

“Thus you shall say to the **house of Jacob**, and tell **the children of Israel**: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, **IF YOU** will indeed **obey My voice** and **keep My covenant**, **then YOU** shall be a **special treasure to Me** above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And **YOU** shall be to Me **a kingdom of priests** and **a holy nation**.’ These are the words which you shall speak to **the children of Israel**.” ~ Exodus 19:3-6 (NKJV)

“But **YOU** are **a chosen generation**, **a royal priesthood**, **a holy nation**, **His own special people**, that **YOU** may proclaim **the praises of Him** who called you out of darkness **into His marvelous light**; who **once were not a people** but are **now the people of God**, who had **not obtained mercy** but now **have obtained mercy**.” ~ 1 Peter 2:9-11 (NKJV)

“Thus the **children of Israel** did **NOT** remember **the LORD their God**, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side...” ~ Judges 8:34 (NKJV)

## ***A message to the body of Christ on September 11, 2013***

Today as we commemorate the 12th anniversary of 9-11, may we take a moment of silence and pray for the families who lost their loved ones both in the attacks and in the heroic efforts to save innocent lives on that tragic day, twelve (12) years ago, when terror gripped the minds and hearts of the people in America.

In addition, since we are commemorating the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11, the number twelve (12) Biblically speaking, represents the number of God’s governmental perfection (i.e. there were 12 tribes of Israel; 12 Apostles, 12 foundations in the heavenly Jerusalem; 12 gates; 12 pearls; 12 angels).

Furthermore, we are entering the final countdown of man’s self rule on the earth and God’s people need to be taught who we are in Jesus Christ which has everything to do with the **everlasting** covenant God established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)—the patriarchs of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moreover, we need to be taught what a covenant is, what the terms and conditions of the New Covenant are that we entered into when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant which was sealed (ratified) by His blood.

So let’s first learn what a covenant is. The word “*covenant*” is referenced 315 times in the Bible and is a written contract (compact), which is sealed (ratified) **in blood** and the agreement is all-inclusive—meaning that everything that belongs to one party belongs to the other party as well. Therefore, all covenants are an agreement, or an oath, pledge, or promise which is legally binding.

In addition, according to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* Number **H1285** the word for “*covenant*” is the Hebrew word “*bĕriyth*” which is from *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon* Number **H1262** which means (in **the sense of cutting**

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(like [H1254](#))); a **compact** (which is made **by passing between pieces of flesh**) - confederacy, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, league.

In the New Testament the King James Version does **not** use the word “**covenant**” with respect to the New Covenant. Instead, the King James Version uses the word “**testament**” which according to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon Number G1242* is the Greek word “**diathēkē**” (διαθήκη) pronounced *dee-ath-ay'-kay* which is from [G1303](#); properly a *disposition*, that is, (specifically) a **contract** (especially a **devisory will**): - **covenant, testament**.

Therefore, the definition of a covenant God establishes with His people is a solemn, binding, legal agreement or promise, sealed with blood between two or more parties. God’s covenants have either blessings associated with keeping His covenant or curses associated with it for breaking His covenant. And, God always honors His end of His Covenants, even though His people do not.

As a matter of fact, this is one of the primary reasons why we are witnessing the rapid demise of our beloved nation. God’s people have broken covenant with Him by **not** living according to the terms and conditions of the contract we entered into under the New Covenant when we accepted His Son, Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. What are the terms and conditions of the contract (covenant) Jesus Christ is the mediator of? In order to establish the New Covenant with us Jesus gave His own life and shed His precious blood in order to become the mediator between us and our heavenly Father—Yahweh. However, since a covenant is a legally binding contract between two or more people, we now need to define what our terms and conditions of **keeping**, not receiving, this covenant is. God’s people are expected to obey His voice and His Laws found in His Word!

And, until we sincerely REPENT and turn from our wicked ways, back to Yahweh, our Creator and heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, by **living** according to His Word, things will continue to get progressively worse for America, just like it did for ancient Israel!

Unfortunately, for most, it takes great pain to change from our wicked ways and God has been long suffering and patient for His people to heed all the warnings to REPENT and stop sinning. What must God, our Creator, allow and do to get our attention sisters and brothers in Christ?

What is about to unfold will make 9-11 look like Boy Scout activity on our current path **if** we do **not** stop sinning and REPENT by returning back to our first love—Jesus Christ and our heavenly Father Yahweh, our Creator. The only way you and your family will survive with what is about to take place on the **global** scene is to get right with God now!

