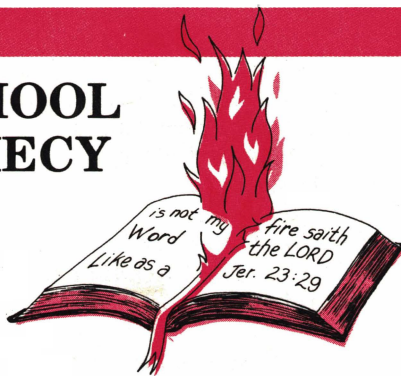


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*And an highway shall be there,  
and a way, and it shall be called  
The way of holiness . . .*

Isaiah 35:8

**RESTORATION**

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# BIBLE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY

## LESSON NO. 6

### RESTORATION

#### DECLARATION:

Redemption, Holiness, and Judgment of Sin are the 3 greatest doctrinal themes of God's revelation to man in the Word of God. **The greatest theme of prophetic revelation is Restoration.** Every Holy Prophet of God foretold of a mighty Restoration to the end-time Church of Jesus Christ — a spiritual phenomenon in our day — the greatest revival in church history — a unification of Christ's fragmented and divided body! Every true saint of God should cry out in travail for God to send Restoration to His church soon. Why? Because Jesus Christ will not return for His Bride until Restoration is fully accomplished upon His end-time, lukewarm, world-conforming church!

#### INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURES.

##### THE GREAT PROPHETIC PROMISE:

"And he (God) shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution (i.e., Restoration)** of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21. Restoration of what? Answer: Restoration of Christ's church! — To Divine Unity, Holiness, its First Love, Power, and to the Fear of God.

God's Holy Prophet prophesied of the soon-coming Restoration as Christ's holy apostle has confirmed: "And I will **RESTORE** to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army **which I sent among you.**" Joel 2:25. This signifies a mighty Restoration from spiritual barrenness and lukewarmness. This promised Restoration is Holy Ghost Revival — **THE** prophesied end-time outpouring of the Holy Ghost spoken of by Christ's apostle in a greater magnification than ever before experienced: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: (Now note carefully the accompanying signs of this Revival of Restoration). And I will shew **wonders** in heaven above, and **signs** in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke," Acts 2:17-19.

## LESSON EXPOSITION.

### **GOD'S TWO GREAT PROPHETS OF RESTORATION WILL SOON PROPHECY.**

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias (i.e., Elijah) truly shall first come, and **RESTORE** all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not . . . Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.” Matt. 17:11-13. John was not Elijah, but was sent to restore the church of old back to divine favor with the anointing of Elijah upon him: “And he shall go before him (i.e., Christ) in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Read all of Luke 1:10-17. **RESTORATION:** “To turn the parents’ and children’s hearts to each other — to prepare a holy people for the soon-coming of Jesus Christ.” All of God’s true end-time prophets will also come in the spirit and power of Elijah.

### **RESTORATION WAS REJECTED BY THE CHURCH OF OLD — BOTH PROPHETS OF RESTORATION WERE KILLED — JESUS & JOHN THE BAPTIST.**

**The last promise of the Old Testament is RESTORATION!** “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers (i.e., parents) to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers (i.e., parents), lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” Mal. 4:5-6. Notice: God has warned the Christians of our Sick Society and Lukewarm Church age that it is either **RESTORATION** or **A CURSE!** Send Restoration, “O Lord!”

### **GOD'S TWO SPECIAL AMBASSADORS!**

Gentile armies shall occupy Jerusalem for the **first 3½ years** of the soon-to-begin Tribulation period: “And the holy city shall they (Gentiles) tread under foot forty and two months (i.e., 3½ years).” Rev. 11:2; also II Cor. 5:20. During this brief period, amid great global distresses, severe divine judgments, and persecution of God’s saints by and thru the World Church, God’s two mighty prophets of Restoration will prophesy and minister. The True Church will have its last Revival, a Revival of Restoration to its First Love, Holiness, Unity, Holy Ghost Power, and the Fear of God.

THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH UPON GOD'S TWO MIGHTY PROPHETS WHOSE MESSAGE & MINISTRY WILL PREVAIL AND SUCCEED IN RESTORING CHRIST'S CHURCH TO TRUE HOLINESS, DIVINE UNITY, ITS FIRST LOVE, REAL FAITH, HOLY GHOST POWER, THE FEAR OF GOD, ALL THE GIFTS & FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, AND A RETURN TO THE WHOLE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD IN A 3½ YEAR PERIOD OF PERSECUTION, AMID GOD'S JUDGMENTS OF FAMINE, EPIDEMICS, STORMS, TERRORISM, AND EXCESSIVE MORAL CORRUPTION.

### **GOD'S COMMISSION AND ANOINTING:**

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days (i.e., 3½ years), clothed in sackcloth . . . And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.” Rev. 11:3-7.

Please note carefully God's strange work of Restoration to Christ's Church during the first 3½ years of the “Tribulation Period” of 7 years (using church theologians' terminology). Will these judgments get the church people on their knees in full repentance with fasting? Yes!

### **The Ministry of God's End-Time Prophets of Restoration:**

- (1) They will prophesy God's Last Message of Reconciliation.
- (2) Fire will proceed out of their mouths and devour their enemies. Rev. 11:5.
- (3) They will close the heavens that there will be no rain on the earth for 3½ years. Rev. 11:6.
- (4) They will turn fresh drinking water into blood. Rev. 11:6.
- (5) They will smite the earth with plagues as often as they feel it is necessary to humble the hearts of rebellious men — even Christians. Rev. 11:6.
- (6) The message and ministry of these two ambassadors with the conditions of Reconciliation and Restoration will be heard and seen on a worldwide television network — and it won't cost God's prophets a cent.

