

The Creator, Redeemer, Judge & King Christ as the Center of the 3 Feasts in the 7th Month

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Dear friends. This isn't going to be the typical review of the Jewish holy day known as Tabernacles. There are plenty of resources out there to give you a taste of what others believe this special day represents. As a committed Christian you and I know that all 12 of the main holy days in the Bible (7 annual holy days, 3 Sabbaths, and 2 New Year's Days) are centered on various aspects of the glorious mission of the Son of God – our Savior Yeshua or Jesus Christ. His life's mission has been and is to redeem us, and all of His creation.

Turning to the word of God in scripture and in prayer are two of the best places to start any journey on understanding the holy days. The sad truth, however, is that the Old Testament portion of the Bible, where the holy days are first presented, were written by Jewish scribes who over time removed much of the focus of the holy days on Jesus Christ. It was a deceptive tactic that has proven effective in diminishing him generally. Christ the LORD was rejected, crucified, and selectively removed from much of the prophetic focus of the Old Testament. He and the Bible's focus upon Him and His mission is addressed by Nephi in the Book of Mormon. He stated that many “**plain** and **precious** things” were removed from the Bible as part of a great war taking place in this world. It is a war of who to worship, why, and how. Satan and his followers are waging it against Christ the LORD, His precious truths, and those following them (1 Ne. 13). Nephi and other prophet-writers have attempted to return many of these *simple* and *sacred* **truths** back to us. Their central focus is our LORD Yeshua and His power to save.

There are 3 truths central to Christ's mission that are found in the 3 holy days of the special 7th Sabbath month of Tishri in the Bible. They are His role as (1) the **Creator**, (2) the **Redeemer**, and (3) our **Judge** and **King**. They are the *focus* of the final 3 **fall** holy days in the LORD's Bible calendar! Unlike the three *spring* holy days tied to our LORD's Atonement as the Lamb of God (they have been fulfilled), the three fall holy days are prophetic of what is about to occur in preparation for His return. These three roles are found in (1) *Rosh Hashanah* (Trumpets), (2) *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement), and (3) *Sukkot* (Tabernacles). They occur within 15 days of one another – on day 1, day 10, and days 15-22 respectively, all in the 7th month of Tishri. They are about to be fulfilled in our day.

The three spring holy days were fulfilled in Christ's earthly mission as our Savior in the meridian of time (Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits). Messianic Jews and Christians celebrate them near the spring equinox in connection with His mission as Redeemer. A 4th annual holy day, Pentecost was also fulfilled collectively some 50 days after Firstfruits, in connection with the out pouring of the Holy Spirit. It is something we are all to experience individually today as well - in the “born again” event – as we truly come to Christ. Christ originally came here as the Lamb of God to save us in the spring holy days. When He returns again at the Second Coming - to fulfill the fall holy days - He will do so as a great Lion in the role of our **Judge** and **King**. He will set up His peaceful and just kingdom on the earth in fulfillment of the LORD's prayer, where it says, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:10). This paper addresses His role as **Creator, Redeemer, Judge** and **King** in connection with the coming fulfillment of the three fall holy days.

Turning to The Word

Hereafter we search for gold using scripture. The GOLD is our LORD Jesus within these three holy days. A number of “extra Biblical” texts provide useful insights pointing us to Him within them. They include the Aramaic Targums, the Apocrypha, the Book of Enoch, the Book of Mormon, and the Joseph Smith re-translation of the 1611 King James Bible (and other modern translations of it). The purpose of the holy days was and is to periodically *remind* believers **who** they *worship*, along with **why** and **how**. King David taught his people how to worship our LORD as part of *true worship*. For a time it involved 24/7 worship in “David's Tabernacle.” He taught the Israelites to (A) *remember*, (B) to give *gratitude*, and (C) to *praise and worship* the living God (see 1 Chron. 16:4). Satan is jealous of Christ the LORD as the Only Begotten of the Father and wants us separated from the salvation that only He can offer in His precious blood. He rebelled against God, taking a third part of the host of heaven with him as they were cast down to the earth. A battle has raged for 7000 years ever since.

This *war of worship* began long before we came here - with a war in heaven. There Lucifer, a powerful, accomplished angel, rebelled against the Father and His plan involving our free will and choice. It was because of pride and jealousy tied to the standing of the Son of God with the Father that Lucifer was cast out of heaven along with all those following him. He wanted power. Christ, on the other hand offered to carry out the Father's plan, with all glory and honor going to Him. Their motivation was love.

Isaiah tells us that this former, advanced angel Lucifer vowed five times in his anger that he would become like "the most High" and usurp His throne. Today the rebellious here include many of the kings of the earth. They follow the ways of the evil one for "gain" – for lusts of the flesh. They include power, money, sex, the honors of men, *and* the things of the world (see 1 Ne. 22:23). They seek comfort, luxury, and control, not the well-being of their neighbor. Like Cain (Hebrew for "acquired" or "gain", Strongs # 7069), who murdered Abel to get his flocks, they choose **self-will** and **gratification** over God's will and the welfare of others. They have become drunk with this "*wine*". Isaiah informs us that many of these kings came to realize that their path of gain and sin made them weak. Referring to Satan, these kings quoted the 5-part vow Satan made to take God's throne.

"Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart,

I will ascend into heaven
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit" (Isaiah 14:9-15).

The wicked one has been a liar from the beginning (John 8:44). He continues to use **lies** and **deception** to separate many from God, as evidenced in the many deceptions that increasingly surround us. They are part of a coming "strong delusion" for all those who do not love **truth** (see 2 Thess. 2). Satan promises the "lusts of the flesh" and the "things of the world" to those following him, but all at the expense of others. He offered these things and all power to both Christ and Moses at the start of their missions (see JST Matt. 4 & Moses 1). Obtaining "gain" here in the ways of Satan or receiving salvation and eternal life at God's hands is the choice each must make in the *war* here tied to *who* we will *worship*, *how*, and *when*. The Bible calendar is a central tool in this on-going war. The Prophet Daniel said that the evil one would "*change times and laws*" in the last-days (Dan. 7:25). It has occurred and is part of directing attention away from Christ the LORD, and salvation in Him.

When the most trusted disciples of Christ gathered to Him on the Mount of Olives at the close of His mortal mission, they asked Him about the last-days *and* the signs tied to His return. The first thing Jesus said was, "Take heed that no man **deceive** you" (Matthew 24:4). This same important message - tied to **lies** and **deception** - is sprinkled carefully among eight additional scriptures (see Gen. 3:4-5; 3 Ne. 16:10; 3 Ne. 21:18-20; 3 Ne. 30:1-2; 1833 Book of Commandments, 4:5-6; D&C 123:7-17; Eph. 4:10-14; D&C 45:57). The message of each scripture is directed to "wise" virgins, those who have eyes to see. Each addresses **lies** *first* as a tool of the deceiver Satan, followed by what it leads to - **deception**. Other sins in our day are then listed after them. They are worth reading.

Many of our false beliefs and traditions are based on **lies** passed down to us to keep us in darkness, and to prepare us to embrace and worship the false ways of a false god who is prophesied to soon come among us. It is all part of the "strong delusion" spoken of by Paul in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. Humble and wise virgins can have truth if they will submit their will to God's superior will, wisdom, and love. This is the message of 2 Thess. 2:10-12 and Ezekiel 14:4, a path that requires us to remove all the idols in our heart (things that we thought were true but are not) to receive the **truth** in and of all things.

The original Bible calendar helps us worship the living God "in spirit and in truth". He is returning soon as the King of kings to set up a just and peaceful kingdom where truth and light are offered freely to wise virgins. Israel's kings

in the Old Testament were to lead with love, justice, and heaven-sent wisdom, patterned after God's leadership. David's son, king Solomon was *washed* and *anointed* to become king on *Rosh Hashanah*, or day 1 of the 7th month. It is marked by the *New Moon* – the first visible crescent, with 7% of sunlight upon it (see 1 Kings 1:5-10, 32-40). This day is centered on **creation**, including that of the earthly king's new kingdom. His kingly right to rule was renewed each year in the 7th month. The king's primary role in Israel was to encourage his people to repent and return to the LORD as a nation in preparation for day 10, the *Day of Atonement* – the day tied to judgment of the people. They receive **redemption** via the blood of Christ (the sacrificial Lamb). Then on day 15 of this same 7th month (at full moon) a special enthronement ceremony began. It lasted eight days (days 15-22 in the 7th month). On the 7th day of the *Tabernacles* celebration (day 21 in the 7th month) the king was then enthroned before the people. This same pattern is found in the Book of Mormon, when King Mosiah, son of King Benjamin is believed to have also been enthroned before the people at *Tabernacles*. King Benjamin used this occasion to bring the people to God. They were committed to Christ in covenant, born again in Him spiritually, becoming His sons and daughters (see Mosiah 3-5).

As a righteous, just King, Benjamin brought his people to God. He supported himself with his own hands. King Noah was the opposite. He and his priests sat in the chief seats, living lives of luxury on the backs of the people made possible by the heavy taxes he placed on them. He built many spacious, beautiful buildings with these taxes, and with them and he and his priests lived lives of luxury, along with their many wives and concubines.

