give up what they have – their position, possessions and comfort for the sake of truth, justice, and righteousness. People who are more concern about their "good image" and preserving it than to obey God. People who do not speak for others who cannot speak for themselves, even when it is extremely and urgently needed, for the simple reason that they are afraid.

When Peter was confronted by the religious authorities about his faith in Yahshua the Messiah, he said: "I'd rather obey God than men." Yahshua the Messiah Himself said: "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you fear him' (Luke 12:4-5). "Do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about clothes for your body. After all, isn't life more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth more than birds? And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers... So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? Or my drink? Or my clothes? (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about). Your Father knows that you need all these things. *Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of GOD and with what He requires of you, and He will provide you with all these things*" (Matthew 6).

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the

gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Revelation 22:14-15).

"The day is coming when all proud and evil people will burn like straw. On that day they will burn up, and there will be nothing left of them" (Malachi 4:1).

The Temptations

Watch out! "Satan is roaming around seeking whom he may devour." "The thief cometh not but for to steal, to kill, and to destroy" (I Peter 5: 8; John 10: 10).

In this world, temptations are inevitable because the tempter is roaming around seeking whom he may devour. And, he is out to kill the believers of the Messiah, to steal and destroy all the good things we have such as: good health and strength, peace and joy, happy family, or good and happy relationships, and other good things in life especially our salvation and eternal life. He searches man's weak spots more than we can ever imagine. Through man's weakness, satan gets into man's life and establish his base or stronghold. Some of these weaknesses are pride and arrogance, covetousness or lust, ignorance of the truth, envy and jealousy, impatience and anger.

Pride and Arrogance

Let us see how subtle satan tried to touch the pride and dignity of the Messiah. When the Messiah was in prayer and fasting after His baptism in the Jordan River, satan calmly approached Him with the very small word "If". He said: "If you are the Son of God, order these stones to turn into bread." "If you

bow down and worship me, I will give you these Kingdoms (world)." "If you are the Son of God, throw thyself down..."

How many of us today have been assailed with such kind of temptations, and overcome them? Only God knows! But the Messiah, when tempted, smashed the "Ifs" and allurements of Satan with the word of truth saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." "Thou shalt worship and serve thy Elohim alone."

Brethren, Satan's strategy has not completely changed. Today, he still applies the "Ifs" to many people before they finally fall into the hands of the tempter. He would say, "If you are really a man..." "If your father is really powerful and influential..." "If you are smart and clever..." "If you are really wise..., do this and that", and some people get trapped.

The tempter is a powerful spiritual being and by ourselves, we can do nothing against him. Hence, it is imperative that by faith we become one with the Messiah, exercise our authority as children of the Most High, and overcome temptations with the word of truth. Speak with Satan or demon and rebuke him with the word of truth.

The writer of Proverbs says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Pride is indeed very destructive. We cannot undermine its destructive power and effect. It can ruin man's beautiful future. It can kill all body, soul, and spirit.

Everybody knows some people fell to their destruction after they take pride and confidence in their great achievements. That is why the Holy Book warns us saying, "Son, be humble in everything you do and people will appreciate it more than gifts. The greater you become, the more humble you should be..."

While it is true that you are somebody, the truth is, because of our faith in the Messiah, Satan has no more right to order us to do anything. We should rather have dominion over

him and order him to do what we want him to do. Above all, it is better to be despised and humble, than to succumb to the hands of the tempter and allow him to lead us to eternal destruction.

Covetousness or Lust

Many people's lives had been ruined due to lust for money, material gains, position and prestige, lust for sex or sexual immorality. The writer of Colossians says, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on earth... Mortify your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil desires, and covetousness which is idolatry."

Talking about idolatry, some believers are deceived. They falsely believe that they are already completely free from idolatry because they no longer worship or bow down to lifeless images. They don't realize, however, that covetousness is one form of idolatry. Anything that a person loves, more than the Truth – the Father's teaching and commandments is his idol. Brethren, let us pray without ceasing that we will conquer our "old selves" for it is said, "He who conquers a city is mighty but he who conquers himself is mightier." "Mortify your members which are upon the earth", because idolaters have no place in the Father's Kingdom.

I am sorry that even among the believers and religious leaders, there are those who are evidently guilty of covetousness. They do this and that, solicit funds here and there and they say it's a need, as if they could not worship and serve God unless they also have the material things that others owned. They say it is very important but unconsciously perhaps, they are satisfying their lust. They forget that true and meaningful worship and service to God is not dependent on the number of things we have around, but by the quality of the worshipers' hearts. Abraham, the father of faith had no church building, only tent which served as his home. He worship God there and God accepted him. Joseph, and Paul while in prison continued to worship God. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego) worshiped God while being held captives in foreign land. Nehemiah while serving as wine-cup bearer in the palace of their captor also worshiped God. God in turn accepted them, communicated with them in dreams and visions, protected them, and used them mightily.

Yahshua the Messiah said: "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for man's life consists not in the abundance of the things that he possesses" (Luke 12: 15). Man cannot ransom his soul with money no matter how rich he may be. He cannot purchase strength, appetite to eat, peace, joy, and life eternal with money. On the contrary, many good things in life have been destroyed because of the love of money. "For the love of money is a source of all kinds of evil. Some have been so eager to have it that they have wandered away from the faith and have broken their hearts with many sorrows" (I Timothy 6: 10).

The writer of Ecclesiastes declares: "To work with all your might, wisdom, knowledge, and skills and to leave behind all that you have worked for – all that you have earned and gained to someone when you die, someone you are not sure whether he will be wise or foolish, is like chasing the wind." Will you chase the wind?

Don't be deceived, satan says to man, "in this world I hold your success and welfare. I can readily give you success, happiness, and honor, if only you yield to my supremacy". Many are deceived, they consent to live for self-satisfaction, and satan is well pleased. Thus, satan gains dominion over their souls.

St. John also said: "The lust of the flesh, and lust of the eyes is not of the Father, but is of the world. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of the Father abideth forever." Therefore, "Have reverence for GOD and obey His commands, because this is all that man was created for" (I John 2: 16-17; Ecclesiastes 12: 13).

Ignorance of the Truth

Satan is very smart. He knows the sacred scriptures more, than most people in the world, and is well acquainted with the Will of God. He can twist the truth to deceive man and to serve his own purpose. For example, he knows that the scripture says, "God will give order to His angels to hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stone" (Psalm 91). Satan used this scripture when he tempted Yahshua the Messiah to jump off a very high place.

One night, years ago in a dream the LORD showed to me people bowing down to an image. Sadly, behind the image, I saw a serpent clutching and occasionally extending his head towards the front trying to see the people who were kneeling. As I observed it, the worshipers did not notice the serpent.

What do you think was the message conveyed through that dream? Yahweh Almighty through prophet Hosea said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." These words were later confirmed by Apostle Paul who said, "I can assure you that they (Israel) are deeply devoted to God; but their devotion is not based on true knowledge" (Romans 10: 2-3).

People can be sincere and devoted in the things they do, but it does not always follow that because they are sincere and devoted, what they do is good and right. If people are ignorant of the truth, satan can easily deceive and destroy them.

Envy and Jealousy

Faithful believers and workers of the Father in heaven have common experiences and their experiences are mostly hard and painful. Prophet Jeremiah, for example, constantly wept, in fact, he was known as the weeping prophet. Prophet Elijah, feeling alone, hungry, and thirsty, tired and depressed in the

midst of wicked people under the rulership of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, wished he would die. Prophet Isaiah who had the most or longest and profound messages from Yahweh declared: I have worked hard, but how hopeless it is! I have used up my strength, but have accomplished nothing." This certainly is an expression of pain. Then he continued, "Yet I can trust the Lord to defend my cause; He will reward me for what I do" (Isaiah 49). While the Psalmist also unreservedly declared his feeling saying, "I had nearly lost confidence; my faith was almost gone because I was jealous of the proud when I saw that things go well for the wicked. They do not suffer pain; they are strong and healthy, they do not suffer as other people do; they do not have the trouble that others have...Is it nothing, then, that I have kept myself pure and have not committed sin? O God you have made me suffer all day long... It was difficult for me until I went to the Temple. Then I understood what will happen to the wicked" (Psalm 73).

Yes, my brethren, even the best of men may suffer shame and humiliation, disappointment, pain, poverty, and hardships. Yahshua the Messiah and all the prophets did. And, until we sit or stand still and say, "Father, Son, Holy Spirit, forgive all my sins, I pray; make my body your holy temple, and cause me to know and understand your will, life would be like a difficult puzzle. You do not understand why things should happen this way or that way. On the other hand, who would not envy when the wicked prosper? When they have plenty and are getting more? Who would not be disappointed when you have worked hard, used up your strength and accomplish nothing? Who would not weep in pain when you have spent days and nights even years praying and doing God's Will, and people continue to persecute you, and by their power imprison you? Life really seems unfair and the righteous are constantly tempted to become jealous and bitter. But God is just and faithful! He comforts us and cause us to understand that in due time, the wicked will be like chaff or straw that the wind blows. They will go down to a horrible end. They

will certainly perish. Yes, "evil men may grow like weeds, those who do wrong may prosper but they will be totally destroyed."

Let not envy and jealousy, dear brethren, cause anyone of us to become lukewarm, discouraged, and bitter. Rather, "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the LORD." "The LORD will defend my cause He will reward me for what I do."