- (7) After their martyrdom at the hands of Antichrist, God will resurrect their dead bodies while the earth's masses watch over TV networks. Proof: "And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves." Study Rev. 11:3-12.
- (8) Their message is "Fear God — Repent, or Perish!" This is God's only message of Reconciliation that leads to Restoration. Rev. 14:6-7. Jesus was the messenger of God's new covenant of grace. His message: "Except you Repent, you shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3,5; Mark 1:14-15.
- (9) A great earthquake of Divine Judgment will strike Jerusalem with terrifying results while a shocked world watches on television screens.

### THE RESULTS:

"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: **and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.**" Rev. 11:13. This will have a world-wide effect of putting the fear of God on many, leading to Repentance. Cf. Rev. 14:12-16.

### WHEN WILL THEY APPEAR?

God's two mighty prophets of Restoration will be manifested simultaneously with the rise of the Antichrist and False Prophet — their ministry will challenge these two masters of deceit — to prevent God's very own elect from being deceived! Matt. 24:21-26. In a matter of months, not years, these prophets will arise with this mighty, prophesied Holy Ghost anointing in the midst of this decade, the 1980's. This is just how close we are to the Gathering Storm and Great Tribulation — and Restoration!

### THE CAUSE & EFFECT OF RESTORATION:

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people (May I inject right here: God is about to send these judgments upon the church); If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, **and turn from their wicked ways; then** will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chron. 7:13-14.

**TODAY'S CHURCH OF OUR LORD IS LAODICEAN — LUKEWARM — AND CHRIST HAS SPEWED IT OUT OF HIS MOUTH. REV. 3:14-16.**

**Humility and true repentance are God's terms for a Restoration to divine favor:** "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Rev. 3:19. As also warned God's prophet: "Before

the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; **Seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.**" Zeph. 2:2-3. Jesus also prophetically spoke of His disciples being caught in the distresses of our end-time generation: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36. Escape what? God's wrath: "For there shall be great **distress** in the land, and **wrath** upon this people." Luke 21:23. "God hath not appointed us to wrath (I Thess. 5:9)" — but God's judgments will chasten His church.

#### NOTES:

### **A DETAILED SUMMARIZATION.**

God's promised phenomenon of Restoration is to the Church of Jesus Christ! This Restoration of Power, Holiness, Unity, Love, and Respect for the Whole Truth of God's Word is not to religious denominations but to individuals. The organized churches have been spewed out of Christ's mouth, and **NOW** the invitation to Restoration is to each individual member to return — this is possible only upon the conditions laid down by Christ Himself: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me . . . **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.**" Rev. 3:19-20.

Christ's end-time church is "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Rev. 3:17. The church has left its first love. Rev. 2:4-5. The church of today is full of Jezebels and idolatry. Rev. 2:20. Today's world-conforming Church "has a name that it lives, but it is dead." Rev. 3:1. Today's version of Christ's Church has departed from the true faith and has turned to fables. I Tim. 4:1; II Tim 4:3-4.

### **A DIVIDED CHURCH.**

Christ's early church was strong, powerful, holy, and united. Christ's end-time Church, its saints and its ministers don't even faintly resemble the early Church of our Lord. The body of Christ is fragmented — an eye here, a hand there, a leg or foot or ear lying here and there. The divisions over sectarian beliefs and superstitions are deep and painful — and they are grievous to the Holy Ghost. These divisions among God's true people must be healed — and, they will be healed — fellowship and divine unity will be restored (Before Jesus Comes) through barbaric persecution. Study carefully Joel 2:7-11; Dan. 11:31-39; Rev. 6:9-11; Rev. 7:9-14.

**The early church of Christ was united, consistent, and strong in faith because of a purging and unifying catalyst — that catalyst was fiery Persecution.** Those fiery trials suffered by Christ's early disciples purged them of every element of worldliness and world-conformity, of all the dross of sensuality, triviality, and selfishness. The epitomization: "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul (i.e., in complete unity): neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." Acts 4:32. **Today's Church is as arrogant as the Laodiceans, its ministers mistaking their arrogance for Holy Ghost anointing:** "Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing — (but) thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Rev. 3:17.

### **TODAY'S CHURCH IS FULL OF PHONIES.**

**False prophets, counterfeit bibles, and phony saints have crowded the Church of Jesus Christ to the chagrin of God's true saints and**



**holy men of God.** Hootenannies and entertainment of every flavor prosper while real Holy Ghost-anointed preaching of God's uncompromising Word breeds contempt and scorn. God anointed His prophet to foretell of this shocking situation so rampant in our churches today: "They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, **and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love,** but their heart goeth after their covetousness (i.e., selfishness and greed)." Ezekiel 33:31. The church of today "ever learns, but never comes to the knowledge of the truth (i.e., the whole truth)." II Tim. 3:7. The Church today, as Jesus foretold, is thusly characterized: "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias (Isaiah) prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:7-9. Oh, how true, how awfully true is this censure of Christ to the mimickers in today's church culture.

### **A COMPARISON!**

**A comparison of Christ's End-time Church with the first century church of our Lord is very revealing:**

- (1) Christ's early church as recorded in the Book of Acts was filled with divine love — they even died for each other, even selling their possessions to share with the poorer saints.
- (2) Christ's first church was united — "Of one heart and of one soul, of one mind, and in one accord." Acts 2:41-47. They shared everything! Today's disciples of Christ are hopelessly divided and selfish.
- (3) The early church of our Lord was strong in faith and Holy Ghost power thru fasting and prayer. Today's church is weak and powerless, through feasting and playing. Acts 5:12-16.
- (4) The early church walked in the fear of God. Today's church: "There is no fear of God before their eyes." Rom. 3:18; Acts 9:31.
- (5) The early church of Jesus Christ was full of Real Faith and True Gifts of the Holy Ghost. Acts 5:15-16; Acts 6:8. **Today's church is full of hootenannies and medicine shows — not Holy Ghost power nor real Holy Ghost Revival.** The early church trusted God for healing — Divine Healing! They had no Medicare nor Hospitalization, nor Welfare. They lived by Faith.
- (6) The early church preachers were Holy Ghost-anointed — they preached the Word of God fearlessly — they fasted and prayed! Acts 13:1-3; 6:4; 4:12-16. Today, the church is full of preachers that are phonies, or they are dead, or just arrogant. Most are moral cowards, pantywaists, and echoes, who play instead of pray, and feast instead of fast!