The 3 holy days from *Rosh Hashanah* to *Day of Atonement* and then *Tabernacles*, all in the 7th month, walk us through the primary reasons we worship Christ the LORD as God over the earth, with the Father. He is our **Creator** (day 1 in the 7th month, *Trumpets*). He came to this wicked earth to save us as our **Redeemer** (day 10, *Day of Atonement*). And He will soon return as **Judge** over all His creation, to remove Babylon, oppression, and darkness among us. The wise virgins who eagerly await His cleansing judgment will then acclaim Him as the Great **King** as He installs a kingdom of peace, justice, and love upon a renewed earth (days 15-22 of *Tabernacles*).

I. The Creator

Jesus as Creator / *Rosh Hashanah* (Trumpets), day 1 of the 7th month - the *civil* New Year's *Day of the King* / *This holy day is marked in the heavens by both the fall equinox (the sun's position on the horizon) and the New Moon nearest it (the dark moon, caused by the alignment of the Sun, moon, and the earth), which marks the 1st day of each month on the LORD's Bible calendar.*

Reading the King James Version of Genesis, we have little evidence that Christ, working under the direction of the Father, was **the Creator** of heaven and earth. Other scriptures bring this into clear focus. Jesus as **Creator** was edited out of Genesis by those and their posterity who rejected Him, Jewish leaders and their scribes who have given us the Old Testament books. Many were “fake Jews”, part of what the LORD called “the synagogue of Satan” rather than the seed of God or Abraham (see Revelation 2:9 & 3:9). John addressed Christ clearly as **the Creator** in the 1st verse of his 1st chapter in the New Testament. He stated:

“In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word was God** . . . All things were made by **him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made . . . He was in the world, and the world was made by **him**, and the world knew him not” (John 1:1, 3, 10, see also 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2).

Two important “extra-Biblical” texts also *return* Christ into the **creation** account. They effectively reveal that He is **the Creator** under the direction of the Father. They are (1) the Aramaic Targums and (2) the Joseph Smith re-translation of Genesis (known to many Latter-day Saints as *the Book of Moses*). The word “targum” is Hebrew for “translation” or “commentary”. Written in Aramaic (the language that became prominent among the Jews replacing Hebrew after the Babylonian captivity), these “targums” are some of the most ancient texts that latter became part of “the Bible”. In the first 5 books of the KJV Bible, for example, we currently find only 12 references to “*the word*” or “*the word of the LORD*”, but in the Aramaic Targums, there are 251 such references to “**The Word**” or “**the Word of the LORD**”. He is Yeshua or Jesus of Nazareth, **the Only Begotten Son of God**. In the Psalms there are only 4 references to “*the word*” or “*the Word of the LORD*”, and yet in the Aramaic Targums there are 61 such references (see Zen & Justin Garcia, *The Word of the Lord*, Sacred Word Publishing).

The phrase, “**the Word**” or “**the Word of the LORD**” has 3 components. First and foremost it directs us to Jesus as **The Word**, a living personable being, our God, one in whom we are to develop a relationship with. He existed

with the Father before the creation of the earth. Christ is the gate to heaven and to Father. Secondly this phrase addresses the *pure revelation* that comes from Him *and* the Father. We are to rely on the rock our sure foundation of revelation to guide through the darkness of our day, or we can be deceived. And 3rd, it points us to God's *written word* to us as recorded in *scripture*. Sadly, only 12 of the 251 original phrases found in the Aramaic Targums now remain in the modern KJV Bible. Christ the LORD was systematically removed from the Old Testament books by Jewish scribes. Note just three examples below (KJV below *left* and Aramaic Targum below *right*).

Genesis 1:26-27 - *King James Version*

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Genesis 1:26-27 - *Aramaic Targum*

"Let us make man in Our image, in Our likeness . . . And **the Word of the Lord** created man in His likeness, in the likeness of the presence of the Lord He created him, the male and his yoke-fellow He created them."

Exodus 30:6 - *King James Version*

"And thou shalt put it [the Altar of Incense] before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee."

Exodus 30:6 - *Aramaic Targum*

"And thou shalt place it [the Altar of Incense] before the veil which is over the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, where I will appoint **My Word** to be with thee."

Psalms 124:8 - *King James Version*

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

Psalms 124:8 - *Aramaic Targum*

"Our help is in the name of **the word of the LORD**, Who made heaven and earth."

John the Beloved (also called "the Revelator") is the writer of the 4th gospel in the New Testament, where the phrase "**the Word**" is presented us first with clear connection to Christ. John is an important witness for Christ, drawing specific attention to Him as **divine**. He was an Apostle, called of the LORD and one who knew God well. He was chosen by Him to instruct us on the deeper things. John was *with* Christ at the Mount of Transfiguration. He leaned upon His bosom at the Last Supper. He was near Him in Gethsemane. And he was present at the crucifixion cross. John had the unique mission to address Christ as a *divine* being in his first-hand witness in the 4th gospel. He shows us that Yeshua was *with* the Father from the very beginning, and is also a **God**. It is in John chapters 7-10 that we read about Christ going to Jerusalem at **Tabernacles** - to finally announce that He is both **God** and the **Son of God** (John 7:1-2). It was *there* and *then* that He announced to all that in Him was "*living water*" (the source of pure *revelation*, John 7:38). He latter added that He was also "the **Light** of the world" (the source of knowledge and power, John 8:12). These and other announcements, all tied to His **divinity** were made at **Tabernacles** in Israel's capital city. He did so in connection with the symbols of *water* and *light*, both playing a central role at this particular feast. Note 4 roles in Christ's mission below as addressed by the 4 gospel writers. These 4 roles provide additional reasons to love Him with our whole *heart* (Lion), our *might* or *strength* (Ox), our *mind* (man), and our *soul* (eagle).

Four Sides of Christ's Mission

<i>Rev. 4:7</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Gospel Writer</i>	<i>Confirmation in "Branch" Scriptures</i>
Lion	Son of David	King of Israel	Matthew	"I will raise up unto David a righteous Branch , and a king shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and justice in the earth" (Jer.23:5).
Calf	Son of the Ox	Servant of God	Mark	"I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH " (Zech. 3:8).
Man	Son of Man	Human Form	Luke	"Behold the Man whose name is The BRANCH " (Zech. 6:12).
Eagle	Son of God	Divine Son	John	"In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious" (Isa. 4:2).

It was also John who revealed another important announcement by Christ there, that He *was* and *is* "the great **I Am**" - the all-powerful one who met with Moses atop fiery Sinai, giving him the law for all Israel (John 8:58). Our LORD's various statements of His *divinity* during **Tabernacles**, and His close connection to the Father, created such a stir that repeated attempts were made to take His life, and by unbelievers who claimed to be Abraham's children.

Christ labeled these deceivers as being the seed of another father, the devil - the father of lies and lust (see John 8:33-59). These and other statements led to our LORD's crucifixion 6 months latter at Passover.

Focused upon the law and other things, primarily for their own gain, the Jewish leaders were blind and unreceptive to the reality of who Jesus of Nazareth really was. John is the only New Testament writer to reveal another important event. It was when Roman soldiers and Jewish leaders came to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane (John 18). Here again John reveals the *divine* role of Jesus as the God of the Old Testament. John tells us that when Christ willingly identified that He was the one these men came to arrest, that He again stated that He was "**I AM**". John reveals that His accusers were then forced to the ground in His holy presence (see John 18:5-6). He came here to be the "**Lamb of God**" and thus allowed His captors to bind Him and take Him away to be tortured and crucified. John tells us what the LORD said about offering up His own life willingly - to those who had come to take it away.

"**No one takes it from Me**, but I lay it down of Myself. I have **power** to lay it down, and I have **power** to take it again. This command I have received from My Father" (John 10:18).

Isaiah is the clearest of the Old Testament prophets in identifying Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah of the Jews (see Isaiah 53). It is the primary reason why this chapter has not been read in public meetings by the Jewish Rabbis for many centuries. They know what it says. It informs us that Jesus came here to "**free the captives**" in the atonement. John informs us that Jesus is "the good shepherd" (John 10:11). Prior to His Tabernacles announcements at Jerusalem, the LORD 1st revealed Himself to his own people in His hometown of Nazareth, reading the 1st verse of Isaiah 61. He did so at the start of His mission, believed to be the start of *the Sabbatical Year* of "**release**" or "*the acceptable year*" (see Isaiah 61:1). He did not read the remainder of Isaiah's full message to us then (verses 2-3), which address coming *judgments* upon the earth - to cleanse her. Instead, He may read them as part of His return as **Judge** and **King** in the near future - the day called "the day of the Lord", "the great and dreadful day, and "the day of vengeance" (see Isa. 61:2-3). After revealing His identity, the people in Nazareth also attempted to take His life. His time had not yet come. It is in John's important first-hand witness that he presents us **12** name-titles for Christ in **12** *divine* roles, plus others. He is the **God** who descended here to save all who would turn to Him.