Moreover, recently in prayer, I asked the Lord why, with all the sermons and Bible studies going on in churches all across America, His people do **not** put into practice what they read and study in His Word. His response to me is because many of His people have lost the reverential fear of God Almighty because they have been taught these water downed sermons which tolerates sin in the body of Christ! Moreover, they are taught mostly about

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the blessings associated with keeping God's covenants and not about the consequences of breaking God's covenants. Hence, the purpose of this message today.

As I have said before, but bears repeating, God's people are to blame on why we are reaping the consequences of our actions of forsaking and rebelling against God, our Creator, who is the One who gave us certain unalienable rights in the first place. I have continuously said that the spiritual darkness inhabiting the hearts of our elected leaders is a direct result of the spiritual darkness inhabiting the hearts of God's people. And, now I will prove it based on God's Word. Most people want to blame President Obama for the state of our nation, when the truth is—God is using President Obama and others to accelerate the consequences of reaping what His people have sown so we will sincerely REPENT.

As a matter-of-fact, do you know that God will use our elected leaders, even those who oppose Him, as His instruments to bring His judgment to His people because of our spiritual adultery and fornicating with all the other false gods in the land? This is substantiated by Romans 13:1-5 below. Pay particular attention to Romans 13 verse 3 and 4 and 5 below.

***“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”***<sup>2</sup> *Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”* ~ Romans 13:1-2 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> *“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.”*<sup>4</sup> *For he (those in authority) is God's minister to you for good. **But if you do evil, be afraid;** for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, **AN AVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH ON HIM WHO PRACTICES EVIL.***<sup>5</sup> *Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.”* ~ Romans 13:3-5 (NKJV)

Do not miss the significance of what God is saying to His people based on Romans 13:4 which says, “...**But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, AN AVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH ON HIM WHO PRACTICES EVIL.**”

Therefore, if we have leaders in authority which are doing evil, which we do, then based on what this verse is saying it is because God's people are practicing evil and God is allowing His people to reap the consequences of those He placed in authority! In other words, those He has placed in positions of authority are there to execute God's wrath on those who practice evil!

And, the judgment of God always begins in His church which we are seeing and experiencing as perpetuated by our elected officials as they enact rules and laws to persecute God's people. In addition, this goes right in line with what the Holy Spirit revealed to me three days before the last presidential election took place when I asked Page 3 “A message to the body of Christ on September 11, 2013” by Donna M. Rogers, founder of Angel of Love and Light Ministries [www.angeloffaith777.com](http://www.angeloffaith777.com)

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the Lord who would win the election. His response to me was this. *“Who do you think is more likely to bring My people to their knees so they will repent?”*

Therefore, if we believe God’s Word is true, which it is, we must **not** only turn from our wicked ways, we must also pray for our elected leaders so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life! This is based on 1Timothy 2:1-4 below.

*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and **all** who are in authority, **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,...**” ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NKJV)*

Now we will take a look at one of the primary ways we are breaking God’s **everlasting** covenant He established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) referred to as the Abrahamic Covenant which is absolutely relevant to New Covenant believers! Therefore, when His people break covenant with Him, He is no longer obligated to protect us or provide for us. Moreover, He will allow and do whatever it takes so that we will repent and turn back to Him for He desires that no one perishes.

Just like our ancestors, the Israelites, we have broken God’s **everlasting** covenant He established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) whom Jesus Christ was sent by Yahweh to execute (ratify with His blood) and be the mediator of the New Covenant. As a result, believers in Jesus Christ were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior based on Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:7-10 below. Moreover, despite what most teach in the body of Christ, Jesus Christ in no way did away with Yahweh’s law (His instructions found in the Torah) as you will soon realize!

*“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **NEW** covenant with the house of Israel (Ephraim from the House of Jacob-the fullness of the Gentiles) and with the house of Judah (the Jews)—**not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,** says the LORD. But this **IS** the covenant that **I will** make with the house of Israel **after those days,** says the LORD: I will put **My LAW**<sup>1</sup> in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and **I will be their God,** and they shall be My people.” ~ Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon Number H8451* the word **“law”** as used in Jeremiah 3:31-33 above is the Hebrew word **“tôrâh”** which according to *Brown-Driver-Briggs’ Definition* means **law, direction, instruction** 1) instruction, direction (human or divine) 2) body of prophetic teaching 3) instruction in Messianic age 4) body of priestly direction or instruction 5) body of legal directives 6) law 7) law of the burnt offering 8)of special law, codes of law 9) custom, manner 10) **the Deuteronomic or Mosaic Law**