Does this analogy tell us anything? Yes! That Jesus Christ will not return until the True End-time Church of Jesus Christ is Restored to its First Love, Divine Unity, Holiness, Holy Ghost Power, the Fear of God, and to the Whole Truth of God's Word! Christ will "sanctify and cleanse the church with the washing of water by the Word (i.e., thru the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth), That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:26-27. The early Church of the Book of Acts, possessing Holiness, Unity, Power, Love, and the Fear of God, is the epitomization of what God requires of Christ's End-Time Church that we are members of — and, **God will not send Jesus Christ for His Church until it is completely Restored!**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Psa. 51:10-14	Luke 19:8	Matt. 3:1-8	I Tim. 4:1-3
Haggai 1:11; 2:17	Mal. 3:7	Matt. 24:8-10	II Tim. 3:1-7
Amos 4:6-12	Amos 8:11-13	Mark 13:12	II Tim. 4:1-4

### **MEMORIZATION**

Acts 3:19-21	II Chron. 7:13-14	Matt. 17:10-13	I Tim. 4:1-2
Joel 2:25	Mal. 4:5-6	Luke 1:15-17	Amos 8:11-13

### **NOTES:**

## PART A. THE HISTORY OF GOD'S PROMISE OF RESTORATION — THE BIBLE'S CENTRAL THEME OF PROPHECY.

### I. THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE BY GOD HIMSELF

#### **a.** DISCUSSION

The tragedy of Adam and Eve's fall from God's grace in the Garden of Eden necessitated the institution of **God's plan of Restoration** to a cursed earth, and a sinful, rebellious human race that resulted from Adam's sin. The promise of God to Restore was brief, but filled with hope. To the serpent (Satan) God directed this message of hope: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed (i.e., the devil's children), and her seed; it shall bruise thy head (i.e., the serpent's), and thou shalt bruise his heel (i.e., Christ's, the seed of the woman)." Gen. 3:15.

**To restore means:** "To give back something taken away or lost; make **restitution** of; to put (a person) back in a place, position, rank, etc.; to bring back to health, strength, etc.; to renew."

**Restoration means:** "Reinstatement to a former position or rank; restitution for loss; **a putting or bringing back into a former, unimpaired state or condition.**"

#### **THE LOST INHERITANCE.**

Thru Adam's original sin in the Garden of Eden, every descendant of his has been born in sin — born a rebel against God's laws, and subjected to sorrow, toil, disease, death, and hell — the penalties of sin as God decreed. Because God loved Adam and Eve, His long-range plan of **Restoration** was immediately implemented — a plan including Redemption and Reconciliation to bring Adam's race back into divine favor and into a perfect creation that would pulse ever in harmony with God's laws that the human race rebels against. God's plan of reconciliation began with the death of at least two animals whose skins God used to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness, and whose blood was accepted as an atonement for their sin. Read Gen. 3:21; Heb. 9:22.

#### **THE BIRTHRIGHT & BLESSING RESTORED.**

Using the Garden of Eden symbolically, it fully epitomizes what God will create all over this whole planet thru His wise, carefully implemented work of Restoration thru Jesus Christ. When Christ returns and establishes His literal kingdom to rule this world for 1000 years, the earth's curse will be lifted, and this whole earth will be a Paradise not unlike the Garden of Eden. **Unregenerate sons of Adam seek to build a Paradise upon earth apart from God's plan of Restoration**, but every effort crumbles into the ruin and debris that covers the face of this planet — mute testimony to sinful man's failing ability to build a Para-

dise without Restoration back into God's divine favor thru obedience to His laws, and thru Jesus Christ, the Restorer of the lost birthright and inheritance.

The Birthright and the Inheritance of a first-born in Christ will be regained only by those who are reconciled to God by His Masterpiece of Restoration — Jesus Christ. Read carefully Rom. 8:28-34.

## **b** GOD'S PROPHETS — A MESSAGE OF RESTORATION.

### **DISCUSSION.**

God's holy prophets of the Old Testament foresaw by Holy Ghost revelation the need and urgency of Restoration long before the crises caused by Backsliding and Apostasy became epidemic in Christ's end-time church, rendering it spiritually impotent, anemic, and helpless. The Apostle Peter declared: Restitution has been preached by all God's holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:21.

### **LIVING PROPHECIES OF RESTORATION.**

**Joel** prophesied of the end-time Restoration: "And I will **Restore** the years that the locust hath eaten." Joel 2:25.

**Isaiah** prophesied thusly: "And I will **Restore** thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning." Isa. 1:26.

**Jeremiah** prophesied of future Restoration: "For I will **Restore** health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord." Jer. 30:17.

**Isaiah** also clearly reveals the need of Restoration: "But this is a people robbed and spoiled: they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, **Restore.**" Isa. 42:22.

**David** prophetically proclaimed: "He **Restoreth** my soul." Psa. 23:3.

**Isaiah** foretold of **Restoration** to Christ's lukewarm, end-time church during a period of spiritual darkness and persecution: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. **For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;** but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1-2.

**Malachi** prophesied of a future **Restoration**, vital and marvelous to this generation of the end-time: "Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet **before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers (i.e., parents) to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4:5-6. This promised Restoration — children

reconciled to parents, parent reconciled to parent, whole families restored, is one of the greatest results of the mighty, soon-coming Restoration! Study Luke 1:15-17 carefully.