The Word (John 1:1)

The Creator of all things (John 1:3)

The Only Begotten of the Father (John 1:14)

The Lamb of God (John 1:29)

The Bread of Life (John 6:35)

The great I AM (John 8:58; 18:6, 8; Ex. 3:14)

The Light of the world (John 9:5)

The Door of the sheep (John 10:7)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:

The true Vine (John 15:1

One of my favorite revelations from John, about Christ being **God** - is the story of Mary anointing Christ's *feet* (John 12:3). Mary knelt at the LORD's *feet* in humble submission, knowing that He was **God**, one with great *power* and *light* who descended here to save all who would be save - because of *love*. Matthew, on the other hand, tells us that Mary anointed Christ's *head* as King of kings (Matt. 26:7). Jesus was the good Shepherd to His people. He chose to suffer, bleed, and die for the sheep. It is John who connects Christ's role as **deity** with the high-flying *Eagle* in Revelation 4:6-7. As "the Revelator" John wrote about 4 living creatures surrounding God's throne in heaven. They appear to be tied to 4 roles in Christ's earthly mission, those revealed to us by the 4 gospel writers - that of a *lion* - a *king* (Matthew), a *calf* or *ox* - willing *servant* (Mark), a *man* - with *human* understand (Luke), and an *eagle* - *deity* (John).¹

Besides being "**the Word of the LORD**" or "**the Word of God**" in the Aramaic Targums, we know Christ as **the Creator** because of the 1867 re-translation of Genesis by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Many call it "the JST" - the Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible. He too is diminished today, his name had for good and evil, just as the angel said who visited him for the first time on *Trumpets* or *Rosh Hashbanah* of 1823. A young Joseph Smith was told by this angel that he would bring forth a book written on gold plates, one buried in the ground. Seven years later (1830) this book was published in New York State. It is known today as the Book of Mormon. Months after it was published, Joseph Smith began "re-translating" the 1611 King James version of the Bible in the possession of his family. The build of this re-translation was in the book of Genesis. His "re-translation" process was not based on academic knowledge of languages, but was the result of God-given *revelation*, as young Joseph was an uneducated farm boy (4th grade education). History shows that both the JST and the Book of Mormon came forth via *pure revelation* to this young seer. Joseph was not able to read "reformed Egyptian" (the inscribed characters on the gold plates). But he was given the gift of seership by God to complete his primary role. It was to bring forth **more of God's precious word** in scripture in both the Book of Mormon and the re-translated portions of the Bible, which remains the primary witness for Christ. Both of Joseph's books return some of "*the plain and precious things*" taken out of the Bible

by designing men. These simple and sacred things are centered on two things; (1) **salvation in Christ** (specifically **how** we are *born again* in Him and receive the Holy Ghost), and (2) **how** Satan and those following him fight against this - via the **lies** and **deception** of *secret societies*, that keep the people in ignorance so they might **get gain** at the expense of the people. The Book of Enoch and the Book of Mormon detail the blood oaths of these secret combinations or societies. It is lost knowledge helping us return to the living God.

To know of the value or truth of what Joseph did in these two works, requires us to turn to God in humble prayer and sincerity of heart, that we might obtain *pure* **revelation** from God about them - or really any subject. God is our source of **light** and **truth**. Those who love **truth** must first seek it (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Personal biases often keep us in ignorance. Too often we believe we already have **truth** and thus remain in ignorance (wicked ones want us deceived for their gain). God has said through prophets like Ezekiel that we will retain or obtain what we hold within our hearts. This can be “*strong delusion*”. These lies, false beliefs, and false traditions become “*idols*” held in the deep chambers of our hearts (see Ezek. 14:4). The humble and wise remove them to receive **truth**. Additional related “*idol in the heart*” scriptures include (Prov. 23:7, Isa. 66:2-4 NIV, Ezek. 14:1-11 NIV, 2 Thes. 2:10-12 NIV, James 4:3 NIV, Jacob 4:13-16, Alma 29:4, and Morm. 9:27-29).

The JST re-translation was mostly completed by 1834, but not published to the world until 23 years after Joseph Smith’s murder. We can thank Joseph’s wife Emma (who safeguarded the 500 page manuscript for it) and their firstborn son Joseph Smith III for this eventual publication. Young Joseph III copyrighted and published the JST in 1867 as President of the RLDS Church (*The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, now renamed and changed to *The Community of Christ*). It is one of many offshoot churches from his father’s early restoration effort, a work that was centered on bringing many “**plain and precious**” things back to those who are pure in heart.

In the first 8 chapters of JST Genesis, we read of Jesus Christ as **Creator** a total of 39 times, and in them we find some 18 different name-titles for the LORD Yeshua there.

the LORD	Us, the Son and the Father (the LORD God)	the Lamb
the Son	Jesus Christ	I Am
Son of Man	Jesus Christ, the Son of God	Creator
Son of God	my or mine only begotten Son	Messiah
my beloved Son	mine beloved and chosen from the beginning	King of Zion
Only begotten	the Righteous	Rock of Heaven

Like the Aramaic Targums, Jesus is clearly re-inserted back into the **Creation** account in the JST version of Genesis. I prefer to use the modern “side by side” version of the early 1867 re-translation. On the left side of the page we read the KJV version of a particular verse (see below), while the JST version of that same verse is opposite it, right. Note the first 3 verses of KJV Genesis 1 below, those verses leading to the phrase, “Let there be light” (KJV Gen. 1:3). They show that the **creation** began in darkness, just like a new baby who comes forth from a pregnant mother into the light of day 9 months later. *Trumpets* or *Rosh Hashanah* is the only holy day marked by the New Moon crescent which follows the totally “Dark Moon”.

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1. And it came to pass that the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, I reveal unto you concerning this heaven and this earth; write the words which I speak.
2. I am the Beginning and the End; the Almighty God. **By mine Only Begotten I created these things.**
3. Yea, in the beginning I created the heaven, and the earth upon which thou standest.
4. And the earth was without form, and void; and I caused darkness to come upon the face of the deep.

Only **two** verses in the first eight chapters of KJV Genesis utilize the word “**us**” (Gen. 1:26 & 3:22), hinting at more than one individual being involved in the creation process, whereas the first eight chapters of JST Genesis give us **39** total verses pointing to **Christ as Creator**. There we read that He was with the Father from the very beginning, as revealed in John 1:1. Note the differences hereafter, including the wording where the Father refers to Himself in the first person, as “**I, God**” repeatedly in the early JST verses.

26. And God said, Let **us** make man in our image, after our likeness . . .

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female create he them.

27. And I, God, **said unto mine Only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning**, Let **us** make man in our image, after our likeness; and it was so . . .

29. And I, God, created man in mine own image, **in the image of mine Only Begotten** created I him; male and female created I them.

In concluding this very short introduction to Christ as **the Creator**, it should also be noted that the holy day *Trumpets* or *Rosh Hashanah* – the *civil* Year’s Day of the *king* - has many connections to Christ – *and* to **creation**. Five are listed below revealing this clear tie in.

1. The early Jews believed that the earth was created on *Rosh Hashanah*, which is day 1 (or New Year’s Day) in the 7th month on the 1st Bible calendar, prior to the Egyptian captivity. It is thus the **earth’s birthday**. Many early Jews believe that Adam was also created on this day (Mishnah, San Hedrin 38b). The births of many others of note in the Bible are also tied to this day.

2. *Rosh Hashanah* is marked in the heavens by **the New Moon**, the *totally dark moon* associated with not only New Year’s Day – the 1st day of the year, but the 1st day of all 12 months in the year. No other holy day is marked by the New Moon. Passover and Tabernacles, for example, both start at full moon (in the middle of the month).

3. Creation in Genesis chapter 1 started with the creation of the earth, which was “without form and **void**; and **darkness** was upon the face of the deep” (KJV Gen. 1:2). Latter in verse 3, God said, “Let there be light”. Creation began in darkness, with the light of the sun and moon coming later.

4. I join many who strongly believe that our LORD Jesus was born at *Rosh Hashanna*, the day of **trumpeting** tied to the coming of the King (see JST Rev. 12, and the author’s paper, *The LDS April 6th Tradition*, www.7witnesses.com). Christ is sometimes called the second Adam. The first was a *father* (creator with his wife Eve) of the human family (physical). Christ as the second Adam is the *father* of our salvation (spiritual) in the Atonement.

Trumpeting has always accompanied the making of kings and their final enthronement in Israel. *Rosh Hashanah* is often called “the Feast of **Trumpets**”. Psalm 27 is read at the morning and evening services by Jews on this holy day. It begins by stating, “The Lord is my light and my salvation”. During the 30 days prior to *Rosh Hashanah* (the entire 6th month of Elul) trumpets were blown every day, as a signal to repent and return to the LORD, all prior to the time of final judgment (by our LORD as Judge) on *the Day of Atonement* (day 10 of the 7th month). Thus there was a 40-day period of repentance and trumpet blowing, to remind and warn the people (from Elul 1 to Tishri 10). The first 10 days of the 7th month are the last 10 days of this 40-day period, a final countdown) to **judgment**.

5. *Rosh Hashanah* was the day God chose to send an angel to Joseph Smith, announcing his forthcoming mission (bringing forth more of God’s word in the Book of Mormon & the JST). This angel is believed to have come on 7 consecutive years on this same holy day, from 1823 to 1830. The first 4 of these years (each with a visit by the angel) were tied to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. The angel’s visits, the restored truths in the Book of Mormon, and the coming forth of the JST Bible were part of the trumpeting to the world of additional **truths**. They are part of a greater restoration effort ahead of us that will eventually bring in the Kingdom of God, as addressed by Daniel and John the Revelator. It will be a time of trumpeting and judgments by the great King as found in John’s book of Revelation.