Impatience and Anger

Impatience and anger may lead to irreparable destruction, and an impatient person tends to be impulsive and angry. Anger impairs the activity of the mind for sound judgment. Many leaders have failed because of lack of patience, and anger. Moses a prophet and great leader suffered the consequences of his anger against the Israelites who kept complaining. God told Moses to strike the rock once to provide the Israelites water, but in anger he struck the rock twice. Consequently, God did not allow Moses to enter the Promised Land. Jephtha, and King Saul were another examples. Jephtha lost his only child (daughter) because of impulsiveness. King Saul lost his throne because of lack of patience. David also while in hiding from King Saul almost became a victim, had it not for Abigail who wisely counseled him, "Sir, I beg you, don't fight the wrong battle; fight only the battle of the LORD."

Most people even believers fight wrong battles against wrong enemies because of anger, pride, and envy. "Be ye angry, and sin not" the scripture says. When angry, take time to cool it. It is best not to make any decision and action when angry. Wait on the LORD, no one who waits and trust in the LORD for help will be disappointed. Abraham is an excellent example of faith and patience. He died in faith, patiently and constantly waiting that Yahweh's promises to him will be fulfilled in the lives of his children. Until now Abraham is still waiting.

When temptations come, remember, "God keeps His promise, and He will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, He will give you the strength to endure it and so provide you with a way out" (I Corinthians 10: 13).

Keep calm, rebuke the devil, and pray for the comfort and help of the Holy Spirit.

The Beatitude

The "Beatitude", simply means the attitude that each believer of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit should have in order to be happy, and to possess the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven with all its rewards.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

The "Poor in Spirit" are the people who have humble and contrite spirit!

The preaching of the gospel is most effective to the people who recognize they are poor in spirit. They readily understand and receive the message because they know that they are in want or in need of spiritual blessings. But the proud quickly rejects it because they think they have no need of it.

Revelation 3: 17-18 says, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

Those who think they do not need to hear and learn from the LORD'S servants because they are rich and they have this and that qualification; they who refuse to be guided by the minister or prophet the LORD sent for them, are obviously blind, deaf, and destitute spiritually. They neither understand that "Gold and Silver are tested by fire, but a person's heart is tested by the LORD." The LORD'S counsel is: purify yourselves like gold tried in fire, clothe yourselves with righteousness, and allow the Holy Spirit to open your ears and eyes that you may hear and see treasures that will last forever.

Remember, "God chooses the weak, the despised, the debased things of this world to confound or put to shame those whom the world considers wise, strong and mighty" (I Corinthians 1: 27-28).

Blessed are They that Mourn

Our Father in heaven does not rejoice in our hardships, pains and sorrows. The mourning that He speaks about here is not the kind that most people in the world think and have, but a truly penitent heart, a heart that shares the Messiah's pains and crucifixion. It is the mourning that seeks to relieve the soul from the anguish and burden of sin. "Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against thy Elohim in heaven; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you" (Jeremiah 3: 13, 12). "Come now, let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1: 18).

The mourning that the Messiah meant is the kind that seeks to uphold truth, justice, and righteousness, and to relieve mankind of the burden of injustice, poverty, and oppression. We mourn for the affliction of humanity because of sin. This mourning leads us to pray earnestly, surrender our lives to our Father and Savior that He may use us to eradicate the affliction of humanity. "Unto them that mourn... He has appointed to give

beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:3). I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice..." (Jeremiah 31: 13).

Blessed are the Meek

The meek are precious and valuable. They are of great value to our Father and Savior though they may seem not to know any better but to be quiet most of the time and shun from every trouble. They may not be as the wise and great achievers who restlessly do the works of the LORD. They may be misunderstood and despised or looked down on, but the LORD looks upon them with mercy and favor. And, indeed, they are blessed for "they shall inherit the earth."

They are precious because it is through them that our Father and Savior is able to manifest one of His unique, beautiful virtues and character. Through the meek the LORD is seen and known in the world, and is glorified. If the great achievers think they are precious and valuable, so are the meek, for how will the LORD be able to reveal this virtue and character of His without them? In other words, every good and unique virtue is precious and important; no one should boast over another. But, if "anyone should boast, let him boast in this alone that he knows and understands me, that I love what is just and right, for these are the things that please me", God says.

Blessed are They which do Hunger... after Righteousness

When we are hungry and thirsty, and we have nothing like a helpless little child, we naturally put our trust and hope in Him who holds the food. Yahshua the Messiah said: "I am the bread of life... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man can go to the Father in heaven except through me." Therefore, Yahshua the Messiah alone holds what we need in order to have true and meaningful life. That is why the Messiah said, "Apart from me,

you can do nothing; but he who puts his trust and hope in me will never be disappointed.”

Indeed, blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. They will receive much more than they have asked for. For, the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever. But the wicked shall be cut-off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it” (Proverbs 2: 21-22).

Blessed are the Merciful

Our Father is merciful, just and faithful!

Take note that when the Messiah taught His disciples to pray, He said to them: “If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you forgive not their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Obviously, the very thing that the LORD emphasized here is mercy. Since our Father is merciful, we should be as He is. We should give allowances and considerations for unintentional wrongs and readily forgive them.

Talking about forgiveness, to forgive does not mean to let go the grave offenders unpunished. This simply means that we do not perpetuate the crimes by personally taking revenge, but to surrender the case to the authorities, especially to the LORD who said, “Vengeance is mine.”

I reiterate that to forgive is not to pervert justice but to facilitate healing to the persons concerned especially to the victims, even to the offenders as well. When we forgive, we do not wait until we feel good about it or we like it. Rather, we should willfully say it or release forgiveness because that is the teaching of our Father and Savior. Finally, to forgive also means not to be angry forever.

To be merciful, is to be willing to help and quickly respond to the needs of other people, remembering that when we

needed the help of our Father, He even gave to us His only begotten Son. So, “do good to everyone especially to the members of the household of faith.” Indeed, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.”

Blessed are the Pure in Heart: For They shall see God

The LORD said: “Be ye holy, for I am holy.” To be holy is to be separate or different from the worldly and filthy. No one can be holy unless he first of all, desires to live for the glory of God the Father. So, “Whatsoever thy hands findeth to do, do it with all your heart for the glory of God.”

Nothing is hidden from the Father, He knows the secret of every man’s heart, and the motives in everything he does. Therefore, He knows them who have pure hearts and blesses them with sights of His glorious presence.

Our eyes cannot see God in His fullness right now, but we shall be with Him face to face if we keep our hearts pure.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

The world has been in chaos ever since. As time goes on, things are getting worse because, sadly, there are more and more people who are attuned to wickedness than righteousness. The people who love darkness and wickedness serve the purpose of the enemy, but the peacemakers promote peace for the glory of our Father in heaven. That is why it is said: “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.”

People want peace, but they don’t know how to find it. In fact, instead of peace, there has been so much fighting, and troubles. The world has been plagued with crimes and violence of all kinds. Everybody knows the world is in dire need of peace and peacemakers. But, peacemakers must first of all love righteousness, for, apart from righteousness it is impossible to

attain and enjoy peace. The holy scriptures say, “The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever” (Isaiah 32: 17).

As a testimony, allow me to share with you my personal experience on how the Lord has defended me and blessed me with peace in time of crises. One night, after some persons have tried to harm me in some ways, the Lord gave me a night vision. In the said night vision, it was shown that while some envious people tried to hurt me, the Lord sent His angel who appeared as human being holding a pistol and shot the hand of the man who initiated the trouble and who wanted to harm me. Praise God! His intervention protected me and consequently silenced the enemy.

My brethren, let us be peacemakers. Let no one device evil against another. Let us not provoke one another but let us be instruments or channels for God’s peace to reign in every heart, every home and every corner of the world.

Blessed are They which are Persecuted for Righteousness Sake

Again, I say that satan is a deceiver, a liar, a thief, a robber, and false accuser. He does everything possible to destroy the works of our Father by persecuting the believers and followers of the Messiah. But the truth is: satan cannot touch the followers of the Messiah nor their works beyond what our Father allows him. According to one writer, “satan can only move up to the end of his chain.” He cannot compel us either to depart from the Will of our Father. “For there is nothing that can separate us from our Father and Savior. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of our Father which is in Yahshua the Messiah our Savior and King” (Romans 8: 38 & 39).

Satan may succeed, only when men yield to his wishes and control. But when we are willing to be persecuted for the sake of righteousness; when we are willing to sacrifice even to be despised for the sake of truth and the Father's Will, satan is put to shame, and the Father is glorified. HalleluYah!

Since the Father promised to reward everyone according to what each one had done, great rewards await those who are persecuted for righteousness sake. "Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven" (Matthew 5: 10-12).

Signs Of The Times

When you carefully search the Holy Scriptures, you will find that the word "Sign" was frequently used by Almighty Yahweh the Father in heaven through the prophets, and even the LORD Himself in conveying future messages. What are these signs for us today?

For our examples, let us see and examine the following "Signs."

1. The Sign of Immanu El (Immanuel)

The LORD sent a message to King Ahaz: "Ask the Lord your God to give you a sign. It can be from deep in the world... Or from high up in heaven."

King Ahaz answered: "I will not ask for a sign. I refuse to put the LORD to the test." Prophet Isaiah replied: "Listen, now, descendants of King David. It's bad enough for you to wear out the patience of men-do you have to wear out God's patience too?"

The LORD Himself will give you a sign: A young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him 'Immanuel'. By the time he is old enough to make his own decisions, people will be drinking milk and eating honey (in prosperity), Isaiah 7.

2. The sign of the Naked Prophet

The LORD told Prophet Isaiah to take off his sandals and the sackcloth he was wearing. He obeyed and went around naked and barefoot.