**Jesus, history's mightiest prophet, prophesied of Reconciliation and Restoration:** (1) "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel," (Mark 1:14-15) **Reconciliation!** (2) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:17-18) — **Restoration!**

### **☐ GOD'S SPECIAL MESSENGER OF RESTORATION: JESUS CHRIST.**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The prophet's prediction of God's special messenger was: "Behold, I will send my messenger (Christ), and he (John Baptist) shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord (Christ), whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the **messenger of the covenant**, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming (i.e., at Christ's first advent)? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap." Mal. 3:1-2. God's messengers of the End-time message of Restoration can only be prophets, holy men of God who are as inflexible as Jesus and John the Baptist against the sins and ungodliness in Christ's lukewarm, world-conforming end-time church.

#### **WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS AND ALL OTHER PROPHETS WHO PREACHED RESTORATION?**

Answer: They were brutally maligned and killed! "Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute." Luke 11:49. And, Jesus was brutally put to death. **What will happen to the End-time prophets of Restoration who preach and teach God's last message** — those who attempt to Restore Christ's Church to its First Love, to True Holiness, to Repentance, to Real Holy Ghost Power, to the Fear of God, and to Divine Unity? Answer: They will be martyred by the Rebels of this End-time Sick Society — by professing Christians who will also be the jury that convicts them. Cf. Rev. 16:6; John 16:1-4.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Isa. 40:1-4	Psa. 2:7-9	Matt. 22:1-14	Luke 22:28-30
Isa. 35:1-10	Mic. 5:1-8	Matt. 25:1-13	Luke 19:11-27
Isa. 9:6-7	Isa. 64:4	Matt. 25:14-30	Rev. 2:26-29
Isa. 26:9	Eph. 5:25-27	Matt. 25:31-46	Rev. 20:4-6

**MEMORIZATION:**

Rev. 11:3-6	Eph. 4:11-12	II Tim. 4:3-4	Rev. 2:26-29
Rev. 3:14-17	Acts 4:32	I Tim 4:1-3	Isa. 66:5
Rev. 2:4-5	Rev. 13:7	Dan. 7:21-22	Dan. 12:9-10

**NOTES:**

## PART B. RESTORATION OF THE EARTH — THE CURSE LIFTED.

### I. THE ULTIMATE IN RESTORATION.

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

**b.** “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” Rev. 21:1.

**c.** “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up . . . Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” II Peter 3:10-13.

### SUMMARY.

“And he that sat upon the throne (God) said, **Behold, I make all things new.**” Rev. 21:5.

- (1) **The earth shall yield its strength.** Remember the curse God put upon Adam and his descendants: “Cursed is the ground for thy sake . . . Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.” Gen. 3:17-18. The earth **Restored** is described thusly: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.” Amos 9:13.
- (2) **The whole earth will have one language.** “For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent.” Zeph. 3:9.
- (3) **The whole earth will have only One Religion.** “And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one . . . And every nation shall even go up to Jerusalem from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts . . .” Zech. 14:9, 16. Read also verses 17-21. Study esp. Micah 4:1-5; Zech. 8:20-23.
- (4) **There will be no wars or violence.** When Jesus returns to rule this world for 1000 years, “He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords (i.e., weapons) into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” Micah 4:3.
- (5) **Every Creature will be gentle.** “And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will

break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.” Hosea 2:18.

**ALSO:** “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; **and a little child shall lead them.** And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: (Here’s the reason why) for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” Isa. 11:6-9.

- (6) **No More Death or Sorrow!** “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” I Cor. 15:26. Also: “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” Rev. 20:14. Then **Restoration to Perfection:** “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: **for the former things are passed away.**” Rev. 21:4. This consummates Restoration of the Lost Inheritance to God’s True Elect.

## SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Isa. 25:7-8  
Hab. 2:14

Isa. 65:17-25  
Isa. 11:1-10

I Cor. 15:50-56  
Rev. 2:7

Rev. 20:10-15  
Rev. 22:14

## II. RESTORATION TO ISRAEL.

### DISCUSSION:

The apostles of Jesus Christ asked this pragmatic question of Him on the day of His Ascension: “Lord, wilt thou at this time **Restore again** the kingdom to Israel?” Acts 1:6. The truth in answer to this serious matter to all Israelites was: Jesus Christ, God’s messenger bearing God’s message of Restoration, (that is, God’s conditions to Israel for the establishment of Christ’s kingdom,) himself sitting on the throne of David (Read Luke 1:31-33), was rejected and slain — so, Restoration of the Davidic Monarchy was postponed, and Israel was rejected by God until the times of Restitution (Restoration) of all things. Now, Reconciliation must proceed Restoration to Israel. Study Rom. 11:18-25.

**a.** God’s mighty, prophesied end-time **Restoration** to Israel has begun. “When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in His glory.” Psa. 102:16. This work of God’s Spirit began in 1948.

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



For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown . . . And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.” Ezekiel 36:8-9, 35. This is literally being fulfilled before the eyes of all nations. But why does God seemingly play favorite with Israel? “Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name’s sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen whither ye went.” Ezekiel 36:22. God is fulfilling a promise to Abraham and David. Acts 2:30; Rom. 9:6-14.

Restoration of Israel back to divine favor, and to the center of world government and culture, with Christ ruling from the throne of David, is thusly summarized in New Testament prophecy of their end-time **Restoration**: “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant (a holy remnant, i.e.) shall be saved. For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” Rom. 9:27-28.

Also: “For if the casting away of them (i.e., Israel) be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?” Rom. 11:15. Read in connection with this, Ezekiel 37:1-28.

### **c. JEHOVAH (GOD’S) WIFE RESTORED.**

- (1) “Thus saith the Lord, where is the bill of your mother’s (i.e., Israel’s) divorcement, whom I have put away? . . . for your transgressions is your mother put away.” Isa. 50:1.
- (2) Also: “**For thy Maker is thine husband** (i.e., God the Father); the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.” Isa. 54:5-6.
- (3) Here is the prophetic revelation of the **Restoration** of Jehovah’s Bride back to Himself: “Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband; let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts. (This is the cause of God’s rejection. Further, we see the **Restoration** of Israel symbolically as Jehovah’s wife) . . . Behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her . . . And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; Yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord.” Hosea 2:2, 14, 19-20.