When our LORD finished the creation on “day” 6, He then sanctified the 7th day thereafter, as “the Sabbath day”. We reinsert Christ as **Creator** back into our Sabbath worship when we honor the 7th day Sabbath rather than the 1st day Sunday, or any other day on the corrupt Gregorian calendar. Those who love God seek to honor Him as **Creator on the Sabbath day He has chosen** (Gen. 1:4-5, 14), *and in the way He has chosen* (see Isa. 58, 66:22-23). It is one of the ways we can become “**repairers of the breach**” or the separation that exists between us and God because of idolatry, etc. (Isa. 58:12). A whole chapter is devoted to this special day of “true worship” in a forthcoming book I am working on (*Worship Wars: Choosing between the Seal of the Living God and the Mark of the Beast*). I join many believing that false worship generally (and which includes Sunday specifically) is tied into “the mark of the beast”.

II. The Redeemer

Jesus as Redeemer / *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement), day 10 of the 7th month / *After the Egyptian captivity and the first Passover, the LORD instituted a second New Year's day - the sacred New Year of the priest. It occurs on the 1st New Moon crescent closest to the spring equinox or Nissan 1. The two New Year's Days are 6 months apart. Christ as "the Lamb of God" is the center focus of this special holy day. He came to earth as the great High Priest to redeem us with His blood. Leviticus 23 tells us that sundown of the 9th to the sundown of the 10th day of Tishri is the Day of Atonement. Other holy days begin at sunrise (the start of the light portion of the 24-hour day). This sundown to sundown "day" coincides with our LORD's atonement for us, as just after the Last Supper Christ went to Gethsemane to suffer for us willingly under the full moon of Passover. The next day He was scourged, dying in the forced torture of the crucifixion. His body was taken down from the cross prior to sunset.*

Anciently the 40 days prior to the Day of Atonement were tied to trumpeting and repentance (the 30 days of the 6th month of Elul combined with the first 10 days of the 7th month of Tishri). The judgment of each person was "sealed" upon them on the Day of Atonement, the day the High Priest in Israel *sprinkled, poured out, and smeared* blood on various items in the ancient Tabernacle or Temple. Christ shed His blood for us via these same 3 ways. His blood was *sprinkled* upon the ground - and from every pore in Gethsemane, the night before His crucifixion. His blood *poured out* in the scourging. And it was *smeared* upon the cross when He was nailed to it.

Christ's mission in the meridian of time as **Redeemer** is the sacred focus of *the Day of Atonement* (see Isa. 53) and this section of the paper. The early fathers of the Old Testament knew of the Redemptive mission of Christ. They prophesized of it. He was the great Prophet that would come among His people to save them (see the numerous references to Him as "*the Prophet*" in 1 Nephi 22). Isaiah's prophecy in chapter 53 remains *clearly* connected to Christ. Many other books in the Old Testament have been edited to remove such *clear* connections to Him.

The JST provides a significant "restoration" of **truth** into the Genesis account beyond Christ being the **Creator**. His role as **Redeemer** is also given there. This important knowledge was given Adam and Eve in *relation to the sacrifices* they had been offering up to God after they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They had been obedient to God in offering up innocent lambs to Him, but without knowing *why*. They eventually received instruction from an angel that clearly pointed to the future mission of the LORD Jesus as "the Lamb of God". This is found in JST Genesis chapter 4, especially verses 5-13, where we read *why* innocent lambs were to be sacrificed.

"And Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the LORD. And after many days, an angel of the LORD appeared unto Adam, saying, Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the LORD. And Adam said unto him, I know not, save the LORD Commanded me. And then the angel spake, saying, This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth; Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest, in the name of the Son. And thou shalt repent, and call upon God, in the name of the Son forever more. And in that day, the Holy Ghost fell upon Adam, which beareth record of the Father and the Son, saying, I am the Only Begotten of the Father from the Beginning, henceforth and for ever; that, as thou hast fallen, thou mayest be **redeemed**, and all mankind, even as many as will. And in that day Adam *blessed* God, and was filled, and began to *prophesy* concerning all the families of the earth; saying, **Blessed** be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have **joy**, and again, in the flesh I shall see God.

And Eve, his wife, heard all these things and was glad, saying, Were it not for our transgression, we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the **joy** of our **redemption**, and the *eternal life* which God giveth unto all the obedient. And Adam and Eve *blessed* the name of God; and they made all things known unto their sons and their daughters. And Satan came among them, saying, I am also a son of God, and he commanded them, saying, Believe it not. And they believed it not; and they loved Satan more than God. And men began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish" (JST Gen. 4:11-13).

Like the Aramaic Targums, many significant insights are presented us in the JST Bible, including very useful specifics about how Adam, Moses, and others interfaced with Satan. They reveal how the evil one has used *secret blood oaths* within *secret societies* to *get gain* and **corrupt** the things of God since the very beginning. This includes the early restoration efforts of Joseph Smith, and how blood-oaths were used within Freemasonry to hide the secret practice of polygamy at Nauvoo (see the author's book *The Secret Chamber: Spiritual Wifery & the Doctrine of Christ*, www.amazon.com).

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The Word in the Bible - Translated into 670 Languages (with 450 English versions)

Portions of the Bible are available in 1,121 languages, with the New Testament in 1,521 languages

55% of Americans use the **KJV** - the “King James Translation” (1611) - Church of England (Protestant)

Most Catholics use the **RSV** - the “Revised Standard Version” (1946)

19% of Americans use the **NIV** - the “New International Version” (1978)

Many scholars use the **NSRV** - the “New Revised Standard Version” (1989)

Note just 12 of the 450 different English “translations” of the Bible (listed by order of first published date)

KJV	King James Version (1611)	ERV	English Revised Version (1986)
JST	Joseph Smith Translation (1834, 1867)*	NRSV	New Revised Standard Version (1989)
RSV	Revised Standard Version (1946)	NLT	New Living Translation (1996)
NAS	New American Standard (1960)	ESV	English Standard Version (2008)
NIV	New International Version (1978)	ISV	International Standard Version (2011)
NKJV	New King James Version (1982)	BSB	Berean Study Bible (2016)

Early Protestant versions of the Bible (notably the Luther Bible in German and the King James Version in English) included 14 of the *Apocryphal books* in the original 1611 **King James Bible**. There were / are:

1 Esdras	2 Esdras	Tobit	Judith	1 & 2 Maccabees
Book of Esher	Wisdom of Solomon	Ecclesiasticus	Baruch	Prayer of Manasseh
Epistle of Jeremiah	Song of the Three Children	Story of Susanna	Bel and the Dragon	

***Note:** John Wesley (NT, 1790), Alexander Campbell (NT, 1826), and Noah Webster (1833) also did Bible “re-translations.”

Hereafter I address mostly *the saving truths* that have been removed from scripture, those tied to the things that lead to our **Redemption** in Christ Jesus. Please realize, however, that *dark things* have also been kept from us via editing (the corrupting ways of Satan – blood-oaths, sexual sin, child sacrifice, etc.). They too are also been brought forward in the JST and other extra-Biblical texts, like the Book of Enoch and the Book of Mormon. They help us understand those *how* those of darkness fight against Christ, His people, and things of light and truth generally. Satan glories in his success among us today, much of tied to our ignorance of **truth**. We cannot be saved in such ignorance (D&C 131:6, see also John 17:3 & D&C 84:19). Wise virgins are not afraid of truth, wherever it may be found.

Sadly many good Christian people will not look at this insightful translation and other works with ties to Joseph Smith, the early Mormon Prophet. They embrace the lie of church leaders following his murder and today - who claim that Joseph was a polygamist, secretly practicing this abomination behind his wife Emma’s back. This lie is maintained to keep leaders in power, those in a direct line from Brigham Young – a polygamist (with 55 wives). This **lie** keeps good people from the **truth – the saving truths** that Joseph helped *restore* alongside those presented us in the Bible. I believe the most important things among the Book of Mormon and JST Bible are (1) **how** to be saved by *being born* again, and receiving the Holy Ghost thereafter (see endnote 7), and (2) the fact that men and Satan are **deceiving us** for their gain (the lusts of the flesh - power, money, sex, the honors of men, and the things of the world, see 1 Nephi 22:23). Though the Bible is a priceless, sacred record for all believers, it has went through many hands to get to us today (see 1 Nephi 13; Moses 1:23 & 41), including imperfect men of different beliefs, cultures, and languages, *and* over many centuries of time. Some had agendas, like Jewish scribes who refused to accept Jesus as Christ as the promised Messiah.

As the chart above shows, there have been some 670 different “**translations**” of the Bible, with 450 translations available in English alone. The original 1611 King James Bible included 14 additional books now absent from most modern Bibles. Most of them now feature the same 66 books, put together over a 1,000-year period, but out of their original order. The authors of the Bible come from different backgrounds, some who embraced Christ, and others who clearly rejected Him. The editing in the Bible thus reflects differing agendas and time frames, as well as various cultural and religious biases and backgrounds. This explains some of the contradictions present, especially in portions of the Old Testament. Satan and the evil men following him are real. They battle light and truth, including all that is presented in God’s precious written **word**. It is a powerful, 2-edged sword among the faithful. Sadly, some truths have been modified or removed.