The LORD said: "My servant Isaiah has been going around naked and barefoot for three years. This is a sign to Egypt and Sudan. The emperor of Assyria will lead away naked the prisoners he captures from these two countries. They will walk barefoot and naked, with their buttocks exposed, bringing shame to Egypt and Sudan" (Isaiah 20).

3. When King Hezekiah became sick and almost died, Prophet Isaiah went to see him and said to him. "The LORD tells you that you are to put everything in order because you will not recover. Get ready to die."

King Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed... Then the LORD commanded Isaiah to go back to Hezekiah and say to him, "I the LORD have heard your prayers and seen your tears; I will let you live fifteen years longer. I will rescue you and this city – Jerusalem from the emperor of Assyria."

Isaiah told the King as the LORD commanded and King Hezekiah asked: "What is the sign to prove that I will be able to go to the Temple?" Isaiah replied: "On the stairway built by King Ahaz, the LORD will make the shadow go back ten steps." The shadow moved back ten steps, (Isaiah 38).

4. The Sign of the Linen Shorts

The LORD told me to buy myself linen shorts and put them on but not to put them in water. I did as the LORD commanded. The LORD spoke again and said: “Go to the Euphrates River, hide the shorts in a hole in rocks.” So I went and hid them.

Some time later the LORD told me to go back and get the shorts. When I got them, I saw that they were ruined... Then the LORD spoke to me again and said: “This is how I will destroy the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. These evil people have refused to obey me. They have been wicked as ever, and have worshiped and served other gods... Just as shorts fit tightly toward the waist, so I intended all the people of Israel and Judah to hold tightly to me” (Jeremiah 13).

5. The Sign of an Ox Yoke

The LORD told me to make myself a yoke out of leather straps and wooden crossbar and put it on my neck. The LORD told me to send a message to the Kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, Sidon through their ambassadors who had come to see King Zedekiah. The LORD told me to command them to tell their Kings that the LORD said: “*By my great power and strength I created the world, mankind, and all animals that live on earth: and I give it to anyone I choose.* I have placed all these nations under the power of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia, and have made even wild animals serve him... But if any nation or Kingdom will not submit to his rule, then I have let Nebuchadnezzar destroy it completely” (Jeremiah 27).

6. The Sigh of the Trembling Prophet

The LORD spoke to me and said: “Mortal man, tremble when you eat, and shake with fears when you drink. Tell the

people, this is the message of the LORD: "They will tremble when they eat and shake with fear when they drink. Their land will be stripped bare, because everyone who lives there is lawless" (Ezekiel 12).

7. The LORD spoke to me, "Mortal man, with one blow I am going to take away the person you love most. You are not to complain or cry or shed tears. Don't let sobbing be heard... don't cover your face or eat the food that mourners eat."

That evening my wife died, and the next day I did as I had been told. The people asked me: "Why are you acting like this?"

So I said to them: "You are proud of the strength of the Temple... But the LORD is going to profane it. And the younger members of your families will be killed in war. Then you will know what I have done... I will be a sign to you; you will do everything I have done" (Ezekiel 24).

8. When Yahshua the Messiah sat upon the mount of Olive, His disciples came to Him saying, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

The Messiah answered: "Watch out! And do not let anyone deceive you. Many will come and say, 'I am the Messiah!' And they will fool many people. You are going to hear news of battles close by and news of battles far away... Countries will fight each other, kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere... You will be arrested and handed over to be punished and be put to death. All mankind will hate you (believers and followers) because of me."

“The trouble at that time will be far more terrible than any there has been, from the beginning of the world to this very day. Nor will there be anything like it again.”

“Soon after the trouble of those days, the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky; and all the peoples of earth will weep as they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matthew 24).

9. Some Pharisees and Sadducees who wanted to trap Yahshua the Messiah, came and asked the Messiah to perform a miracle for them, to show that God approved of Him.

The Messiah answered: “When the sun is setting, you say, ‘We are going to have a fine weather, because the sky is red.’ And early in the morning you say, ‘It is going to rain, because the sky is red and dark.’ You can predict the weather by looking at the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs concerning these times! (Matthew 16).

The Sun, The Moon, The Stars

One night when I arrived home from a Bible study and prayer meeting, I found a pamphlet on my table. The pamphlet is entitled: Life Study of Genesis by Witness Lee. It was brought home by Gibson Jun, my son and it was lent to him, he said, by his professor-instructor in Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan.

I read the pamphlet and I would like to share with you some of the things that I have read and quoted which maybe of

help to you in your study of the Holy Scriptures, particularly, the “signs” of the times.

1. The Sun – Christ and the Saints

“The sun indicates Christ and also the saints who will shine as the sun in the Kingdoms... Although we may be a star today, it is too early for us to shine as the sun. For that, we must wait until the day of restoration. In the Kingdom, many saints will shine as the sun. Today Christ is the sun; tomorrow the overcoming saints also will be the sun.”

2. The Moon – The Church

“The moon is the church. In Joseph’s dream, his father was likened to the sun, his mother to the moon, and his brothers to the stars (Genesis 37: 9). The church is the bride, the wife of Christ. Therefore, the moon is a figure of the church (cf.S. of S. 6:10).”

“Revelation 1:20 tells us that the local churches are lamp stands. Lamps are needed in the night time, not in the daytime... During the church age it is night, and during the night we cannot get the sunlight, the light of Christ directly. We need reflection. We need the moon to reflect the sunlight; we need the church to reflect the light of Christ. Without the church it is hard for us to see the light of Christ.”

3. For Signs – Mainly for Movement

“The sun, the moon, the stars are signs. These are mainly for movement. In the ancient times, sailors navigated according to the stars. Today, we drive our cars according to traffic signs. Thus, signs are for movement... We not only have these verses (Matthew 16: 4; Matthew 24: 3), but also a great sign in the universe found in Revelation 12:1 – *the sign of a woman with the*

sun, the moon, and the stars. In order to move properly in this universe, we have this woman as a great sign. This woman is something related to the church. I do not say that the woman is the church, but that the church is a great part of this woman, if we are to move and behave and act in this universe, we must know this woman.

“She originates in Genesis 3. The Bible is a book of women. Satan entered the human race through a woman. Eventually, the Bible consummates with the New Jerusalem, which is a female, the bride of Christ. *We will all be a part of that woman.* So we must know the woman, a universal woman covering the whole Bible. Strictly speaking, she began in Genesis 2 with Eve, not in Genesis 3 to Revelation 22. *If you know this woman, you know the signs.* She is a sign for God’s people to know whether they must go on or stop. Because many Christian lack this woman, they don’t know what to do. They have no way to go on.”

The Signs In Matthew 24

Now, let us turn to review in details the “signs” that Yahshua the Messiah mentioned in Matthew 24. It says, “Many will come and say, ‘I am the Messiah!’ and they will fool many people. Many false prophets will appear and perform miracles in order to deceive many people.”

In my limited exposure and observation, I have already heard a number of people who claimed that they are the Messiah. In fact, some time in the past, in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines representatives of an International Religious Organization invited me and my husband to a gathering that officially proclaimed their leader as the Messiah. During the said “Proclamation”, I was also

tasked to give the Opening Prayer and I did as the Holy Spirit led me to pray. HalleluYah!

Another sign is, "You are going to hear noise of battles close by and far away. Kingdoms will attack one another."

Truly, day after day, we hear noise of battles here and there, and there have been earthquakes all around the world. On the other hand, the Good News about the Kingdom is also being preached throughout the world for a witness to all mankind, even through our books.

The next sign is, "Soon after the troubles of those days, the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven."

Earlier the Messiah also said: "Because of the spread of evil, many people's love will grow cold. People will betray one another and hate each other."

In the dream of Joseph, the sun, the moon, the stars were symbols for father, mother, and children. Could it be that during this time (the time the Messiah spoke about), generally, the fathers and mothers are not shining, neither give light to their children because of this and that reason, so that their children will fall from the "heavenly position" to drug addiction, rape, murder, kidnapping for ransom, thieves and robbery, immorality, just before the rule of the heavenly Kingdom in earth? Isn't it that our daily Newspapers, Radio, and Television tell us that grandfathers, fathers, brothers, neighbors are abusing their own daughter, granddaughter even as young as two years old? On the other hand, children, grandchildren rob, rape, kill their own parents, grandparents, sister, and brother for multiple reasons, some even say that a demon persistently urged them to do so. Are not these, the beginning of what the Messiah said? "The trouble at that time will be far more terrible than any there has ever been, nor will there be anything like it again." Are not these the signs for us today? Ponder upon these...

Of Women

It was said that the “Bible is a book of women.” Indeed, the Holy Bible is a book not only of men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, and David but of women and children too. Women are as good, important, valuable, useful and precious as men. If God had appointed some men kings, the same God had also appointed queens like Queen Esther and used them victoriously in times of crises. If God appointed some men heroes, the same God had also appointed heroine like Judith. If God had used men as military warriors and commanders, He had also used Deborah as a courageous military commander. If God had chosen some men prophets, He had also chosen Huldah a prophetess, and kings consulted Huldah for guidance and relied on her words. Who else? We also have Sarah, Rebecca, Michal, Abigail, Ruth, and Mary the mother of Yahshua the Messiah, and many others as our examples.

Though in the very beginning, the hierarchy the Almighty Father established, is for men to be the head over women, I stress that Yahweh our Creator and Father in heaven never intended men to treat women as inferior creatures, but their equal in value and importance. However, each creature has its own role and functions, and it is only in this particular case that men are superior to women, and sometimes vice-versa. In other words, it is just a matter of recognizing the role or task and responsibility God has entrusted to each man and woman, and then each should submit to him or her whom God has given authority over the others.