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Moreover, the Apostle Paul says in Hebrews 8:7-10 below that the reason why God established the New Covenant was because Yahweh found fault with them (His people) because they did NOT continue in His covenant He established through the *Law of Moses*, which was a direct result of His covenant Yahweh established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) as it is this **very** day! Therefore, this is why God is holding His people accountable, not the lost, for the state His church which is a direct result of the state of our nation! It is because **we** have broken His **everlasting** covenant with Him based on Hebrews 8:7-10 below. It was NOT the first covenant that was the problem—it was God’s people that were the problem as it is today despite the fact that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood for us to execute (ratify) and be the mediator of the New Covenant.

*“For if that **first covenant** had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. “Because **finding fault with THEM** (Yahweh’s people the Israelites from all twelve tribes of Israel which includes both the Jews from the House of Judah and the Gentiles who were grafted into the House of Israel (Ephraim), He (Yahweh) says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD (Yahweh), when I will make a **NEW covenant** with **the house of Israel** (Ephraim) and **with the house of Judah** (the Jews)— **not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers** (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-Israel) **in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them,** says the LORD (Yahweh). For this **IS the covenant** that I will make **with the house of Israel after** those days, says the LORD (Yahweh). I will put **My LAWS**<sup>2</sup> **in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”** ~ Hebrews 8:7-10 (NKJV)*

<sup>2</sup> According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon Number G3551* the word “**law**” as used in Hebrews 8:7-10 above, is the Hebrew word “**nomos**” which means anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a law, **a command** a) of any law whatsoever 1) **a law or rule producing a state approved of God a) by the observance of which is approved of God 2) a precept or injunction 3) the rule of action prescribed by reason b) of the Mosaic law, and referring, acc. to the context. either to the volume of the law or to its contents c) the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, the moral instruction given by Christ, esp. the precept concerning love d) the name of the more important part (the Pentateuch), is put for the entire collection of the sacred books of the OT**

Oh, my! WOW! The Greek word for “**law**” that the Apostle Paul teaches about that Yahweh will write on the mind and hearts of New Covenant believers is referencing Yahweh’s Torah, which is found in the first five books of the Bible, written by His servant Moses. The Torah is also referred to as the Law of Moses, or the Mosaic Law.

You know the Old Testament part of the Bible, which most Christians are taught was written just for the Jews! The part of the Bible that most Christians are taught no longer applies to New Covenant believers! The part of the Bible that most Christians do **not** even bother to read or study! The part of the Bible that most Christians have been taught that the New Covenant has replaced the Mosaic Covenant, or Law of Moses, that Yahweh

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decreed for all His people for all time to live by! The Torah, which is Yahweh's instructions for **how all** His people, the Gentiles who have been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel from House of Israel (Ephraim) and the Jews from the House of Judah are to live our lives according to while we are on the earth which contains Yahweh's statutes, commandments, precepts, principles, judgments, Sabbaths, Feasts, etc.

Therefore, the New Covenant which Jesus Christ was sent to execute (ratify with His blood) and be the mediator of IS that Yahweh will now write His **Laws** on our minds and our hearts rather than two tablets of stone based on Hebrew 8:10 which says, "***For this IS the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD (Yahweh). I will put My LAWS in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.***"

So why is this message relevant to what led up to 9-11 which was God's Wake Up call to His church? Everything! For we cannot go back in time and change the fate of that dreadful day but we **must** take time to reflect on what may have precipitated this event in the first place. History always repeats itself. As it was in the beginning, so it shall be in the end. As stated in Ecclesiastes, 3:15, "*Whatever has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.*"

We said we would always remember that tragic day, September 11th, when the unthinkable happened. Terror gripped America. As a result, we united as fellow Americans and God was once again sought after with a renewed passion. Now twelve (12) years later, the very existence of our beloved nation is on the verge of extinction. But more importantly, countless souls of His people and the lost are at stake of eternal damnation because we refuse to repent and turn from our wicked ways!

Just like our ancestors, the children of Israel, we did forget what led up to that fateful day on 9-11 and went back to pursuing our own agendas. Once again we have forsaken and rebelled against God, our Creator and His Son Jesus Christ!