There is a third important *truth* restored in the JST Bible and the Book of Mormon. Like (1) the *saving truths* of how to be **redeemed** (presented in endnote 6), and (2) how darkness fights against it and Christ the LORD. This third

truth (3) includes the important promises or covenants **God made with “the fathers”**, resulting in much of the scripture we do have. These covenants are not clear for many today. The word of God is given us that we might “**turn**” or “**remember**” these important promises, as we too can inherit them. They were given to the “**fathers**” of the Bible in the old world - men like Adam, Noah, Enoch, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph of Egypt, *and* to Lehi and his posterity in the New World, via the Book of Mormon. The extra-Biblical sources like the Book of Mormon, the JST, and the Aramaic Targum help to restore much of the knowledge tied to these specific covenants, such as the one in Moses 7, where Enoch is given a special covenant **remembered** when we see a rainbow (see JST Gen. 9).

One important “promise” given to “father” Abraham was that his bloodline posterity would end up blessing the whole earth (Gen. 22:18). This covenant is fulfilled via the **written word** of God. Like the Old Testament of the Jews, and the New Testament of converted Jews to Christ (which included all of the early Apostles and those 200 or so in the upper room who experienced a baptism of the Holy Spirit), the Book of Mormon came forth via a Jewish family in the bloodline of Joseph of Egypt (specifically Lehi of the tribe of Manasseh and his posterity), and thus also through Jacob and Abraham. Lehi’s family came to this Promised Land west via God’s help, that He might raise up a righteous branch of the house of Israel here on this blessed land. God removed Lehi’s family (and others) far away from the corrupting influences of ancient Jerusalem, just before it was destroyed. This additional book of scripture was created to restore these and other important truths.

Hard hearts, false beliefs and traditions, and long held biases stop Jews (who embrace the Old Testament) from recognizing the prophecies in it tied to the coming Christ, He who came among His people as recorded in the New Testament. And it is no different with New Testament believers who will not consider additional light on Christ, brought forth by those of the same “blessed bloodline” who came here as addressed in the Book of Mormon. Many Mormons are in the same “unbelieving” boat, unwilling to embrace the additional truths presented in the JST, as well as clear doctrines taught in the Book of Mormon (but not in the modern LDS Church) like being spiritually “*born again*” (see endnote 6). Instead, like the Jews of Jesus’ day, too many look to mortal leaders to guide them, when God’s word in scripture tells them they are **cursed** for relying on “the arm of flesh” (2 Ne. 4:34, 28:31; Jer. 17:5; Psalm 118:8). This **curse** results in ignorance of greater “**truth**”. He is Jesus (“the way, the truth, and the life”) and His **words** (John 14:6). Many of us are guilty of declining *more* that is available to us. In time, all humble believers in the Master will be united, as we learn to love one another, discern truth, and accept it. It requires a *broken heart* (repentance) and a *contrite spirit* (submission to God’s will over our own or other men).

Hereafter, I address *how* to become one of “the **Blessed**” today through our LORD. The scriptural term “**Blessed**” is a special name-title reserved for those who come unto Christ, keep His commandments, and inherit *eternal life* (see endnote 3). It is to be saved or redeemed. I begin by first addressing God’s governance over the kingdom He desires to establish among the wise virgins.

Keeping All “12” Commandments – As Summarized in the First Two

John’s apocalyptic book of Revelation is a revelation **on and by** Jesus Christ. It is written to the 144,000 special last-days servants, those who gather the elect ones (Rev. 7:1-4; D&C 77) to God’s kingdom of peace, justice, and love on the earth (see Rev. 1:1). Revelation, Daniel, and Isaiah have each been *sealed* books (as is much of scripture), especially to those who have little love for God (Rev. 9:4). John’s words are written for *and* to the LORD’s last-days servants – the 144,000. With the help of the Holy Spirit, their content is unveiled to them and to those who diligently search God’s written word - *along with* those who ask the LORD about them in sincerity and humility. He is no respecter of persons. Those with clean hands and pure hearts are rewarded with truth. The last-days servants need them.

In chapter 1, verse 2, John addresses “the **Blessed**”, those who *read* the words of this book and “*keep*” them. The word “**Blessed**” is a special name-title in scripture applied to the **Redeemed** of the LORD, those *born again* in Him as part of the 1st and great commandment – to Love God with all one’s heart, might, mind, and soul (see endnotes 3 & 6). Such are given the promise of *eternal life* (see Mosiah 26:15-20). This word is found in the first 3 verses of Revelation chapter 1, and the last 3 verses of Daniel chapter 12. It is sprinkled throughout scripture generally. All are invited to become “**Blessed**” by keeping the 1st and great commandment. Doing so - naturally leads to the honoring the 2nd great commandment, to love one another. All other commandments are appendages to these first 2.

Later in John's 22 Revelation chapters we read that the *Redeemed* are those who have 2 qualities. They (1) "*keep the commandments*" and they have (2) "*the testimony of Jesus*." They are "the **Blessed**" ones, "*wise*" virgins, the "*overcomers*" who inherit eternal life (see Rev. 1:3; 12:17; 14:1-5; 16:15; 19:10; 20:6). In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, John quotes the words of Christ given to the 7 churches of Asia – as types for our day, noting how they had abandoned their **1st love – Him**, the LORD Yeshua or Jesus Christ. In His personal statements to each of the 7 separate churches, we first read of specific name-titles that Christ applies to Himself. He then calls each of the 7 churches to *repentance*, doing so tenderly and specifically in association with their unique sins. He then concludes His remarks to each group with a specific *promise* of what will occur for them if they "**overcome**" the world (symbolized by the worldly ways of ancient Egypt and Babylon). It results in many **blessed** things, including the crowning gift of receiving **God** personally in this life. To do so is to become of "the **Blessed**" state (see endnote 3). Note John's summary of the LORD's instruction to the 7 churches below and the 7 promises God gives to those in each of them – if they repent and return to Him. The 7 different name-titles He gives Himself coincide with what He is sharing with them.

Group of Believers	Repent as Your Sins Include	Current State
1. At Ephesus Content - Rev. 2:1 Promise #1 - Rev. 2:7 Name-Title	Say they are apostles and are not – Liars Turned to physical love via doctrine of the Nicolaitans - mixing religious doctrine with sex and idolatry 1. The LORD will give them the fruit of the Tree of Life (Rev. 2:7). "he that holdeth the 7 stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst 7 golden candlesticks"	<i>Left their first love – Jesus</i>
2. At Smyrna Content - Rev. 2:8 Promise #2 - Rev. 2:11 Name-Title	Say they are Jews and are not (fake Jews) – Liars Kick out & persecute the poor and humble 2. They shall not be hurt by the second death (spiritual death, Rev. 2:11), but shall be given a crown of life "the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive"	<i>Prideful, seek gain & control</i>
3. At Pergamos Content - Rev. 2:12 Promise #3 - Rev. 2:17 Name-Title	Allowed 2 false, corrupting doctrines to enter in among them, the doctrines of (A) Ballaam, and (B) the Nicolaitans, both with sexual perversion and idolatry 3. If they endure to the end (after overcoming) they will have power over the nations - with a rod of iron, and they will receive the morning star (Jesus, Rev. 2:26-28). "he that hath the sharp sword [of my mouth] with two edges"	<i>Idolatry & Sexual Sin</i>
4. At Thyatira Content - Rev. 2:18 Promise #4 - Rev. 2:26 Name-Title	Allowed Jezebel & her Baal worship to enter in Kick out & persecute the poor and humble 4. They shall be clothed in white raiment and their name will not be blotted out of the book of life. Their name will be confessed by Christ before Father & His angels (Rev. 3:5). "Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass"	<i>Abominable Idolatry</i>
5. At Sardis Content - Rev. 3:1 Promise #5 - Rev. 3:5 Name-Title	Too few are holding on to the LORD & His Name Too few are remaining true to the LORD / Don't deny 5. The LORD will make them a pillar in the temple of God. They shall "go no more out. I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem... And I will write upon them my new name" (Rev. 3:12). "he that hath the 7 Spirits of God, and the 7 stars"	<i>Not Alive in Christ</i>
6. At Philadelphia Content - Rev. 3:7 Promise #6 - Rev. 3:12 Name-Title	Jesus is the Door & Gate, not Fake Jews or Apostles They do not control the gate to heaven. They will worship before they feet. 6. They will "sit with with me in my throne" (Rev. 3:21). "he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth, and no man openeth"	<i>Raise Men up in Idolatry</i>
7. At Laodicea Content - Rev. 3:14	They are luke warm Saints They are rich and worldly and lack nothing physically, and yet - in reality they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.	<i>They are neither Hold nor Cold</i>

God's 7 Promises to the Overcomers in the Book of Revelation

"The **Blessed**" in the Book of Revelation are those who "**overcome**" the world (last-days Babylon). John lists 7 ways for us to overcome ourselves and this world in two important ways; We must, (1) "keep the commandments of God" and (2) "have the testimony of Jesus" (Rev. 12:17). These individuals will be part of God's *kingdom* of peace, justice, and love on the earth. John describes this path in his 7 "**Blessed Beatitudes**". They lead to becoming "**Blessed**", or being in or of "*the state of the gods*" (see endnote 3). The 7 **Blessed Beatitudes** of Revelation are:

1. **Blessed** is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand (Rev. 1:3 KJV).
2. **Blessed** are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them (Rev. 14:13).
3. **Blessed** is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (Rev. 16:15).
4. **Blessed** are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9).
5. **Blessed** and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years (Rev. 20:6).
6. **Blessed** is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Rev. 22:7).
7. **Blessed** are those who wash their robes [in the blood of Christ by believing and trusting in Him—the righteous who do His commandments], so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city (Rev. 22:14 AMP).