All this promised **Restoration** will be the result of the Great Tribulation and Antichrist oppression of 3½ years. Symbolism, allegories

and parables are God's manner of revealing His full prophetic, Biblical Plan of **Restoration**.

“For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim (spanning a period of about 2600 years): Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king (i.e., Christ, symbolically): and shall fear the Lord and his goodness **in the latter days.**” Hosea 3:4-5.

- (4) At Christ's return, He will save His true elect of Israel from the Antichrist's slaughter. Read Micah 5:1-8. “And this man shall be the peace (i.e., Christ), when the Assyrian (i.e., the Antichrist, symbolically) shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces.” verse 5. In Old Testament symbolism, the Assyrian is the Antichrist prophetically. Historically, the Assyrian is Sennacherib, the terrible barbaric invader of Israel. Cf. Isa. 36 & 37.

### SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Isa. 10:5-6	Isa. 31:5	Psa. 132:11	Zech. 13:8-9
Isa. 10:24-25	Isa. 62:1-7	Amos 9:11	Zech. 14:1-4
Isa. 11:1-10	Isa. 65:17-19	Joel 3:1-2	Zech. 12:1-3
Isa. 14:24-27	Psa. 122:6	Mal. 4:1-3	Zech. 12:8-11

### III. RESTORATION OF THE STOLEN BIRTHRIGHT.

#### SUMMARY.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus uses the younger of the father's two sons to characterize the loss and subsequent **Restoration** to a lost Birthright and Inheritance as of a firstborn son. This is Christ's object lesson in the analogy of a Christian's Birthright under grace. Throughout all dispensations until Christ, only the elder son was the heir of all things which his father possessed. In Christ, all sons of God can be the firstborn, or heir to share an inheritance with Christ. Read Luke 15:11-32.

#### THE ELDER SON.

Notice: The father said to the elder son, “Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.” verse 31. However, when the wasteful son had repented and was reconciled to his father, the father commanded: “Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him: and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.” verse 22. **This was an act of Restoration** — first, Reconciliation to his father, then Restoration to sonship afterwards which included **Restoration** to his lost birthright, and finally,

**Restoration** to the lost inheritance and blessing. What were the conditions of **Reconciliation** and **Restoration**? Answer: Submission and Repentance! Verses 18-19.

### **ADAM & EVE LOST IT.**

Man's birthright and inheritance were lost in the Garden of Eden for Adam's family and all succeeding generations. The only way to regain it, to be Restored to it, is thru accepting Christ as Lord and Master, which comes only by True and Full Repentance. **Pardon and Reconciliation are the first steps back to a full Restoration.**

- (1) "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Cor. 15:22.
- (2) "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12.

The whole truth is: The devil stole man's birthright!

### **CHRIST CAME TO RESTORE THE STOLEN BIRTHRIGHT.**

The Proclamation:

- (1) "I came to call sinners to Repentance." Matt. 9:13.
- (2) "He (God) hath sent me to preach deliverance to the (devil's) captives." Luke 4:18.
- (3) "The Son of man is come to seek and to save (i.e., **to Restore**) that which was lost." Luke 19:10.
- (4) Jesus proclaimed: "The thief (i.e., the devil) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:10.

Study also the parable of the Lost Sheep — Luke 15:1-7.

- (5) "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren." Rom. 8:29. Every true Christian can now have the birthright of a Firstborn son — **Restoration!**
- (6) "And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith (i.e., God the Father), And let all the angels of God worship him (Christ)." Heb. 1:6. Christ, the Father's Firstborn, has included every true, adopted son of God into His inheritance — a **Restoration of the Birthright and the Blessing.**

**HOWEVER, GOD GIVES A WARNING:**

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God (Here we should stop and ponder the great lesson from this profound word of caution from the Holy Ghost); lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled: Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat **sold his birthright**. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, **he was rejected**: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” Heb. 12:15-17.

**Here is the application:** Most professing Christians are very similar to Esau — they love the blessing of their birthright in Christ, but they hate the responsibility of the birthright itself! What is the Responsibility? To live a Holy, Godly, Sanctified, Repented life! No wonder the scriptures declare: “Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.” Rom. 9:13.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT BIRTHRIGHT, A TYPE!**

- (1) “And they sat before him, **the firstborn** according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth.” Gen. 43:33.
- (2) God commanded: “**The firstborn** of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.” Exodus 22:29.
- (3) “Now the sons of Reuben **the firstborn** of Israel, (for he was the firstborn: but forasmuch as he defiled his father’s bed, **his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel**: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright . . . the birthright was Joseph’s). I Chron. 5:1-2.

**WARNING:** Esau and Reuben, God’s designated birthright holders, became profane, and they desecrated their birthright; and so, it was taken from them — because God rejected them. And thusly, any profane, arrogant, rebellious Birthright holder in Christ will be rejected and disinherited!! Study John 15:106; Heb. 3:12-14; 6:4-6. “Thus Esau despised his birthright” (Gen. 25:34); how tragic!

- (4) Ephraim sinned away the Birthright also (Joseph’s Son). “Ephraim shall be broken, that it be not a people.” Isa. 7:8. Also: “And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.” Jer. 7:15.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY.**

Gen. 27:19-37	Isa. 14:30	Luke 2:7	II Cor. 6:1-2
Exodus 4:22	Jer. 31:9	Rom. 8:15	Heb.12:23
Rom. 11:18-24	Exod. 32:31-33	Jude 12	II Pet. 2:20-22

### **a. REDEMPTION — THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

- (1) “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” I Peter 1:18-19.
- (2) “But by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal Redemption for us.” Heb. 9:12.

**Redemption Means:** “The act of buying back or setting free by paying a ransom; to pay a penalty to redeem or get back something — an atonement.”

- (3) “Christ Jesus gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” I Tim. 2:6.
- (4) Old Testament Redemption.

“And almost all things are by the law (of Moses) purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission (of sin).” Heb. 9:22.