Let's take a closer look at what happened to the Hebrew people in the Book of Exodus when they rebelled against God, their creator and heavenly Father Yahweh. When Moses went up to Mount Sinai to receive the two stone tablets inscribed with **some** of the terms and conditions of the **everlasting** covenant God established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel), the Hebrew people started worshiping a false god in outright rebellion against God, their Creator—the Holy One of Israel. Despite all the miracles the Yahweh had performed on their behalf; they grew impatient with how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain.

As a result of their rebellion God's judgment for their disobedience that day was two-fold. Many lost their physical life, but more tragically they would die the second death come judgment day. First we shall review the loss of their physical life due to their disobedience. This account of the consequences of their rebellion and disobedience is detailed in Exodus 32:27-28 below.

*And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his*

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*side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.” So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell (died) that day.” ~ Exodus 32:27-28 (NKJV)*

Need I remind you on 9/11 **about three thousand** lives were lost too? Do you believe this is mere coincidence, or was this a wakeup call for God’s people in America to repent, turn from our wicked ways of rebelling against God, our Creator and His Son Jesus Christ?

Most of you have read the book titled, “*The Harbinger*” by Jonathan Cahn by now, and know that God allowed 9-11 to happen because His people had a severe heart condition that only He could heal. As a result of the events of 9/11 occurring we took notice and immediately sought God’s face. We were given a second chance to change our hardened hearts that has resulted in the spiritual darkness which has permeated every facet of our culture.

However, because we chose not to permanently change our lifestyles and live according to God’s laws, statutes, precepts and commandments found in His Word, our heart condition is now so grave we may not survive. America is flat lining. The only way our beloved nation can be saved is by a heart transplant. God is the only donor who meets the requirements needed to take a hardened, corrupted heart and transform it to its intended purpose—to sustain life. We must submit to the “*Great Physician*” and allow Him to perform this needed surgery.

True restoration of our nation begins with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within the hearts of God’s people! Revival begins in us! In our hearts, our homes, our families, our neighborhoods, our communities, our states, and then our nation!

This is the only form of transforming America we need to embrace. And, if we choose not to submit to this life saving procedure we will surely die. The epitaph on America’s tombstone shall read, “*Perished due to heart failure.*”

Now let’s take a look concerning the second part of God’s judgment for the rebellion of His Hebrew people in Exodus 32:31-35 below which has eternal implications.

*Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” And the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has*

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*sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.* Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. **Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin.**” So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.” ~ Exodus 32:31-35 (NKJV)

You may be thinking that was in the Old Testament and no longer applies because we are New Covenant believers! However, let’s take a look at what Jesus says in the Book of Revelation which is His testimony to the body of Christ who are “*spiritual*” descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

*“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”* ~ Revelation 3:5 (NKJV)

As illustrated by this example in the Book of Exodus, and what Jesus says to us in the Book of Revelation we also will reap for all eternity what we have sown **if** we continue to **willingly** sin when we know the requirements of God’s Word. This is substantiated in 2 Peter 2: 4-11 below.

*“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, (G264 to miss the mark; morally to sin, trespass) but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, (G1343-equity of character or act; specifically Christian justification) bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly (G765- irreverent, that is, (by extension impious or wicked:); and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly (G765-impious or wicked); and delivered righteous (G1342-innocent, holy in character or action) Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct (in the KJV it says filthy conversation) of the wicked (G113-in the sense of enacting; lawless or criminal) (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless (G459-not subject to [the Jewish] law without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked) deeds— then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority (G2963- concretely and collectively rulers: - dominion, government). They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries (G1391-dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship), whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.”* ~ 2 Peter 2:4-11 (NKJV)

**G264** The word “*sinned*” in the Greek is the word “*hamartanō*” pronounced *ham-ar-tan'-o* which is perhaps from **G1** (as a negative particle) and the base of **G3313**; properly **to miss the mark** (and so *not share* in the prize), that is, (figuratively) to *err*, especially **(morally) to sin**: - for your faults, offend, sin, **trespass**.

**G1343** The word “*righteousness*” is the Greek word “*dikaiosunē*” pronounced *dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay* and is from **G1342**; **equity (of character or act)**; specifically (Christian) **justification**: - righteousness.

**G765** The word “*ungodly*” is the Greek word “*asebēs*” pronounced *as-eb-ace'* from **G1** (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of **G4576**; **irreverent, that is, (by extension) impious or wicked**: - ungodly (man).