The 7 **great blessings** (below) may be tied to the 7 **over-comings** of this world (above). They are:

1. The LORD will give them the fruit of the Tree of Life (Rev. 2:7).
2. They shall not be hurt by the second death (spiritual death, Rev. 2:11).
3. If they endure to the end (after overcoming) they will have power over the nations - with a rod of iron, and they will receive "the morning star" (Rev. 2:26-28).
4. They shall be clothed in white raiment and their name will not be blotted out of the book of life. Their name will be confessed by Christ before the Father and His angels (Rev. 3:5).
5. The LORD will make them a pillar in the temple of God. They shall "go no more out." God's name will be written on them, along with the name of city of God (New Jerusalem). And the LORD will write upon them my new name (Rev. 3:12).
6. They will "sit with with me in my throne" (Rev. 3:21).
7. God says, they will be like me, as "I overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne" (Rev. 3:21).

Loving God is represented best by keeping **all His commandments**, those in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and other extra-Biblical texts. He said to His most trusted disciples, "**If ye love me, keep my commandments**" (John 14:15). We also receive additional commandments from Him personally in *pure* revelation. God's written word contains His law for **governing** His *kingdom* on earth. The principle of "**governance**" in His *kingdom* is represented symbolically by the number **12** throughout scripture and much of the modern world.² This principle is confirmed by **12** commandments resulting in **12 blessings** or **12 cursings** (Deut. 27 & 28). The "**2 Great Commandments**" are God's simplest and most important directives. They summarize all others and are given in **both** the Old (Lev. 19:18, 34, 10:12; Deut. 6:5) *and* the New Testaments (Mark 12:28-33; Luke 10:25-28). Many believe there were the **higher law** given first, in JST Exodus 34. After their sin with the golden calf, the Israelites were given a more detailed law instead in the 10 Commandments. Note JST Exodus 34, verses 1 & 2.

"And the LORD said unto Moses, hew these **two other tables of stone**, *like unto the first*, and I will write upon them also, the words of the law, according as they were written *at the first on the tables which thou brakest*; but it shall not be according to *the first*, for I will take away **the priesthood** out of their midst; therefore **my holy order**, and the **ordinances** thereof, shall not go before them; for **my presence** shall not go up in their midst, lest I destroy them. But I will give unto them the law as at the first, but it shall be after *the law of a carnal commandment*; for I have sworn in my wrath, that they shall **not** enter into **my presence**, in **my rest**, in the days of their pilgrimage. Therefore do as I have commanded thee, and be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mount Sinai (JST Exodus 34:1-2).

The first of the **Great Commandments** is to love God with one's whole heart, strength, mind, and soul (Deut. 6:5, 10:12). The second is to love others (Lev. 19:18, 34). They represent a 2-part summary of what "**to do**". More detail is encapsulated within them as part of the 10 Commandments (see below) given Moses earlier in Exodus 20. They detail what "**not to do**". They were written by God Himself on **2 tables of stone** atop fiery Sinai and then given to Moses there. This division into 2 groups is purposeful, as the first 5 commandments detail **how to love God** by eliminating all **idolatry** within us. The second 5 detail how to **love one another**.

1. **Love God** with all your heart, strength, mind & soul

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy
5. Honour thy father and thy mother

2. **Love others** as yourself

6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's things

In clarifying the second of the two great commandments, our LORD said:

“A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another as I have loved you . . .”

John 13:34

Latter Moses addressed **12 blessings** accompanying these **12 commandments**, along with **12 cursings**, all part of the “older covenant” with the house of Israel in the Old Testament. The **12 curses** tied to rejecting these **12 governing laws** are found in Deuteronomy 27:15-26, whereas the **12 blessings** are found in Deuteronomy 28:3-14. God **governs** His creation here - His kingdom on earth via His law as the great Judge and King. The number **12** symbolically points to this “**governance**” (see endnote 1).

The LORD's Invitation to Embrace 12 Additional Higher Principles – each with a Promise

In Christ's mortal ministry in the meridian of time, He referenced the 2 *Great Commandments* given the Israelites earlier in the Old Testament. He recited them in the New Testament record to both a *scribe* and a *lawyer*. Both were experts on **the law**. They were testing Jesus on His knowledge of these two foundations of law-based “governance”. They are a significant part of “the new covenant” in the New Testament (see Mark 12:28-33; Luke 10:25-28). The LORD did this first as Jehovah - **the original lawgiver** - in the older covenant (Isa. 33:22). Moses gave them to the Israelites and was thus also called a “law giver”. In the new covenant record, our LORD came to *fulfill* the Law, adding to that which He gave earlier. It was **not** a *replacement* for it, excepting those things tied to blood sacrifice.

The collection of books now known as the New Testament wasn't compiled until 3 centuries after the LORD's crucifixion. In it He gave His “disciples” (followers) “*higher principles*” that were within and part of the same law given in the Old Testament, doing so “*with a promise*” – that “the wise virgins” might become “**Blessed**” or “in the state of the gods”.³ One simple example is “Thou shalt not commit adultery”, commandment #7 of 10 in Exodus 20. The *higher* New Testament *principle* tied to this same Old Testament law is illustrated well in what the LORD said in the Sermon on the Mount. “But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already **in his heart**” (Matt. 5:28). The higher principles Christ gave his most trusted disciples in this sermon are tied to **the heart**, the seat of desires that lead to actions, good or bad.

I believe the LORD presented these higher ways as part of **12** total “**blessed**” **beatitudes**, not the 9 of Matthew 5 or the 4 of Luke 6 as presently recorded in the KJV Bible. The full compliment of all **12** higher *governing* beatitudes compliments the **12 Commandments** God gave Moses and Israelites earlier in the older covenant or testament. The higher principles were presented in “**the Sermon on the Mount**” in the LORD's early ministry in Galilee.

The 9 beatitudes recorded in Matthew 5, and the 4 found in Luke 6, were hints to me that something was missing or edited out. Similar missing elements are seen in the first and great commandment found in the Old and New Testaments, where God addresses how we are to love Him in the 4 complete parts of ourselves (heart, might, mind, and soul). Mark and Luke list all 4 of them (see Mark 12:28-33; Luke 10:25-28). Matthew lists 3 (Matt. 22:37). Moses lists only 2 of them (see Deut. 6:5 & 10:12).

Number symbolism, common in both scripture and sacred architecture provided me a first clue to why there should be **12** total beatitudes, not the 9 in Matthew or the 4 in Luke, as Jesus was teaching higher principles within the same *governing law* He had given earlier. I learned the symbolism of numbers early on in my journey of photographing sacred architecture around the world as I traveled to nearly 50 countries in 5 years. In these trips I experienced the best sacred architecture on the planet. Numbers remain a foundational teaching tool in the very best buildings. The meaning behind the best sacred architecture is supplied in scripture (God's word). It houses a unique language, communicating truth by way of repeated usage of numbers like 3, 7, 8, 12, 40, 70, 144, and others. Counting things like pillars in sacred architecture provides only a *quantitative* aspect pointing to a greater *qualitative* meaning, all via number symbolism. Two of the first numbers I began recognizing in buildings right away were **8** and **12**. The first is tied to the scriptural concept of *renewal*, *rebirth*, and *resurrection* in association with the number **8**, while the 2nd is tied to *governance* via the number **12**. We are *governed* by law through covenants with God.

The words of the LORD's prayer found in Matthew 6 addresses "**governance**" over the LORD's future kingdom on earth, that it might be "on earth as it is in heaven" – or under the same *law* as that of the great **King** and **Judge** in Heaven. In New Testament times, the LORD presented His wise followers *higher principles with a promise*. They represent a *greater* portion of the same law given earlier in the Old Testament or covenant. Because I knew that **12** was the number of "governance", and that there were **12** total commandments, in the Old and New Testament, supported by **12** blessings and cursings tied to them in Deuteronomy 27 and 28, I believed there were also **12** total **beatitudes** tied to this same law but at a higher octave. They represent the "**Blessed**" state that the *wise* virgins can obtain from God - if they embrace the greater principles Christ taught within the new covenant or testament, those illustrated in **all 12 beatitudes**. They compliment and add to the **12** Old Testament commandments. Matthew's account of 9 beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount - in chapter 5 - is missing 3 of them. What might the missing 3 beatitudes teach? Were they removed by those who hate Christ and His most precious teachings?

The 3 missing beatitudes, leading to the "**Blessed**" state, remain in the Bible in connection with the doctrine known as being spiritually "**born again**". This important higher truth was taught effectively by the LORD in John chapter 3). In addition to the book of John, the LORD's "beloved" disciple John also addresses being **born again** in his 3 Epistles, located just before John's book of Revelation at the end of the New Testament. Additional detail is found in other sources most do not think to consult, as found in endnote 6.