“For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.” Heb. 13:11-12.

The animal sacrifices offered by those living under the law of Moses were a shadow and figure of Jesus — the Lamb of God, **dying for our Redemption**. Read Heb. 10:1-4, 11-22.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Ex. 12:12-13	Mark 10:45	Heb. 9:11-14	Eph. 2:13
Lev. 16:18-19	Eph. 1:7	I Cor. 6:19-20	I John 1:7
Luke 21:28	Col. 1:14-20	Rev. 1:5-6	Rev. 1:17-18
Rev. 5:9	Isa. 53:5-6	I Cor. 1:30	Luke 2:36-38

### **b. RECONCILIATION — CHRIST’S ATONEMENT.**

- (1) **To Reconcile means** “To settle a quarrel; to bring back into harmony; to make submissive or acquiescent to.”

**RECONCILIATION UNDER THE LAW.** “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**” Lev. 17:11.

**Atonement means** “At-one-ment with God again. The act of atoning; to make amends; Jesus’ act of redemption in suffering and dying to bring about man’s reconciliation to God.”

**To wit:** “**For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received **the atonement!**” Rom. 5:10-11.

**ALSO:** “And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled** us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation:** To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us **the word of reconciliation**. . . We pray you in Christ’s stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**” II Cor. 5:18-20.

### **SUMMARY:**

Redemption, Reconciliation, and Atonement are works of God’s marvelous grace through Jesus Christ upon a truly penitent sinner, to establish friendly relations between that sinner and God. This is the first step of **Restoration** back to Sonship and the Lost Birthright which constitutes the earnest of our Inheritance — God’s promise of the full blessing and Restoration awaits every True and Faithful Christian, conditional upon our continuous Obedience to God’s Word: “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.” Heb. 3:6, 14. Study Eph. 1:12-14.

**ALSO:** “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he **reconciled** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard.**” Col. 1:21-23.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Lev. 3:1-17	Lev. 8:15, 34	I Sam. 21:3	Eph. 2:17
Lev. 4:20	Lev. 9:7	II Chron. 29:24	Heb. 2:17
Lev. 5:6	Lev. 16:10-20	Dan. 9:24	Rom. 5:1
Lev. 6:7, 30	Lev. 25:9	II Cor. 5:17-21	Rom. 13:11

### **NOTES:**

## PART C. RESTORATION TO THE END-TIME CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

### DISCUSSION:

**Redemption, Reconciliation, and Atonement are but steps in man's return to full Restoration to his former position, rank, and unimpaired state — not a finality.** Redemption and Reconciliation to God thru the death and blood of Jesus Christ make **full Restoration** possible, for man's return to both the Lost Birthright and the Full Blessing. God warns men in His Word that to begin doesn't constitute arrival.

**The Warning:** "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Cor. 10:12.

**Also:** "Well; because of unbelief they (i.e., Israel) were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee." Rom. 11:20-21.

**Redemption, Reconciliation, and Atonement are but stations in men's conversion, in being brought back in harmony with God thru Jesus Christ — not a destination.** Men Reconciled and Redeemed are but on probation until Restoration — they must live a life consistent with and obedient to God's laws.

**BIBLE EVIDENCE.** "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, **not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.**" I Peter 1:13-14.

**ALSO:** "Therefore brethren (i.e., Christians), we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die (i.e., spiritually): but if ye through the (help of the) Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Rom. 8:12-13.

### THE STEPS BACK TO RESTORATION.

The worldly, lukewarm, Laodicean Church of Jesus Christ may be Redeemed, but it must be Reconciled back into divine favor with God, and Restored back to God's Holiness, Divine Unity, Holy Ghost Power, its first Love, the fear of God, and to obedience to the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

### SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 8:10-15	I Tim. 4:1-2	Heb. 10:26-27	I Pet. 1:2, 22
Matt. 24:8-12	II Tim. 3:1-7	Heb. 10:38-39	I Pet. 1:7-9
Luke 21:34	Heb. 3:6	James 1:22	II Pet. 1:3-4
I Tim. 5:6	Heb. 4:11	James 5:19-20	Rev. 1:4-5

## I. CONDITIONS THAT NECESSITATE RESTORATION TO CHRIST'S CHURCH.

### a. Statistics of Failure to Effectively Evangelize.

- (1) Protestants comprise almost the whole body of Jesus Christ — that is, the Real Christians.
- (2) The number of Protestants is approximately the same today as it was in 1830, although the world's population has quadrupled since.
- (3) Only 5% of Africa, 3% of Latin America, and 1% of Asia are professing Christians.
- (4) 90% of all Protestants are among the 9% who speak English.
- (5) 94% of all ordained ministers in the world minister to the 9% whose mother tongue is English — 6% minister to the other 91% of the world's people.
- (6) The average Protestant gives 3% of his income for the support of the church and charity.
- (7) 96% of all church funds are used to bring the gospel to the 9% who speak English — 4% is used to carry the gospel to the other 91% of the world's people.
- (8) Buddhism and Mohammedism are in the upsurge of revival universally. Why? The Church is sick and almost dead spiritually. There must be Restoration before Jesus Christ returns! Effective World Evangelization is impossible without Restoration!
- (9) America's professing Christians spend 1/10 of 1% of their total income to spread the gospel to the have-not nations of our world — American Communists spend 38% of their gross income to further their cause.
- (10) There are still more than half the people in this old lost world that do not know the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

### THE ROAD BACK TO DIVINE FAVOR.

The church of Jesus Christ must Repent of its spiritual lethargy, selfishness, and world-conformity to a sick and pagan society that it is largely responsible for, before it is accepted back to divine favor, and it becomes eligible for Restoration.

The divine command to God's true servants: "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions . . . and their sins." Isa. 58:1. ALSO: "Teach my people the difference between the holy and



profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.” Study Ezekiel 44:23; 22:26; Lev. 10:10; II Cor. 6:14-18.