**G1342** The word “*righteous*” referring to Lot is the Greek word “*dikaios*” pronounced *dik'-ah-yos* from **G1349**; **equitable (in character or act)**; by implication **innocent, holy** (absolutely or relatively): - just, meet, right (-eous).

**G113** The word “*wicked*” is the Greek word “*athesmos*” pronounced *ath'-es-mos* from **G1** (as a negative particle) and a derivative of **G5087** (in the sense of **enacting**); **lawless**, that is, (by implication) **criminal**: - wicked.

**G459** The word “*lawless*” is the Greek word “*anomos*” pronounced *an'-om-os* from **G1** (as a negative particle) and **G3551**; **lawless**, that is, (negatively) **not subject to (the Jewish) law**; (by implication a *Gentile*), or (positively) **wicked**: - without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.

**G2963** The word “*authority*” is the Greek word “*kuriotēs*” pronounced *koo-ree-ot'-ace* from **G2962**; **mastery**, that is, **(concretely and collectively) rulers**: - **dominion, government**.

**G1391** The word “*dignitaries*” is the Greek word “*doxa*” pronounced *dox'-ah* From the base of **G1380**; **glory** (as very *apparent*), in a wide application (literally or figuratively, objectively or subjectively): - dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.

Listen to what the Apostle Paul says in Hebrews 10:26-29 below about what to expect if we willfully sin **after** knowing the knowledge of the truth under the New Covenant. Our punishment will be worse than those under the first covenant, who did not have the Holy Spirit, which gives us God’s grace to be obedient to His commandments.

*“For **if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”** ~ Hebrews 10:26-29 (NKJV)*

Therefore, our name can be blotted from the Book of Life based on Exodus 32:31-35 and Revelation 3:5 because we have broken Yahweh’s **everlasting** covenant that Yahweh established with Abraham, Isaac, and

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Jacob (Israel) and their “*spiritual*” descendants for all time by our rebellion and not obeying His commandments.

Therefore, just because we profess with our mouths we are God children, and disciples of Jesus Christ, there is a lot more to the story that it will take a whole book to convey based on the truth of God’s Word. Stay tuned...I am currently finishing an e-book which I will be releasing in the coming months with a relevant message to the body of Christ concerning this subject of us breaking covenant with God, our Creator, our heavenly Father Yahweh and His one and only begotten Son—Jesus Christ.

Moreover, the Lord has a lot to say to His body of believers in this hour for Jesus Christ is coming back for a bride without spot or blemish and time is very short! And, because of His great love for us, He will not allow us to remain the same for He desires that no one perishes. And, it begins by His people knowing our true identity in Jesus Christ and the terms and conditions of Yahweh’s covenants, which is an **everlasting** covenant that will be consummated in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

And, you will be mortified to learn that those who practice “lawlessness” are those who do not subject themselves to what most in Christendom refer to as “the Jewish law” (Yahweh’s Torah) which is also referred to as the Law of Moses found in the first five books of the Old Testament that many in Christendom believe no longer applies under the New Covenant. This is what Jesus is referring to when He says “*you workers of iniquity*” and “*you who practice lawlessness*” in Luke 13:24-29 and Matthew 7:21-23 respectively.

God’s Word says in Hebrews 13:8, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” Therefore, His Word stands firm for all eternity. And, His Word includes the Torah in the Old Testament referred to as the *Law of Moses* because when Jesus Christ walked the face of the earth during his earthly ministry the New Testament was not written yet. Jesus, the Apostle Paul, and all His disciples, preached and taught only from the Torah and the Book of the Prophets.

Again, the root cause of everything we are facing as a nation is the direct result of us forsaking and rebelling against God, our Creator and His Son Jesus Christ by not living according to His commandments found in His Word! We are quick to blame our leaders in government for the condition of our nation, but the truth is the character of our leaders and the choices they are making are a direct reflection of the state of spiritual darkness inhabiting the hearts of God’s people. We have no one to blame but ourselves as we witness the consequences of our moral, ethical, and the spiritual decay because of our self-serving prideful propensity to do what is right in our own estimation. We arrogantly proclaim we are “*One Nation under God*” and erroneously believe God will still bless America. The question which must be answered is, “America, how are we blessing God?”

We worry and spend millions of dollars to keep terrorists from destroying us and our country, when the truth is; we have become our own worst enemy. We have sold our souls, we have become apathetic, accommodating, tolerant, and politically correct and we embrace the things of this world with indifference. The latest statistics show only 13% of born again Christians believe the Bible is absolute truth. Is it any wonder the church is not

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influencing the culture and the worldview has infected the church? Churches all across our nation have become irrelevant. Why is this happening?