Sarah

Sarah like Abraham was the great ancestor of many nations. To her Yahweh Almighty said: “I will bless you and make you the mother of nations, and of great kings.” It is to Sarah that the Father first fulfilled His promise, through the Holy Angels who appeared to Abraham and said, “Your wife will give birth to

a son and you shall name him Isaac." With Sarah, Yahweh also performed miracles by causing her to become pregnant at a very old age, even at the age of ninety.

Tribute To A Great Grandmother – Sarah

*Our great, great grandmother Sarah,
You are loved and very precious to us
Your children, and great grandchildren.
All women in the world wished
Yahweh would also say to them:
"You are blessed, as I blessed Sarah;
You will be the mother of nations and of great kings."
Oh! How barren women in the world dreamed
That the miracle Yahweh did to you
Would also be done to them.
You were blessed because you were humble & obedient.
A faithful support to Abraham in all his endeavors and
In the establishment of Yahweh's family on earth!*

Rebecca

Rebecca was one of the grandchildren of Nahor, Abraham's brother. She was beautiful and lovely, and always eager to help her parents, even to fetch water from the well for the family.

When Isaac the son of Abraham was already forty years old (Genesis 25:20), Abraham commanded his trusted servant to go to the land of his kins, and find a wife for Isaac. It was a very difficult task for the servant that he tried to reason out, but Abraham prevailed.

Just in time when the servant arrived at the well in the land of Abraham's relatives, Rebecca together with the young girls in the neighborhood came to fetch water. The servant prayed to Yahweh and ask for a sign. He said, "Grant that the woman you choose for my Master's wife will give me a drink when I ask her, and offer to give drink to my camels too."

Rebecca did exactly according to the servant's prayer. Afterwards, Rebecca went home with the man who was so eager to meet Rebecca's family. Abraham's servant told everything he wanted to say to Rebecca's parents. When the arrangement was made, Rebecca gladly agreed to become Isaac's wife. Eventually, Rebecca became the mother of Esau and Jacob. It was so because Rebecca kept herself attuned to divine guidance.

Michal (I Samuel 19)

Michal was one of the daughters of King Saul. There is not much record about Michal's deeds, but that she loved David very much even before their marriage. It was this love of hers that God used to protect David from the hands of King Saul at that time.

When King Saul felt that the Spirit of God left him, but that God was with David, he became jealous and afraid of David. He wanted David killed. He then planned to arrest David and kill him. Michal knew about the plan and told David to escape at night before the men arrived.

Michal loved David that she was more than willing to suffer the consequence, even her own death, in order to protect and save David. David's great success then was partly because of Michal's courageous deed. And God must have been pleased with it because He had a very special plan and purpose for the life of David.

Abigail (I Samuel 25)

Abigail was beautiful and an intelligent woman. She was the wife of a wealthy but mean, bad tempered man named Nabal. Nabal had thousands of sheep and goats, and owned lands near Carmel.

When David and his men were in hiding from King Saul, Nabal's shepherds were with them in the hills. David protected them from all harm and nothing that belonged to the shepherds was stolen.

One day when David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep, David sent some of his men to Nabal. The men said to Nabal: Sir, David sends you his greeting, and best wishes for you, your family, and all that is yours. He wants you to know also that your shepherds had been with us and we protected them. You can ask them and they will tell you. We have come on a feast day, sir, and David asked you to receive us kindly. Please give what you can to us and to David. "David? Who is he? I never heard of him! I am not going to take my bread, water, the animal I have butchered to some runaway slaves." Nabal answered.

When the men reported to David, David was furious, and ordered his men to get ready with him to kill Nabal and destroy all that he had.

On the other hand, Abigail heard about what her husband did. She hurried to prepare loaves of bread, cakes, wine, raisins, roasted sheep, and grain, loaded them on donkeys, brought them to David. Abigail met David and his men on a hill, on their way to attack Nabal. Abigail bowed down to David in respect and said: "Please, sir, don't listen to Nabal. I know that Yahweh had chosen you King over Israel. Don't fight the wrong battle against a man who is good-for-nothing. Please sir, accept my gifts, and remember me when you will be king." David accepted the gifts, and thanked Abigail for her wise counsel.

Nabal had a stroke and ten days later he died. David sent a marriage proposal to Abigail and she gladly agreed to become one of David's wives.

Huldah (II Chronicles 34)

When Josiah became King in Judah, he destroyed the pagan places of worship, the symbols of goddess Asherah, and all the other idols... In the eighteenth year of his reign after he had purified the land by ending pagan worship, Josiah ordered the repair of the Temple of Yahweh.

During this time, the Book of the Law that Yahweh had given to Moses was found. At the King's command, Hilkiah and the others went to consult a prophet named Huldah. They described to her what happened and she told them to say to the King: "This is the message of Yahweh: 'I am going to punish Jerusalem and all its people with the curse written in the book. They have rejected me... and have stirred up my anger!' as for the King himself, this is what Yahweh says: 'You listened to what is written in the book, repented and humble yourself... The punishment will not come until after your death. I will let you die in peace.'"

Ruth

Ruth was a Moabite woman, a gentile or unbeliever. She was first married to Naomi's son, an Israelite. Naomi became a widow and ten years later her sons died without children. Naomi at that time heard that Yahweh had blessed His people in Judah with good crops. Naomi decided to go back to Judah. Her daughters-in-law, Orpha and Ruth went with her but along the way, Naomi thought, my daughters-in-law should go back to their mothers and find a husband. Naomi told them about her plan and kissed them goodbye. They both wept but later Orpha agreed. While Ruth answered Naomi: "Please, don't ask me to leave you!

Let me go with you! Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your Elohim (God) will be my Elohim. Wherever you die, there I will die and be buried. May the Elohim's worst punishment come upon me if I let anything but death separate me from you."

Queen Esther

Esther was a relative and adopted daughter of Mordecai, a Jewish exile to Babylon during the time of King Xerxes. Esther's original name was Hadassah, and she was very beautiful.

One day the King of Persia and Media, one of the greatest powers of the world, made a banquet for all his officials in the enclosed garden of the palace, lasting seven days. On the seventh day, the King Xerxes or Ahasuerus commanded his servants to bring before him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown, in order to display her beauty because she was very lovely.

When the servants delivered the message to Queen Vashti, the queen refused to come, and of course, the King was disappointed. The King was furious and with the advice of his officials, the decision to depose Queen Vashti was made.

Since Esther was beautiful and lovely, she was chosen the Queen to take the place of Queen Vashti. None in the palace and officials knew that Esther was Mordecai's adopted daughter, for Mordecai had warned her not to make it known.

Haman, the Prime Minister, noticed that Mordecai refused to bow down to him as other people did. So Haman ordered his men to make gallows for Mordecai. He had also convinced the King to make a decree to destroy all the Jews in his Kingdom.

When this happened, Mordecai persuaded Esther to help. Esther who only went to see the King when called said: "The King had not called me for a month." And yet of all the Jews she alone had access to the King. So Mordecai said: "Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther fasted and asked all the Jews to fast with her for divine guidance and help. Then at the right time, Esther approached the King and told him of her request. The King gladly granted Esther's request and Haman was instead hanged in the gallows he built.

Deborah (Judges 4)

Deborah was a prophet, and she was serving as judge for the Israelites at that time. People of Israel would go to Deborah for her decisions. She was like a mother for Israel.

One day Deborah sent for Barak and said to him: "Take ten thousand men from the tribe of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them to Mt. Tabor, for Yahweh said: "I will bring Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army (Canaanite King) to fight at Kishon River. He will have his chariots and soldiers, but I will give you victory over him."

Barak replied: "I will go if you go with me, but if you don't go with me, I won't either." "All right", Deborah answered, "I will go with you, but you won't get any credit for the victory..."

Deborah led Barak and instructed him what to do. When Barak attacked with his army, Yahweh threw into confusion Sisera with all his chariots and men.

Sisera ran away to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber. Jael went to meet Sisera and said, "Come in sir, come into my tent. Don't be afraid." "Please give me a drink of water, I'm thirsty", Sisera said. Jael gave him milk... Sisera was so tired that he fell asleep. Jael took a hammer and tent peg, quietly went up to him, and killed him by driving the peg right through the side of his head and into the ground. When Barak came looking for Sisera, Jael showed to him the corpse of Sisera.

Tribute for Deborah's Courage and Wise Leadership

Praise Yahweh! Praise Him

All you women of the world for the life of Deborah;
A Woman, a prophet, a counselor, a judge, a military
commander.

Praise Yahweh who blesses men and women alike!
Praise Him who manifests His wisdom, and might in
women; women like Deborah.

Listen, you Kings, and commanders of armies,
Listen to what Yahweh says to you, through a woman
like Deborah;

The woman who rehearsed Barak with the word of
Yahweh.

Who said: "Forward, Barak, forward..."

Lead the tribe of Naphtali, and Zebulun.

Sisera will fight against you with his iron chariots and
men;

But Yahweh will give you victory!"

Barak did not care whether Deborah was a male or
female,

He heard only Yahweh speaking through her.

Barak followed Deborah's order, and the fighting men as
well, even men from other tribes.

Yahweh scattered their enemies in confusion,

And Sisera's life fell into the hands of a faithful woman
in her tent, Jael.

Sing to Yahweh new and glorious songs;

Songs of praise and thanksgiving!

Sing to Yahweh, all the world;

His love to His Chosen and Anointed is eternal,

His faithfulness last forever and ever!