### DISCUSSION:

**“Thou hast left thy first love — Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead — so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. . . Be zealous therefore, and repent.”** Rev. 2 & 3. These rebukes from Jesus Christ characterize his end-time church, also this prophetic prognostication of end-time professing Christians: “They shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables (i.e., phony testimonials and religious talk shows).” II Tim. 4:3-4. **Most professing Christians love soothsaying preachers who will tickle their ears with sweet nothings — not the whole Truth of God’s Word.**

#### **b.** A True Analogy.

- (1) The church of the end-time is playing, not praying.
- (2) The end-time “saints“ are feasting, not fasting.
- (3) The church is dead spiritually — “She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.” I Tim. 5:6.
- (4) The Church uses politics for power with God.
- (5) The Church is hopelessly divided — it uses man-made organization for divine unity.
- (6) The end-time Church exalts man-made creeds above Christ and the Truth of God’s Word.
- (7) Christ’s last days’ disciples are lukewarm and world-conforming, and God will not accept them until they Repent.
- (8) The Church and its preachers are mostly weak and blind.
- (9) The Church today uses Formality for Faith and Hootenannies for Holy Ghost Revival.
- (10) The Church of today in general does not possess the Real Love of God — “This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.” I John 5:3.
- (11) There is a famine in the end-time churches for hearing the Word of God. Amos 8:11-13.

## SUMMARY:

The prophet Joel prophesied of our end-time lukewarmness and spiritual bankruptcy thusly: “He (i.e., the devil) hath laid my vine waste and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away. . . The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted; the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. . . the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field are withered: **because joy is withered away from the sons of men. . . Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, Yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?** The seed are rotten under their clods. . . the rivers of waters are dried up. . . Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord.” Joel 1:7-20.

## II. A VIVID DIAGNOSIS.

- (1) Joel 1:6. “A nation is come up upon my land, strong and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.” A lion in scriptural symbolism is the devil — I Pet. 5:8 — “Many lions” indicate an army of demons or spiritual parasites.
- (2) “Fig Tree:” A type of Divine Healing; but alas, the fig tree is barked and dead (in the church). (Isa. 38:21).
- (3) “The meat offering and drink offering”: It is the unadulterated Word of God. Read John 6:53-56. It is cut off from the house of the Lord by pantywaist preachers who are compromisers and soothsayers.
- (4) “The Field is wasted:” The field is the world — Matt. 13:37-39 — so the land mourneth, because the harvest is perishing.
- (5) “The corn is wasted:” The Word of God is the seed or corn. Luke 8:11; Read Esp. Mark 4:26-29. Preachers are wasting the Word of God — so are Christians.
- (6) “The new wine is dried up”: This is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in symbolism. Acts 2:13. This is a true analogy!
- (7) “The oil languisheth”: This is the Holy Ghost anointing which is also typified by the anointing oil upon the priests of Israel. Read Psa. 133; I Sam. 10:9; Isa. 10:27; I John 2:27.

- (8) “The harvest of the field is perished” (verse 11), means that the unsaved are not being won to Christ, but are being “Bewitched” and lost! Matt. 9:36-38; John 4:35; Jer. 8:20; Acts 8:9-11.
- (9) “The vine is dried up”, verse 12, symbolically says: The life of Jesus Christ is not being manifested in the lives of professing Christians. Jesus is the vine, Christians are the branches. Study John 15:1-6.
- (10) “The fig tree (i.e., divine healing in the church) languisheth; the pomegranate tree (symbolizes the 9 Gifts of the Spirit), the palm tree also (symbolizes the rest a Christian can obtain in the Holy Ghost), and the apple tree (symbolizes the 9 Fruit of the Spirit) . . . are **withered**; because joy is **withered away** from the sons of men.” Joel 1:12.

### DISCUSSION:

The prophecy of the book of Joel in Chapters 1 & 2 is all directed to the church of the end-time: cf. Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 28-32.

**Notice carefully:** Chapter 1 is a prediction of the terrible barrenness, weakness, and distress that grips the church of Jesus Christ of the end-time, written in prophetic symbolism and allegories. **The Holy Ghost cries out to the preachers of the end-time church: “Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers. . . because the harvest of the field is perished.”** Joel 1:11.

### **a.** VITAL OBJECTS OF GOD’S RESTORATION — PREACHERS!

But Alas, God’s prophet also foretold: “For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one is given to covetousness (i.e., selfishness); and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealth falsely. . . were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed (i.e., the preachers), neither could they blush. . . Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein. . . **But they said, We will not walk therein.**” Jer. 6:13-16.

Joel 2 is a prophetic preview of the **Restoration** of the church during a time of great persecution (i.e., reproach) and travail (verses 1-11); the church in repentance with weeping and fasting (verses 12-17). **Restoration** is fulfilled — verses 18-32, to wit: “And I will **Restore** to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.” verse 25. The similes of the Song of Solomon are perfect types of the prophecy of Joel, Chapter 1.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Ex. 15:27	Songs 1:6	Songs 4:13-15	Songs 8:1-5
Isa. 28:11-12	Songs 2:1-3	Songs 6:11	II Pet. 2:1-3
Matt. 11:28-30	Songs 2:13	Songs 7:7-13	Jude 11-13

- (11) “Joy is withered away from the sons of men.” Two terrible words are used by the prophet to describe the deadness of the End-time Church — **Withered** and **Languished**!