Most Christians have been taught and believe that the New Covenant supersedes or replaces **all** the instructions Yahweh gave His people to live by which was written by Moses in the first five books of the Old Testament called the Torah.

The answer is Christians are not committed to the knowledge of truth based on the **whole** counsel of God's Word, all sixty-six books, and as a result, many are spiritually deceived.

Yet, this is exactly what most in Christendom practice when they don't even bother to read the Old Testament and strictly teach, focus, and live by only those commandments found in the New Testament. It is like taking God's Word and chopping it in half and throwing away the first thirty-nine (39) books of the Old Testament and keeping the last twenty-seven (27) books which comprise the New Testament. I should say 26 books of the New Testament because most Christians avoid teaching, reading, or studying the Book of Revelation like a plague when Revelation 1:3 (NKJV) proclaims, ***"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."*** Moreover, the Book of Revelation is the testimony or revelation of Jesus Christ as our bridegroom, King, and also our judge. Therefore, God's **whole** counsel is based on **all** sixty-six books of the Bible.

In addition, many **professed** born-again Christians do NOT believe God's infallible Word is the absolute truth! We have bought the lies of Satan by embracing the worldview, especially concerning the homosexual agenda, and sexual immorality being embraced, condoned, and even practiced by His Church. And, as a result, God has given many who believe they are His people over to a debased mind as stated in Romans 1:24-32 below. Many of God's people are exhibiting the behaviors outlined in Romans 1:28-32 below. Yet, they profess they are His children.

*"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." ~ Romans 1:24-25 (NKJV)*

*"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." ~ Romans 1:26-27 (NKJV)*

*"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit,*

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evil-mindedness; **they are** whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**” ~ Romans 1:28-32 (NKJV)

Furthermore, we are witnessing the prophetic warning given in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 due the great apostasy coming out of many pulpits across America from men and women who are more concerned with keeping their sheep happy with feel good messages rather than seeking to save their souls.

**“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”** ~ 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NKJV)

And, because many have exchanged the truth of God’s Word for a lie, many who call themselves Christians choose to obey only those scriptures which will NOT affect or interfere with the way they live. How many atheists do you think would believe in God if they didn’t have to change the way they live?

They, like many in the body of Christ, do not want to be accountable to anyone and live and act accordingly. Many professed Christians are using the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ as an excuse **not** to live holy lives.

Again, all sixty-six books of the Bible are the infallible Word of God. We cannot pick and choose those scriptures which are based on OUR truth. Just like a compass automatically points towards the magnetic North in line with the earth’s magnetic field; Christians must learn to automatically turn to God and seek His direction based on His Word in every situation so we are not deceived and taken off course from the narrow path which leads to eternal life. Here is a good rule of thumb, if everyone is teaching it, saying it, or doing it **BEWARE!** For wide is the path which leads to destruction based on what Jesus says to us in Matthew 7:13-14 below, and after all He is the One we are supposed to be following, not our spiritual leaders.

**“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”** ~ Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)

In summary, just as the Hebrew people grew impatient with how long Moses took coming back down the mountain, many in the body of Christ have grown weary waiting for the return of Jesus Christ. Satan has taken advantage of our short attention span and our need for instant gratification. As a result, many people in the body of Christ are in a lukewarm, backsliding relationship with God, our Creator and His Son Jesus Christ.

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Furthermore, many of us who profess we are Christians have given our allegiance to all sorts of false idols. Anything in our lives which replaces God as a priority and consumes most of our attention is an idol. Our faith has been shipwrecked because we live for the moment and we are not driven by eternity. We feel we have adequate time to get right with God. Do not be deceived like the five foolish virgins in Matthew 25. Time is short—get right with God now. Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of Salvation! For we are not promised tomorrow!

Last, but certainly not least, we must finish the race set before us, which includes us occupying and overcoming until the very end of either our physical life or Jesus returns. However, it begins by God's people **living** according to the terms and conditions of the **everlasting** covenant God established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) which was ratified and executed by Jesus Christ when He came to earth the first time. And, by the way, Jesus will **confirm** God's covenant again when He returns to the earth a second time for His bride and to pour out God's wrath on the unrepentant wicked inhabitants on the earth. In addition, not everyone in the body of Christ is the bride of Christ. Like the five wise virgins, the bride of Christ. is only His faithful remnant—those who **keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**