John is the only eyewitness of the LORD's "Sermon on the Mount" among the 4 gospel writers. He focused his teachings on the deeper things, including Christ's *divinity* and His important *saving doctrines*. John learned all things from the Master Teacher. Though all 4 gospel writers address Christ's teaching in the first and great commandment – to love with one's whole heart, might, mind, and soul, John concentrates on it from the LORD's *perspective* as God, and His **example** given to His closest followers. Quoting the LORD, He stated, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; **as I have loved you**, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34, also 15:12). Note how this new *single* commandment, then replaces and summarizes the 2 great ones, *and* the 10 given Moses.

John witnessed what Christ said *and* did in the most important events of His mortal ministry, including the Transfiguration, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, and the Cross, mentioned earlier. He alone clearly addresses being spiritually "**born again**" in John 3 and his 3 Epistles. It is a key feature of the LORD's higher teachings, leading to the "**Blessed**" state spoken of cryptically in scripture. I believe the 3 missing beatitudes represents a very good example of the on-going war on truth by controlling editors, or the limitations of recording God's word accurately long after it occurred. The 3 missing "**Blessed**" states of the Matthew 5 are the first 3 missing beatitudes below.

- (1) "**Blessed** are they who shall **believe on me**";
- (2) "More **blessed** are they who shall believe on your words [the 12 Apostles], when ye shall testify that **ye have seen me**, and [know] that I am";
- (3) Yea, **blessed** are they who shall **believe** in your words [the "sent ones" or the **12** Apostles] and come down into the depth of humility, and be **baptized** [in water] **in my name** for they shall be visited with **fire and the Holy Ghost**, and shall receive **a remission of their sins**" (JST Bible, 1867, see all **12** on p. 27 & endnote 6).

All 12 **Blessed** beatitudes are found in 2 *underutilized* extra-Biblical texts addressed hereafter. Note the content of the **first 3** (below middle and right) tied to our *redemption*! They focus on *salvation* in Christ - by first **coming to Him**! In the account at right, Christ the LORD stated, "**I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost**".

Endnote 6 features the *born-again* experiences of Christ, Adam, and other persons of note in scripture, in addition to a offering of the clearest scriptures on this important *saving* event. Use the scriptures in this endnote to help you with family and friends. Only those who “repent” and “come unto Christ” are baptized by Him spiritually into His church. Such can become **Blessed** via these *two baptisms*, the first by authorized, empowered and sent men, and the next by God Himself. In Christ’s day, the first was by **water** and at the hands of the **12** Apostles or “sent ones”. They were called by the LORD Himself. He ordained them, empowered them, and then sent them out into the world. Note in the chart below a comparison of these 3 sources (see also p. 27).

The second saving baptism is tied to **the Spirit** in what Christ referred to as being “**born again**” in John 3:3-5. It is to be *sanctified* by His precious blood. He and the Father control this rebirth. It is a *necessary, cleansing, saving event* preceding the reception of **the gift and power of the Holy Ghost**. The receipt of this important gift is called both “the promise of the Father” (Luke 24:49) and “the enduement [or endowment – a gift] of **power from on high**”. God (the Father or Son) controls this event *and* the gifting of the Holy Ghost. It comes from on high⁴ (see Acts 1:5 & 8). With this gift light **truth** is discerned in contrast to darkness.

The 3 missing “**Blessed**” beatitudes below are in **blue** (see also p. 29).

“In the mouth of two
or three witnesses
shall every word be established.”

1 Corinthians 13:1, KJV

Luke 6 - 4 Beatitudes
Matthew 5 - 9 Beatitudes

The Matthew 5 Account - KJV

1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 **Blessed** are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 **Blessed** are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 5 **Blessed** are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 **Blessed** are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 **Blessed** are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 **Blessed** are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 **Blessed** are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 **Blessed** are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 **Blessed** are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 **Rejoice**, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

12 Beattitudes rather than 9 or 4

JST Matthew 5 - KJV

1. And Jessus, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him;
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 **Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again,**
- more **blessed** are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.
- 4 Yea, **blessed** are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.
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3 Nephi 12 (BM)

1 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying:

Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore **blessed** are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.

2 And again, **more blessed** are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am.

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Four sources address being **born again** with the greatest clarity. Two are supplied by Christ and John in the New Testament (John 3:35 and John's 3 epistles). And 2 extra-Biblical sources provide much more. They include the JST (Joseph Smith Translation)⁶ of Matthew chapter 5, and the Book of Mormon, both of which are rarely consulted by most Christians today who hold similar biases towards them (like Jews and their biases towards the New Testament). The proof is in the text itself *and* assistance from God via sincere prayer. Collectively all 4 sources provide great clarity on what it means to be "**born again**".⁷

In addition to the **12** beatitudes, 8 additional recommendations are made by the LORD to His disciples in Matthew 5 (regular version & JST). They include the LORD's desire that His people, become the salt of the earth, lights to the world, and that they become great by living and teaching this higher law. He then discusses the higher nature of this new law, such as being reconciled with one's brother before coming to the LORD's altar. He suggests that one should not commit adultery (as in the old law), but that even looking upon a woman to lust after her is adultery in his hear. He states that His followers should not put away their wife (save for fornication), and that one should keep one's oaths with God, but not swear oaths with other men by their head. He suggested that all return things borrowed, and to love one's enemies. And finally to be perfect even as "your Father who is in heaven is perfect".

The first 3 missing beatitudes provide a significant example of the "plain and precious" things removed from scripture by editing scribes, some of whom rejected Christ and His saving truths. Whenever and wherever God has provided light, Satan has come to take it away. The "great whore" prophesied of by John the Revelator has re-emerged in our day with great strength, doing battle with "the virgin bride" of the Lamb. The wounds of the great whore coming on her during the reformation, have since healed, as John prophesied (see Rev. 13:3). A united church and state "beast" system has re-emerged. Their secret works of darkness are part of a growing worldwide network of control, firmly implanted in governments, media, schools, and churches. "Getting gain" **is** their self-willed focus, partly maintained by the blindness or ignorance of too many of us.

The great whore is the enemy of the church of "the Lamb of God," those believers who may become "**blessed**" in embracing all **12 commandments** *and* "the higher principles" God gave to us - "with a promise" - in the **12 beatitudes**. They represent a clear pathway to *salvation* and the greater blessings promised by the Bridegroom. He desires the Bride to be adorned in a garment of great beauty and light.

Favorite tools in battling Christ and His truths are **lies, deception**, personal biases, prejudices, and false beliefs and traditions. They result in "**idols of the heart**", often represented by deeply held beliefs that keep too many from receiving truth. Labeled as "Mormon" books rather than "word of God," the 2 extra-Biblical accounts are easily dismissed by too many. In reality, many if not most within the Mormon Church are also unaware of them. They, like Catholics, Protestants, and Jews have embraced "religion" rather than the truths that bring "relationship" with Christ the LORD. Thus they too have not been taught about being "**born again**" in Christ the LORD. Such realize that they need Him, not the programs and teachings of men that are too often centered on "getting gain" (1 Ne. 22:23). Cain offered up a sacrifice to God, as did Abel. The difference in them was the heart of the one offering up the sacrifice. Abel did as God directed. Cain mixed what God wanted with his own desires (a symbol for man's religion). Cain's sacrifice was not viewed with the same favor as Abel's. Knowing this, Satan came tempting Cain to worship him. He taught Cain that he could "get" Abel's flocks and did so via murder. Like the Jews of old, most religions today embrace tenants that allow for mixing in one's own desires in connection with the things of the world, alongside the things of God. It typically also includes raising up others (like the Rabbi's, Popes, and General Authorities) in place of the living God, a form of modern idolatry.

The solution for obtaining truth by any humble believer is to ask God about any book or scripture, including those presented here. The truth of all things can be obtained only within pure intent - at the altar of God. Pure, undefiled revelation from God requires that we first remove the "**idols held in the secret chambers of our heart**". Only then can we avoid deception from our own traditions and biases, or deception from false spirits. Too often answers from prayer are shaped by the idols we hold in our heart, causing is to receive answers **from our mind** that are consistent with our assumptions, or from **deceiving spirits** that don't want us to receive things of light. Thus **our idols** keep us bound down, when Christ the LORD can set us free. Good "**idols of the heart**" scriptures from the Bible include *Ezek. 14:1-11*; Prov. 23:7; Isa. 66:2-4; 2 Thess. 2:10-12 and James 4:3. In the Book of Mormon we read of the same concept in Jacob 4:14; Alma 29:4, and Morm. 9:28.

Many Jewish people embracing the Old Testament easily dismiss the New Testament, labeling it as an anti-Jewish Christian or Gentile book. Many Christians embracing both the Old and New Testaments balk at reading the Book of Mormon because of similar biases. Many Mormons reject the saving truths in the Book of Mormon tied to being “born again” along with Jews and Catholics. All do so because they have embraced another way. Paul said:

“For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a *different gospel* which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!” (2 Cor. 11:4).

“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach *any other gospel* to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:8).

“**The way** of *salvation* of our God” was entrusted to the believing, “**blessed**” bloodline of Abraham and his posterity. God promised that they would be a *blessing* to the whole earth. And it is through the recording, preserving, and publishing of **the word of God**, via the *believing* bloodline of the patriarchal fathers Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph of Egypt, that we have all three works – the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Book of Mormon. All three have come to us by recorders in this believing and “**blessed**” bloodline. They contain saving truths.