Mary (The Mother of the Messiah)

A certain priest and author, featured mother Mary in his book which is a collection of articles and sermons he has delivered. He beautifully worded the attributes of Mary and I will quote some of his words here for you.

“Mary is the model of all women... She was always open to what the LORD asked of her... The secret of Mary’s fundamental posture towards GOD was the fact that she always prayed... **She was a quiet figure of strength.**”

“There is one final characteristic of Mary that makes her such a remarkable woman. It is the fact of her womanly presence. Mary was always there to care... The Gospel tells very little of her accomplishments beyond the mere fact that she was there.”

These are some of the women I respect and admire most. And may each woman in the world finds its beautiful place and work as these remarkable women did. HalleluYah!

Power And Authority Of The Redeemed

The redeemed are the people whose sins have been paid for by the blood of the Lamb or ransomed by the Messiah because of their faith in Him. They are the called and chosen of the Father for His own special purpose. “The last shall be first, and the first shall be last, **for many are called but few are chosen** (Matthew 19: 30; 20: 16; 22: 14). “...In the ‘last days’ iniquity shall abound, and then the love of many shall wax cold; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (Matthew 24: 13). Everybody was called but not so many have responded , and not all of those who responded are true and faithful.

To them who refused to answer Yahweh’s call, He has this message: “Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched

out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock you when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind, when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hate knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD. They would none of my counsel: they despise all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices" (Proverbs 1: 24-31).

I would like each one of us to take note of the word ENDURE which means steadfastness or faithfulness until the end of this world as the case may be. Brethren, it is not enough that we believe but we must be faithful through persecutions and tribulations. "For we must through much tribulations enter into the Kingdom of heaven" (Acts 14: 22). In this case, we need to remind ourselves that when Moses asked the Pharaoh to free the Israelites from slavery, Moses said: "Yahweh sent me to tell you to release the Israelites so that they could worship Him in the land He has chosen to be worshiped." Likewise, today's believers must bear in mind that the Messiah freed us from the bondage of sin/satan so that first and foremost, we will faithfully worship the Father in spirit and in truth; worship Him in the beauty of holiness. Remember Job? Job did not win his case by anything, but by being faithful to Yahweh in the midst of pain; faithful until all the calamities were gone.

Sad to say that some believers have not endured for many personal reasons. Some were lured and choked by the riches of this world. Sad to say further that others failed to endure because fellow-believers have not been mindful of the teachings of our Lord and Savior. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." "The strong ought to help and support the weak." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Brethren, each one of us has our strong qualities, and weakness as well. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthian

believers said: "Brethren, let your abundance be a supply to your brother's need and let your brother's abundance be a supply to your own needs..."

I am sorry, I have to stress the fact and reasons why some brethren are destitute and could not endure. The reason is not because of "real lack" but because of complacency, envy, and covetousness of others. Instead of being appreciative and helpful, they attack and kick down those who have potentials to excel and to lead. Some are indifferent because they are threatened and envious of the gifts and higher calling of others. Some are simply "stupid" wolves among sheep. I am deeply convinced that if people really love one another, there is more than enough for everybody, and we have so much in order to live and endure, and to conquer the world." "...Not one of your people will be poor if you obey and carefully observe everything that I commanded you..." (Deuteronomy 15).

Why these various forms of destructive competition? Be on guard, they are not of the Lord but of the enemy. "Why store up riches where rust or moth corrupt, thieves and robbers break in and steal or rob? Why worry about what to eat, to drink, to wear?" Why strive for luxury, honor, and glory? Our Father knows what is best for us. He said: "I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not of evil, to give you the future that you hope for" (Jeremiah 29: 11). So, "seek ye first the Kingdom of your Father and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6).

To the complacent, unmindful, envious, and greedy: Remember that the Messiah said: "Woe to that man by whom the offense cometh! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Believers, especially the ministers must be careful not to offend one another by loving their ministries more than their brethren and co-laborers for whom the Messiah died, called, and chosen. Rather, they should help one another as workers together in the vineyard of the Father. Some do the clearing of the ground

and sowing of seeds, such as the intercessors or prayer warriors, missionaries, evangelists. Some others, water and cultivate the plants like the pastors, and teachers. Others do the pruning like the prophets who boldly correct and direct the people's spiritual growth and development. While some others are in-charge of the harvest and storehouse, they are the end-time leaders and rulers. Each believer, and minister is given grace according to his faith so that he may perform his responsibility well for the good of all the brethren and for the glory of the Father. All of them intercessors, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, pastors, prophets, king, queen, prince... must support and uphold one another for the sake of the Father's Will. None of them should think that they are much better and superior, as though they solely own the congregation that they have because the truth of the matter is that their works are interrelated, and therefore, each is a part to one another and "though we are many we are one body." In some cases, pastors did not labor a bit for the spiritual conversation of their members; other ministers have worked hard for the spiritual birth and early feeding of their members who are not yet seriously seeking the Will of the Lord for their lives but for better place, position, special recognition, and comfort.

Brethren, our Father knows every secret; nothing is kept from Him. He sees what we do and He knows our motive in everything. He even knows the pride of man's inmost thought. He resists the proud and overthrow the wicked but He gives grace and rejoices with the humble and faithful.

Finally, let us now hear what the Spirit says to them who have overcome the world (satan's offers) and have kept the words and works of our Father and Savior to the end:

"He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star" (Revelation 2: 26-28).

“Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name” (Revelation 3: 12).

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in the throne” (Revelation 3: 21).

“But you are the chosen race, the Kings priests, the holy nation, God’s own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9)

You are worthy to take the scroll and to break open its seals. For you were killed, and by your sacrificial death you bought for God people from every tribe, language, nation, and race. You have made them a kingdom of priests to serve God, and they shall rule on earth” (Revelation 5: 9-10).

“These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution... That is why they stand before God’s throne and serve Him day and night in the Temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their Shepherd, and he will guide them in springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7: 14-17).

The seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven saying, ‘The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of (God) Yahweh and His Messiah; and he shall reign forever and ever... And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants, the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name small and great: and shouldest destroy the earth” (Revelation 11: 15-18).

I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.** His eyes were as flame of fire and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called **The Word of GOD.** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword (truth), that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:** and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and LORD of lords" (Revelation 19: 11-16).

"I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new... He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21: 3-5).

"...In all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, no principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, no any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our LORD" (Romans 8: 37-38).

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight in the abundance of peace. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever" (Psalm 37: 9,11,22,29).

“For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it” (Prov. 2: 21-22).

“But unto you that obey me shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts” (Malachi 4: 2-3).

Part III

This part contains the Letters to the Church dated August, 1988. These letters were first printed in mimeograph and sent to government officials, educators, and leaders in different sectors of our society.

Included herein also are copies of the letters I sent to certain individuals and their acknowledgements of receipt which will serve as documentary and witness that I have not kept any good thing from Yahweh's people, but by His grace, I did everything possible in order to proclaim the Good News about Almighty Yahweh's Kingdom, throughout the nation even to the whole world. All these letters are written and published not only for the people of today but for all the coming generations, that they may know what great and wonderful things Almighty Yahweh has done to His people through His Son Yahshua the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit. That peoples might believe that the Elohim (God) who spoke and gave His promises to Abraham, Moses, David,... is indeed, the same yesterday, today, and forever. That peoples all around the world will come to know Him and praise Him forever and ever as the Psalmist said: "Give thanks to Yahweh, proclaim His greatness; tell the nations what He has done. Sing praise to Yahweh; tell the wonderful things He has done. Be glad that we belong to Him; let all who worship Him rejoice."

Perhaps, what I do is just a small thing; a very small legacy. It is, however, my great hope that the touch I made in the hearts and minds of men, women, and children all around the world through my ministry of praying, writing, and teaching; through my books particularly, will one day cause the touch that will change the world. Make this world a new world, the world of

righteousness and peace; the kingdom of our Father and Savior together with all His children. Then at last, the ancient prophecies, and the words of St. Peter will be fulfilled. "But we wait for what God has promised: new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness will be at home" (II Peter 3: 13).

August, 1988

TO: THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,
AND ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

I am SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA. My husband is Supernico Y. Valenzona, Jr. and we have four children namely: Ruth Love, Gibson Jun, January Gay, Vernie Joy with ages fourteen, thirteen, eleven, and ten years respectively at this time of writing. At present: Ruth Love Valenzona-Russell, D.M. (Doctor in Management); Gibson Jun T. Valenzona, DTE (Doctor in Technology Education); January Gay T. Valenzona, PhD. (Doctor of Philosophy); Vernie Joy T. Valenzona, B.M. (Bachelor of Music Major in Music Education with Piano Principal).

Beloved brethren, on the eve of May 20, 1988 the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Dina, write letters as St. Paul had done." I then prayed about it, meditated, and said to myself,

“What should I write? How?” “As St. Paul had done”, the LORD said. Immediately, I reviewed St. Paul’s letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians; to Timothy, Titus, Philemon as well as the general epistle-Hebrews through Jude.

After examining St. Paul’s letters, I discovered that his epistles cover all of man’s problems and needs both individual and collective needs. Man’s problems and needs such as: Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ; True Worship and Family Life; Christian Conduct and Responsibilities; Instruction about the problems of church divisions and immorality; Exhortation concerning the coming of Christ; and Warning against enemies who try to deceive and destroy GOD’S people. St. Paul also explained his authority to give guidance by narrating his visions and revelations of Christ (II Corinthians 12 & Acts 9).