**To Languish means:** “To lose vigor or vitality; fail in health; become weak; to droop; to lose intensity.”

**To Wither means:** “To dry up; shrivel, to weaken; languish; a wilting as an apple withering on the bough.”

**Today’s church has withered — the fruit are there, but the vine and the fruit are withered like a prune.**

- (12) “Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, Yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?” verse 16. The answer is Yes! The meat of God’s Word is not being taught to God’s people, and so joy, and all the Fruit of the Spirit are withered. Study I Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12-14; Gal. 4:19-20.
- (13) “The seed is rotten under their clods.” Joel 1:17. The seed is the Word of God, and even the good seed of the Word of God cannot germinate, grow, and bear fruit unless sown in Righteousness and Tears which melt the clods in hardened hearts. Study carefully: Hos. 10:12; Jer. 4:3; Psa. 126:5-6; Luke 8:5-8.
- (14) “The rivers of waters are dried up.” Joel 1:20. This typifies the power of the Holy Ghost in the Spirit-filled believers. The power, the source of their strength, has dried up or withered away. **Jesus Himself used “rivers of living waters” as the symbol of Holy Ghost power.** Study John 7:37-39. The Full Gospel, Pentecostal, and Fundamental churches are filled with weak, cold, and powerless Christians — and, Preachers!

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Jer. 23:28-29	John 6:63	Heb. 4:12	I John 2:14
Psa. 107:11-20	John 3:31-36	Matt. 12:33	I Pet. 1:23
Hos. 10:1	Matt. 15:6-9	Isa. 5:1-7	I Pet. 2:2

**b. Qualifications of a Restorer.****DISCUSSION:**

- (1). “Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? . . . Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer thee. . . And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, **The Restorer of paths to dwell in.**” Isa. 58:6-12. Study all of this scripture carefully.
- (2). “**I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.**” Psa. 35:13.
- (3). “Therefore also now, saith the Lord (i.e., as we see the coming of the Lord drawing near), turn ye even to me with all your heart, and **with fasting**, and with weeping, and with mourning. . . Blow the trumpet in Zion, **sanctify a fast**, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people. . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar. . . Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people. . . And I will send you corn, and wine, and oil. . . The tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. . . And I will **Restore** to you the years that the locust hath eaten. . . ” Joel 2:11-25. Study all these verses carefully in relationship to the diagnosis of Chapter 1. **Restoration** will be fully implemented and accomplished by holy men and women of God who will be anointed by the Holy Ghost thru much fasting and prayer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Matt. 9:14-15  
Matt. 17:18-21

Acts 10:30  
Acts 13:1-3

Acts 9:9  
Esther 4:16

Psa. 69:10  
Psa. 109:23-25

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**PART D. ECUMENICISM: COUNTERFEIT & PHONY RESTORATION.****DISCUSSION:**

Ecumenicism is a false unification or Restoration movement to unify all religious and church organizations into the World Council of Churches and finally into the prophesied World Church of Revelation, Chapter 17. All roads of Unification lead to Rome, a return to the Papacy of all Protestant Church Organizations, the Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches, together with many other religious groups.

**However, Unification is not Restoration!** The Antichrist and False Prophet will arise out of the Ecumenical Movement and the resulting World Church of religious apostates. The two Anointed Ones (Zech. 4:11-14 & Rev. 11:3-13) will rise up out of the True Church of Jesus Christ and challenge the False Prophet and the Antichrist. These two Anointed Ones will preach God's True Message of Reconciliation — while the two super Deceivers will preach a lie — Unification!

**a. Unification.**

- (1) “And it was given unto him (i.e., The Antichrist) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Rev. 13:7-8.
- (2) “Whose coming (i.e., Antichrist's) is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. . . God shall send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie (the antichrist's lie).” II Thess. 2:9-12.
- (3) “I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast. . . And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. . . ” Rev. 17:3-6. A woman in Bible prophetic symbolism is a church — so, this woman symbolizes the corrupt, the rapidly developing World Church that is unified upon the rejection of God's Word. This church system, headed by the Pope, will barbarically persecute God's true, blood-washed saints — **before** Jesus Christ will return!

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

Rev. 13:11-15	II Thess. 2:1-12	Dan. 7:19-25	Dan. 11:31-39
Matt. 24:8-14	I John 4:1-6	Dan. 12:7-10	Rev. 18:1-5

**b. Restoration.**

- (1) “And the hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which

was full of bones. . . and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. . . So I prophesied as I was commanded.” Ezekiel 37:1-7. Thru the prophesying of God’s prophet, the dry bones or dead church was **Restored**.

**Remember:** :“There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.” Rom. 10:12.

Also: “For by one Spirit are we baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been made to drink into one Spirit.” I Cor. 12:13.

- (2) “Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain (i.e., the last days outpouring of the Holy Ghost); so the Lord shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field (i.e., **Restoration**). For the idols (i.e., idolized preachers) have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they (God’s people) went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd (i.e., a true Shepherd). Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats.” Zech. 10:1-3. God will soon begin to severely judge careless and hireling preachers! Read Ezekiel 34:1-10.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Very soon, church organizations will become a part of the World Church, then God’s little flocks of true saints will be forced to unite because of the violent opposition directed by that Counterfeit Church, masquerading as the True Church of Jesus Christ. True Unity, Holiness, Holy Ghost Power, the First Love, and all the Fruit of the Spirit will be Restored to Christ’s True Church — every division between the divided saints of God will be healed, every heresy ejected.

### **MEMORIZE THIS VITAL SCRIPTURE:**

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted (i.e., turned back again), that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord (i.e., in the time of reviving that which is withered); And he (i.e., God the Father) shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times of restitution (i.e., **times of Restoration**) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:19-21.

**GLORIOUS RESTORATION.**

Remember: **Restoration** is to turn the hearts of the children to their parents, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the coming of the Lord. Luke 1:17. The spiritual climate is worsening daily while Christ's Church sleeps and revels. **The church is now nearing the Gathering Storm, a 3½ year period of Revival & Restoration.** What will the Church encounter: The Antichrist's persecution amid God's divine judgments and world-wide terrorism. "Through much tribulation we shall enter into the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22. Jesus also warned: "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted." Matt. 24:9.

Don't look now, but when all prophetic signs are fulfilled, Jesus said, "Then look up, for your Redemption (the glorious part of **Restoration**) draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

I John 3:1-3  
Matt. 24:8-13

Psa. 51:12  
Dan. 7:21-22

Hab. 3:1-2  
John 16:33

II Tim. 3:12  
Mark 13:12.

The End.

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