Note to the Readers:

The visions and revelations which the LORD gave me and were first included in this letter are purposely deleted in this edition. However, the said visions and revelations from the start to the present are available through the books, Visions: More Witness For Christ, The Great and Terrible Day of the LORD and the Good News About the Kingdom. HalleluYah!

A - Salvation Through Faith In Jesus Christ

Brethren, the world is now in deep turmoil. I would not go into the details of the situation because that is not the main theme of this letter. Besides, I do not have the statistics to prove it, but sensible person can generally perceive the condition of our time and above all, I know it because our dear LORD showed it to me in visions. For our country, geographically and economically speaking, our Father has given us a beautiful and rich country. It is beautiful and rich in natural resources but sad to say that most Filipinos are living in poverty. Politically, although Filipinos are quite well known for intellectual excellence, in many ways we failed to handle properly the affairs of our nation. What is our condition or circumstance telling us then?

Our condition simply tells us that we cannot solve the problems of life by purely human intellect and efforts. Much more the problems of our country and of the world. We need the wisdom and power of God; we need salvation through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Salvation is twofold namely: Spiritual and Physical. Spiritually, we need to be born again individually through faith in JESUS CHRIST so that we will become members of the family of our heavenly Father. Spiritual rebirth requires repentance and turning about to receive JESUS CHRIST and follow Him. This rebirth is what our LORD JESUS CHRIST also told to a well known and well respected Jewish leader Nicodemus (John 3). Physically, we need collective salvation. We need to be saved together as people of God (Exodus). Both salvations are very important, for mankind must be perfectly whole. But the spiritual must first take place then the physical for how can God establish His Kingdom in earth without people to live or dwell in it? The people who would be in the kingdom of God must be His people; a pure or holy people.

My fellow countrymen, in this letter also I bring to you Good News! We are our Father's hope; we are His chosen people.

He has chosen us to build with Him His Kingdom in earth. Today, our Father is chastening us for good. He is cleansing and healing us and consequently, He will abundantly bless us so that we will become His mighty instruments in healing His whole creation which has been groaning in pain. Therefore, the words which our Father spoke to the Israelites through Prophet Isaiah saying, "I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49: 6), must be fulfilled in us and through us for we are the new and true Israel of God; the generations of Abraham through faith in JESUS CHRIST.

Religious and Government Leaders, Professionals, I am particularly addressing you because you are very important. Our LORD says, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12: 48).

Our time now is a time of reckoning. I beg everyone therefore to repent and be steadfast in his faith in God and encourage others to do the same. We will soon be in greater and deeper troubles but don't be afraid! God is with us and He will fight on our behalf. He will crown us with victory, everlasting freedom and joy for as long as we remain faithful to Him, we, being the people who are called according to His own purpose.

Our time is like also the time of a pregnant woman who is about to give birth. It is the time when she has to prepare many things such as diapers, clothing, crib, and money to pay the hospital bill. Then comes the time of great inconvenience, intense pain and struggle before the rejoicing. Brethren, like that pregnant woman, it is our time now to prepare for a new life in our Father's Kingdom. For, concerning the Kingdom, the scripture says, "...and there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21: 27). Let us therefore repent and endeavor to have our names (as Filipino people) be written in the Lamb's book of life so that at last we can give to our Father the joy He long wanted and rejoice with Him forever!

In the meantime, I hope no one will ever make the mistake of thinking that because I am writing you this letter and giving you so much hope, I or my family is already an exception to any struggle. In truth, if there are other families who are really in need of support then perhaps we are the most. So please pray for us also.

B – True Worship And Family Life

Philippines has been known as the “only Christian nation in the Orient.” It is therefore fitting to say that Philippines is the only country in the Orient that bears the name of CHRIST. In effect, we can also proudly say that we are the people who are called by the LORD’S Name. Filipinos are indeed very religious. However, have we tried to ponder and asked ourselves, is our religiosity based on our knowledge of God and of His Will?

Worship does not only mean going to the temple to attend Worship Services or Mass, keeping of church doctrines and sacraments, faithful obedience to church government and rites. Worship is the deepest, greatest, and highest reverence and undivided devotion to the One who is worthy. Who then is worthy to be worship? Only GOD (Revelation 19: 10 & 22: 9). Why worship GOD? Because He is holy, so good, so loving and merciful, just and faithful, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and because there is none like Him – the Creator and the Source of all good things. How? To worship God is to worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4: 24), that is, to love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength. This also means knowing His Instruction and obeying them – not forgetting to be kind always to the poor and needy. Remembering that God’s second great commandment is, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself”, and I Peter 4:8 also says, “Fervent charity shall cover the multitude of sins.”

Worship also means having intimate fellowship or communion with God by acknowledging Him as our Father, our Savior through His Son, our Guide and our Teacher through the Holy Spirit. Treating Him as our all – our Refuge, our Hope, our Joy, our Shepherd who provides everything, our Light and Life. Trusting Him and entrusting to Him all the glory and honor. Therefore, in the final analysis to worship God is to offer ourselves to Him a living sacrifice; living with Him and for Him at all times.

Don't be confused! Loving God does not automatically give us a comfortable life. Often, it is the opposite. If it does give you automatic comfort, beware! That might be a snare. There is no short cut to genuine success and true happiness. Remembering that JESUS CHRIST is the Way and what was Christ's way of life? That should be our life too, not seeking for automatic personal comfort but always willing to suffer for the redemption of all.

I am sorry that some of us go and attend Worship Services because we think that by doing so, God will give us favor, bless us abundantly and consequently, our position in heaven will be secured. Indeed, our Father does not hesitate to bless His children but in that case, we are not really worshipping Him. The reverse maybe true because our motives are associated with greediness. When we come together to worship our Father, our motive should be: because we love Him and we want to praise Him together and give Him the glory and honor He deserves. Collectively give to Him our praises and thanks for every victory and success, to rejoice together as one big family, to fellowship with one another in order to learn of each other's specific condition and bear each other's burdens.

Although we are very religious people, our religiosity did not really mean true worship of our heavenly Father. Even the saints that most of us worship are grieving over us because never in the books of the saints that we can find a record where they taught us to worship them, instead, they taught us to worship GOD. The saints had suffered so much, were persecuted, were

killed in order to share with us their knowledge of God and to teach us to worship Him alone not them nor their images. Yes, we should give due respect and honor to all the saints especially to mother Mary, the physical mother of JESUS CHRIST, by using their life and works as our model or examples and by being thankful to God for them. But in worship only God is worthy to be worshiped.

Our Father says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy GOD am a jealous GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me" (Exodus 20: 4-5). "I am Yahweh: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (Isaiah 42: 8). In Matthew 6:7 JESUS CHRIST also said, "When you pray, use not vain repetitions..." But often, in our prayers we have treated our Father as if He is deaf, as if He does not understand. Prophet Isaiah was so bold in declaring this: "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59: 1-2). On another occasion in the New Testament, JESUS CHRIST said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips: but their hearts are far from me. In vain they do worship me" (Matthew 15: 8-9).

We have grossly disobeyed our Father and have greatly defiled ourselves. We have defiled our hearts, minds, mouths, and hands by worshipping other gods and by doing things our own way. Hence, although we are Christians, most of us do not have the wisdom and power of Christ. Some of the effects of our disobedience and sins are made manifest in disunity, rebellion, and sexual immorality. Like what most of us do in our worship, there are also husbands and wives who are very busy trying to

know every detail of their own office works and business transactions but do not bother to know their own wives and children and vice versa. Thus, we have broken families, misguided youths, drug addicts, and homosexuals plus the sicknesses they brought about like AIDS and others.

Then the lust for power, arrogance, lust for material possessions or greed which resulted in graft and corruption, unfair labor practice on the one hand; strike and picketing, and other forms of rebellion on the other which generally resulted in economic and political crises of our country.

In the book of Prophet Hosea God also said, **“my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”** With humble hearts and sincerity my brethren, let us study the Holy Bible, learn and obey. Learning is twofold: it is learning to discard the old, incorrect, and undesirable ways and practices, and at the same time learning to take or absorb something that is new, good and correct.

C – Christian Conduct And Responsibilities

Regarding Christian Conduct, let me remind you of what St. Peter wrote to the Christians long time ago. “God’s divine power has given us everything we need to live a truly religious life through our knowledge of the One who called us to share in his own glory and goodness. In this way he has given us the very great and precious gifts he promised, so that by means of these gifts you may escape from the destructive lust that is in the world, and may come to share his divine nature. For this very reason do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness add knowledge and self-control; to your self-control add endurance; to your endurance add godliness; to your godliness add brotherly affection; to your brotherly affection add love. These are the qualities that you need, and if you have them in abundance, they will make you active and effective in your knowledge of our

LORD JESUS CHRIST. But whoever does not have them is so shortsighted that he cannot see and has forgotten that he has been purified from his past sins" (II Peter 1: 3-9).

St. Peter's writing is very clear. Our religiosity must be based on our knowledge of God and of His Will, and we must also possess His divine power. I believe having God's divine power is the same as being filled with the Holy Spirit or to be born again because if the Holy Spirit is not in us we are not in the position to completely destroy or conquer satan, the fact that satan has already knowledge of God and of His Will for man, and also because satan has power. St. Peter enumerated the qualities that Christians should have then he concluded by saying that if we lack these things, we are blind and we have forgotten that we have been purged from our old sins. Brethren, I can only say the truth- most of us are still religious blinds. Our religious practices and conduct have not shown that we really know Him who called and chose us, and that we have been gifted with His divine power that would enable us to overcome the destructive lust that is in the world. Let us therefore humbly turn to the LORD and make a new start in our religious life by abiding in His Word and let His Word abide in us.

Concerning responsibilities, the scripture says, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the LORD, and not unto men" (Colossian 3: 23). Our responsibilities are sacred. No matter how lowly or humble or small it may seem, it is a responsibility our Father has entrusted to us therefore sooner or later, we will be required to give an accounting of it before Him who promised to reward every man according to what he has done. Our experience could tell us that as God's people, we are far below our Father's expectation of us, but take courage, and repent! Our Father can cleanse, heal, and restore us and He will do it for His Holy Name's sake.

Honestly, we have not been good stewards of our Father's wealth even in the way we handle our families especially our children. Instead of building our families, our people, our nation,

the rich are too occupied making themselves richer, forgetting to be kind and neglecting their responsibilities towards their children so that our youths have become delinquent, drug addicts, and homosexuals. While the poor on the other hand, become poorer because of unhealthy condition, under nutrition, poor working condition which result in sickness and deaths, lack of education, and lack of employment opportunities for those who survived. Are we not "loveless and irresponsible Christians" in this case? I hope we have not forgotten that "GOD IS LOVE" and CHRIST is the visible expression of the invisible love of God.

Sadly, some of our people do not understand their responsibilities in building our nation. Instead of building their families, our people, our nation, they are building castles and monuments for their own names trying to satisfy or fill their indescribable longing and emptiness. Longing and emptiness which for certain will never be satisfied with anything but by the Word or Spirit of God. As a reminder the scripture says, "Sell that ye have, and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth" (Luke 12: 33).

Others just grow weary because the promise of a very beautiful life in Christian teaching has not come true. That is why some church workers after serving the LORD for so many years, go and serve the enemy of the LORD without really knowing it. In this case, I am sorry that Christianity has not been fully understood, much more the Will of God for man and the whole creation. More sorry that most of us have not possessed the divine power as St. Peter said.

Some are simply lazy, hopeless, and discouraged so that satan takes control of their lives and they become thieves, robbers, rapists, pickpocket, and murderers instead of becoming responsible citizens. I hope our authorities in this particular area are always eager to do the best of their responsibilities.

In general, often we fail to align our priorities and activities with God's Will so that we are like a weighing scale that is out of balance. Even our judgement, often, it is adversely affected with little things like flattery, favors, bribe or personal gain and advantage. We justify the wicked and our own sinful acts for rewards. Much more, some of us have become despisers of those who are good especially when they try to correct or discipline us.

Brethren, I can see the need for individual and collective repentance. I encourage the leaders therefore to declare a National *"DAY OF REPENTANCE"* so that our Father and Savior will be magnified, pleased, and entreated. I suggest that on this day two flags will be raised. One for the LORD, that is, a White Flag with Gold Lettering on it, *"HOLINESS TO THE LORD"* and one for our country. The White Flag should be raised first and while raising it the *"LORD'S PRAYER"* should be sang solemnly and the *"HOLY REMINDER"* be recited. Then a bishop (I again suggest bishops: Marciano Quiocho and La Verne Mercado) should say the prayer of Thanksgiving. The raising of the National flag will follow with the singing of the National Anthem in Filipino. Then the President and or Vice President should give words to the people. After the President's speech, the Bishop should give the Benediction. For the details, I leave them to you.

Religious and Government Leaders, our LORD JESUS CHRIST said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12: 32). Why don't we do then our responsibility of exalting the Name of our LORD so that men shall be drawn to Him? God bless us all!

D – Instruction About Church Division And Unity

In the beginning, our Father intended mankind to be one under Him. But when satan intruded into man's life, division then began. We know this even in ourselves – within us there are two

kinds of forces, each trying to take control of our decision and action. Externally, division was first manifested in the two children of Adam & Eve – Cain and Abel. Cain on the side of Satan and Abel on the side of God. That is how division started and certainly that is not what our Father really intended in the beginning.

As for the Christian Church in the past, I believe division was much less troublesome than today because they were yet few in number. Today, we have grown so large with almost countless denominations not to mention the disunity in hearts and minds. In tackling our problems therefore, I urge you brethren in the Name of Christ to concentrate working for the Unity of Thoughts and Decision in overcoming every evil while keeping also in mind the greatest commandments, “LOVE GOD... and Love your neighbor...”, and take courage for in due time we will be one in our Father’s Kingdom and the many denominations shall be one under CHRIST.

In connection with this, let me share with you what our LORD and Savior revealed to me in a night vision.

One evening in April 1987, I dreamed and in my dream I met a group of foreigners. By and by, I had a clash with one of them. The argument became hot and great trouble emerged. I then kept on rebuking them in the Name of JESUS CHRIST, but there was one of them who was so fierce. That fierce man was the Anti-Christ. With the Anti-Christ was a multitude of followers who had high power weapons. They fired at me and I was surrounded with great fire but praise GOD! I was not hurt even a bit. While my hands were in motion trying to throw the fire away from my body, I also prayed: “Spirit of Christ be in me” and at the same time continued to rebuke them in the Name of JESUS CHRIST.

After the fight, I heard the LORD said to me: “Dina, I am glad that you are here, otherwise, there will still be more and more denominations coming up, but because of you, the world

will now realize that there is only one church: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST" HalleluYah!

E – Warning Against Enemies Who Try To Deceive And Destroy GOD’S People

Take care! My brethren, our enemy is roaring and roaming around seeking whom he may devour for he knows his time is so short. Bear in mind that our number one enemy is satan – a spirit being but he has so many physical representatives. They come to us in many ways, some as “open enemies,” some “as sheep in sheep’s clothing.” The latter is more dangerous because they are subtle and they are among us eagerly working for our destruction.

In particular, some of them come in our church as wonderfully tamed sheep - accommodating, understanding, and very helpful but in truth, when they get the chance they will seduce our youths to indulge in drug addiction, and immorality of all forms. In a night vision the LORD has shown to me that our students are now seriously plagued with drugs addiction and homosexuality. Not only that, but the enemy also seduce the adults even ministers in order to blaspheme the Name of our Father and Savior. Some of them may come to accuse God’s elect falsely. Some, come to distort our genuine faith, making us believe that there are better alternatives to solve our economic and political problems than trusting Jesus Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to move through us and solve the world’s problem through us. Don’t be deceived JESUS CHRIST is still the Healer; the Greatest Physician for every illness, not the loans which we certainly cannot pay unless we change our attitudes and values. Attitudes toward God, toward men, toward money or riches. And the way to change our attitudes and values is only one: JESUS CHRIST, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But, if the rich countries will voluntarily, honestly, and sincerely give their support in the

Name of Christ, receive it that our prayer of thanksgiving may also redound to their blessings. For the scripture says, "Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my Name, because you belong to Christ verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Mark 9: 41).

The LORD has shown to me also that the "Red" which was yet infant in our country years ago, now, it is already full grown and ready to fly at maximum speed. But fear not! Rather, let us be one in praising and praying to our Father because the Kingdom is at hand. Let us be one in our decision and effort to conquer our enemies through Perfect Love. I mean, genuine love for God and for our brethren. In this case, we also need to forgive one another for God's sake and for the coming Kingdom.

When time of great difficulties comes, let us show to the world that we are really Christians. Let us be as one family, loving and helping one another. Sharing with every member of the family whatever we have no matter how little or small it may be, until satan will have no more reason to accuse us of greed before our Father. Above all, pray for the spirit of discerning so we won't be deceived. Remembering also that the Holy Bible tells us that just before the tribulation that characterizes the end of the age, there will be an escalation in the worship of devils or demons. "And the rest of the men which are not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the work of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (Revelation 9: 20-21). Finally, may every one seek the Father, His righteousness, and His Kingdom before it is too late, and Worship Him alone in spirit and in truth. Amen.

The Holy Reminder

I believe in Yahweh, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Yahshua the Messiah His begotten Son our Savior and King, and the Holy Spirit our Teacher, our Guide, our Helper, and Comforter. I also believe that Yahweh is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent. Holy, just and faithful, loving and merciful....

I believe that all men have sinned, and come short of the glory of the Father, and the wages of sin is death, but the gift of the Father is eternal life through Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior and our King. I also believe that except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of Yahweh. Therefore, it is imperative that men repent, believe, and receive Yahshua the Messiah in order to be born of the Spirit.

I believe that salvation is Yahweh's gift to man through Yahshua the Messiah our Savior and our King. For Yahweh so love the world that he gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have abundant and everlasting life. I also believe that salvation is twofold, namely: spiritual and physical, for mankind must be perfectly whole. Therefore, in gratitude to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit who gave us salvation, I offer my life to Him a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable. Amen.

*Letters To
Government Officials
And
Acknowledgement*

Salud A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City
August 11, 1997

PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS
Republic of the Philippines

Dear Pres. Ramos:

Praise and glory be to our Father and Savior for your devotion to Him which is made manifest in various ways especially through your sincere and invaluable services to His people!

I am SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA and I am sending you a copy of my book, "Thy Kingdom Come" In Earth and a copy also of the letters I sent to the different Departments of our government such as: DECS, DILG, DOJ, House of Senate, House of Representatives, National Defense. As you can see, the said letter expresses clearly my prayer, desire and intent to be helped in spreading the good news about the Kingdom of our Father.

May our Father and Savior continually bless you with understanding, guidance, protection and inspiration to do His perfect Will. HalleluYah!

Very respectfully yours,



Segundina T. Valenzona

cc: file

Salud A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City
August 11, 1997

SENATOR ERNESTO MACEDA
Senate President
Philippines

Dear Sir:

Praise and glory be to our Father in heaven for the service you offer to Him by serving His people!

I am SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA and I am sending you a copy of my book, "Thy Kingdom Come" In Earth because it is my conviction that our Father wants you to hear Him through this book. It is my prayer also that after reading the book, you would be an instrument in spreading further the good news about the Kingdom of our Father to the people around and behind you.

The book is easy to read. The messages are written straight to point, therefore, the chapters are concise and I am sure it will not take much of the reader's time.

In Cagayan de Oro City, the book is now available at Oro Christian Community Book Center and National Book Store at one hundred seventy pesos each (Php. 170.00). Right now, the printed copies are very limited, however, should more copies be needed, with your financial assistance, it will be easy for us to print more copies since the original printing materials are being kept ready.

May our Father and Savior bless you with joy while reading the book. Above all, may you be blessed also with more understanding of His Will and the inspiration to establish together with us the Father's Kingdom in earth.

Very respectfully yours,



Segundina T. Valenzona

cc: Pres. F.V. Ramos
file

Salud A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City
September 3, 1997

ATTY. MAXIMO RODRIGUEZ
President, IBP
Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Atty. Rodriguez:

Greetings of peace and joy in the name of our Savior and King,
Jesus Christ!

I am SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA. Allow me to recall with you that my husband and I have come to your office and talked with you last August 25, 1997. In our conversation, I have made known to you my desire and intention to present to the lawyers the book, "Thy Kingdom Come" In Earth during your regular meeting.

The title of the book itself gives everyone an idea of its contents. It mainly talks about the coming Kingdom of our Father here in earth. It also includes the Visions and Revelations which our Father revealed to me and to my family. The scripture says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Our Father is not willing that His people would perish but that all should come to repentance and enjoy eternal life in His Kingdom.

It is therefore my conviction that our Father wants everyone of us to hear Him through this book especially that we are now in the "last days", the days when everybody should take time to meditate upon the words of our Father in order to be able to make the best decision for his future whether to choose life eternal or judgment and eternal damnation.

Looking forward to your favorable consideration of my request.

Thank you and may God bless you!

Very respectfully yours,


Segundina T. Valenzona

Salud A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City
August 11, 1997

CONGRESSMAN JOSE DE VENECIA
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
Philippines

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Very respectfully yours,


Segundina T. Valenzona



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the Vice-President
Executive House, Manila

20 November 1987

Mr. & Mrs. S.Y. Valenzona, Jr.
UCCP, Abellanosa Street
Cagayan de Oro City 8401

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Valenzona:

Thank you for giving me a copy of Mrs. Valenzona's book "Beyond the Glorious Voice".

The help of the God Almighty is indeed needed to help solve our country's many problems.

Thank you too for your kind wishes.

May God bless you and your family.

Very truly yours,


SALVADOR H. LAUREL

HM/ABA/cbp



Republic of the Philippines

SENATE

Manila

AQUILINO R. PIMENTEL, JR.

SENATOR (*PDP LABAN*)

10 October 1988

Mrs. SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA

Sunshine Village, Tibasak

9000 Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Ms. VALENZONA:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Holy Reminder dated August 1988.

My warmest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.

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Chairman:
Committee on Local Government
Committee on Mindanao Affairs

Vice Chairman:
Committee on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currency

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Senate
MANILA

Office of Senator Rene A. V. Saguisag

November 8, 1988

Mr. and Mrs. S.Y. Valenzona
Sunshine Village Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Mr & Mrs. Valenzona:

On behalf of Senator Rene A.V. Saguisag, we would like to acknowledge receipt of Lecture or Study Guide on God's Plan for Salvation.

We appreciate your valuable contribution and we hope you would continue sending relevant information on any issue affecting the nation.

With all good wishes-

Sincerely yours,

GIL M. INFANTADO

Head

Constituency Relations and Assistance Group

RBM/aer



Republic of the Philippines

Senate

Manila

22 August 1997

Ms. Segundina T. Valenzona

S. A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
Cagayan De Oro City

Dear Ms. Valenzona:

I wish to thank you for furnishing me a copy of your book entitled, "*Thy Kingdom Come*". I am optimistic that your book will provide us with the necessary data relevant in the light of our legislative pursuit for a well-established moral recovery program.

I hope that you will continue to support us in our efforts to work together for the benefit of the Filipino people.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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GREGORIO B. HONASAN
Senator

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Senate

MANILA

Edgardo J. Angara

SENATOR

25 August 1997

Our ref.: 082297-72

MS. SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONAS.A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Ms. Valenzona:

I received your letter dated 11 August 1997, as well as the copy of your book entitled "Thy Kingdom Come" which you sent me.

Thank you very much for your inspiring book.

Best wishes!

Very truly yours,


EDGARDO J. ANGARA

*Rec'd
9-6-97
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Republic of the Philippines
SENATE
 Manila

Orlando S. Mercado
 Senate

319 MICO Centre, Corner 138th and Chicago St.
 Fort Area 1000 Manila Tel. 5280109/527455
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27 August 1997

MS. SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA

S. A. Ramos Lane
 Sunshine Village, Tibasak
 9000 Cagayan De Oro City

Dear Ms. Valenzona:

Thank you for the letter and book you sent me.

My office has been in receipt of numerous requests that I have prioritized help for those in dire need. I regret that I could not be of assistance to you at this point.

May your endeavour be continually blessed and may your efforts be rewarded. Rest assured that you are always welcome to write my office for problems that I may be of help.

Once again, thank you.

Very truly yours,

Orlando S. Mercado
ORLANDO S. MERCADO

*Received
 8-2-97
 Felony*



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

NATIONAL CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

8 October 1997

Ms. Segundina T. Valenzona

S.A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village
Tibasak, Cagayan de Oro City

Dear Ms. Valenzona:

Thank you for the copy of your book **"Thy Kingdom Come in Earth"** and for the P100.00 representing your membership fee in the Philippine Centennial Movement. Mr. Rico Osi, Project Director of the Philippine Centennial Movement will send you an official receipt as well as other materials on the PCM.

Your involvement in our centennial celebrations through your membership in the PCM is very much welcome.

Regards,

Fraternally,



SALVADOR H. LAUREL
Chairman



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES
MINDANAO DISTRICT
Tion St., North Poblacion
Medina 9013 Misamis Oriental Philippines

06 January 1998

Ms. SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
9000 Cagayan de Oro City

1-9-98
A.M.

Dear Dina,

Greetings of PEACE to you and Jun and your Kids in the Name of JESUS the CHRIST. May this letter find you in good health and free from any worries that may arise from day to day.

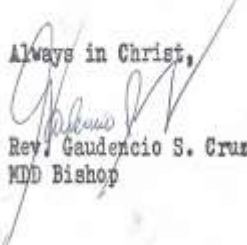
With sincerest thank we have received your book "THY KINGDOM COME IN EARTH" with your wish for the advent season and the new year to come.

We appreciate very much your book and your initiative in using your spiritual gifts in spreading the Word of God thru writing and always glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ in your thought, words and deeds.

May you and your family received more blessings upon blessings for your commitment and dedication to serve God.

My kind regards to all.

Always in Christ,


Rev. Gaudencio S. Cruz
MDD Bishop

cc: Mr. & Ms. S. Valenzona
File



Republic of the Philippines

Senate

Pasay City

November 29, 2000

MS. SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA

Salud Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
Cagayan de Oro City
9000 Misamis Oriental

Dear Ms. Valenzona:

I wish to thank you for furnishing us with a copy of your book entitled "The Promise of Eternal Life." We are optimistic that the said publication will provide us with the necessary data relevant to its special field.

We hope that you will continue to support us in our efforts to craft policies for the benefit of the Filipino people.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregorio B. Honasan II".

GREGORIO B. HONASAN II
Senator

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Nov 29, 2000

Philippine Senate
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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12 December 2000

Ms. Segundina T. Valenzona
 Salud Ramos Lane
 Sunshine Village, Tibasak
 Cagayan de Oro City 9000

Dear Ms. Valenzona:

Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago received and thanks you for The Praise of Eternal Life.

This compilation of scripture quotations is a source of comfort during these interesting times.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and more power.

Very truly yours,

M. Geraldine A. Garcia

GERALDINE GARCIA

Technical Assistant

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Senate

Edgardo J. Angara
SENATOR

January 18, 2002

SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA

Salud A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
Cagayan de Oro City 9000

Dear Ms. Valenzona,

We have received your book entitled "The Covenant of Peace." Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

In behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for sending us a copy of your book because this would certainly give us a better understanding on how one can attain inner peace.

More power to you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

Rec'd
1-29-2002
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Republic of the Philippines
Senate
 Pasay City

FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senate President

21 January 2002

Ms. SEGUNDINA T. VALENZONA

Ssalud A. Ramos Lane
 Sunshine Village, Tibasak
 Cagayan de Oro City

Dear **Ms. Valenzona**,

Thank you for the gift you sent during the holidays. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

May the New Year bring you and your loved ones peace, happiness and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

Rec'd
 2/19/2002



Republic of the Philippines

Senate

Pasay City

January 22, 2002

MRS. SEGUNDINA VALENZONA

Salud A. Ramos Lane
Sunshine Village, Tibasak
Cagayan de Oro City 9000

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Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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GREGORIO B. HONASAN JR.
Senator

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1/21/2002
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LET'S
DOH IT
AGAIN

To Ms. Valerone:

Thanks for giving you book (My Carriage
of Pleas). I look forward to reading + learning
from you book.

I can't wait

Jim Ryan 1/17/2008



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