Too many often retain what scripture calls a “hard heart”, one unwilling to accept things which are out of their own confining “boxes”. Reading any work with humility, while seeking **God’s will** rather than one’s own will, is the great **key** in removing “**idols**” or biases that are *held deeply within the heart*. God’s word tells us that truth is only revealed to those with open, receptive or soft hearts, those having pure intent and a desire to obtain God’s will as did Christ throughout his mortal mission. “All truth” may be obtained this way. Without humility, however, and the removal of assumptions, pure *revelation from God* may be tainted by assumptions within *our own mind* or *false deceiving spirits*.

III. The Judge & King – Enthroned at Tabernacles in the New World

Jesus as the Coming Judge & King / *Sukkot* (Tabernacles), days 15 – 22 of the 7th month near the fall equinox / *This 8-day feast is marked by the full moon on day 15 of the 7th month of Tishri. It continues for 7 days, originally part of the enthronement ceremonies for the kings of Israel. Tabernacles became the most joyous of the 7 annual feast days. It lasted 8 days, just like the single day of Passover combined with the 7 days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, held near the opposing spring equinox. Joy is associated with this special holy day in connection with the enthronement of the King, His marriage to the Queen, and leading and overseeing the people in His care. It signals having the presence of the King “tabernacled” with us! It is joyful because He is the source of light, love, deliverance, etc.*

The 8 days of *the Feast of Tabernacles* is a summary celebration of God’s covenant with mankind and His work to deliver us from sin, death, and hell. It is a joyous holy day tied to the enthronement of the King and His queen. She is the Bride, the church or community of believers. The tent or tabernacle used at this celebration for 7 of its 8 days is also symbolic of the marriage between the King and His Bride. It is also the story of God’s son, the Prince. It is a 8-day dramatic presentation that presents the story of Prince who was sent by His Father on an impossible mission. The story reveals how He overcame all things to complete His mission.

The Prince is the LORD Jesus. His mission was and is to redeem us as His Bride! He will be enthroned among us as King of kings at this joyous holy day in the future. He as King over all then supplies all needed things to those following Him, just as he did in a more limited fashion for the Israelites on their deliverance from Egypt. It is both a physical and a spiritual deliverance in the last-days and a time of great celebration after the cleansing of the earth. It is a marriage celebration with music, singing, and dancing.

Before this joyous feast day arrives, there will be judgment upon the whole earth, and by Jesus as **Judge**. John’s book of Revelation addresses the coming judgments in connection with prophecy and 7 trumps. Those who make it through them, staying true to the LORD will become part of the **Blessed** inhabitants of Zion – the LORD’s new peaceful and just kingdom on the earth. The judgments are not addressed here. Note however, that is Jesus as Judge and King over His kingdom that cleanses it. He is the “Stone cut out of the mountain without hands”, meaning He is divine, born of a virgin. He is the “Stone” that breaks down the great idol seen in the book of Daniel. He then sets up His “mountain” or last-days kingdom.

Note the different “Stones” in scripture hereafter, all symbolizing Christ, the “Stone of Israel” (Gen. 49:24). We know Israel drank or received revelation (“living waters”) from that “Rock” who was Christ (1 Cor. 10:4). Was the physical stone Jacob rested his head on during his vision of the ladder, the same stone or pillar he anointed with wine and oil in Genesis to memorialize his encounter with God at Peniel (Gen. 28; 1-22; 31:13, 44-48; 32:30)? Was it the same physical stone that brought forth “living waters” for the children of Israel as they wandered in the desert wilderness for 40 years?

1. The *Stone* smitten by Moses, which brought forth *living waters* continually for all Israel during her 40 years of wandering in the dry desert (they took it with them), providing water for all people and their animals (Ex. 17:6; Num. 20:4-13, 17; 1 Cor. 10:4).
2. The *Stone of Stumbling* in Isaiah, the *Rock of Offense*, the Messiah Jesus that the people could not or would not accept and honor and learn from (Isa. 8:14; 1 Pet. 2:8; Isa. 53).
3. The *Chief Cornerstone* that the builders of the temple rejected. They would not build their foundations on Him. He was rejected, despised, forsaken, and crucified (Psalm 118:22; Acts 4:11; Isaiah 53).
4. The great *Stone* that rolls forth breaking down all the kingdoms of the earth in the last-days, led by Babylon, the great whore of all the earth - the golden head of the idol seen in Daniel (Dan. 2:34-35).

The traditions part of the Feast of Tabernacles involve “living waters”, “light” and “tabernacles”. The Israelites were to dwell in their “tabernacles”, “booths” or “tents” for the first 7 days of this joyous 8-day feast, all in remembrance of the Israelites 40-year sojourn in the Sinai desert. This journey occurred after God delivered the Israelites from Egyptian captivity. This holy day was meant to remind the people that God provided for their every need, starting with their physical **deliverance** from slavery and bondage in the first Passover in Egypt. And it looked towards their *spiritual* deliverance in Him at the future day as “the Lamb of God” (in the Atonement via the *Day of Atonement*). His blood, like the Passover lamb, would be willingly shed for them!

While latter wandering in the Sinai desert, God’s great love for them was seen in the shade he provided them from the hot sun, the light supplied at night, and the water supplied by a special rock they carried with them in desert lands for 40 years. The LORD addressed this in His Tabernacles statement saying, “If any man thirst, let him **come unto me**, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow *rivers of living water*” (John 7:37). Jesus was their rock and ours, a sure foundation, the chief cornerstone they rejected when He came among them (Psalm 118:22). He has become the headstone of the corner. He will supply living waters to all those turning to Him.

In Exodus 17:6 and Numbers 20:8 we read about the rock Israel carried with them in 40 years of wandering in a desert. In 1 Corinthians 10:4, Paul reveals a great mystery about it, stating, “And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that *followed* them: and **that Rock was Christ**” (1 Cor. 10:4, see also Acts 4:11; Gen. 28:22, 31:13, 49:24; Psalm 18:22, 78:16). It was also at Tabernacles that the LORD gave sight to a man born blind at birth. He saw light for the first time under Christ’s hands. He would not deny the Master and His great love and power and thus he was excommunicated from the Synagogue. His parents, fearing for their livelihood, kept their mouths shut, but the now sighted son knew where this great blessing originated, in Jesus of Nazareth! He said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12).

In addition to both water and light in their 40 years of wander, God’s love for the people was also seen in the manna He continually provided them during 6 of the 7 days each week. Even their clothes were preserved from wearing out by this merciful God. He truly was a good shepherd. Sadly, they rebelled against Him. The provision He supplied them daily as their King was represented in the 3 items within the Ark of the Covenant. The King rested His foot upon them (in the Ark) as the foundation of His righteous government. It was a footstool for the throne that sat behind it in Solomon’s Temple (see 1 Chron. 28:2; Psalm 99:5). Inside the Ark were the symbols of His Priesthood and Kingship, which *established* His right to lead the people based on the *authority* symbolized in these objects.

1. The golden pot of manna (**food** – Christ said He was the “Bread of Life” for His people). He supplied the white food that was provided miraculously from heaven each day, except the Sabbath.
2. The 10 commandments (this was **the law** to govern them, given on 2 tables of stone). The king was also the judge over the people. He administered the law He gave them.

3. The Rod of Aaron that budded (the **power** as God – the King of kings - to **deliver** His people physically and spiritually)

In John chapters 7-10 we read that Christ revealed His true identity to the people during Tabernacles. It led to His death 6 months latter at Passover. Besides addressing Himself as *their* “**living water**” and as “**the Light of the world**”, He told them that He was also the God of the Old Testament, the *great* **I AM** – He who had spoken to Moses atop fiery Sinai. Jesus was *their* Law-Giver. Moses simply delivered it on the 2 tables of stone to them as God’s humble servant. It was God who provided them needed guidance in their law, and with judgment and correction as needed from time to time. And of course it is John that informs us of this as the name-title is tied to His **divinity**. It is he alone who informs us that Christ identified Himself as the great “I am” and in 7 different ways tied to His caring for the sheep He shepherds. The number 7 is the number representing *spiritual completion*, typically in connection with a *time* period involving 7 (7 days, 7 years, 7 dispensations, etc.). It was at Tabernacles in the 7th month of Tishri that Jesus announced to the world His **divinity**. It enraged His enemies. He said:

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).

“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9).

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep” (John 10:11).

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:25, 26).

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing ” (John 15:5).

God was and is Israel’s loving caretaker. He supplies all to those following Him! The best Davidic kings were to be caretakers of the people too, serving them. Some, like those of today, abused the people, while others like king David worshipped the living God and pointed the people to Him. Because of the wickedness of many of Israel’s kings, the Holy Days in the 7th month - tied to the *enthronement of the King* were eventually replaced with ceremonies that honored the priestly class instead. Like the powerful, self-serving kings, they too desired gain, all at the expense of the people. Little has changed today.

The great and abominable church addressed by John the Revelator, is full of such self-serving men. God said He will destroy it, but only after the Bride of the Lamb is severely tested, proving her worthiness to enter into the bridal chamber with the Bridegroom. It is during a future Tabernacles celebration that Christ the LORD will be enthroned as King of kings by all His loyal subjects, those whom He came here to save. There will be mutual love between both. His enthronement is symbolized by the activities presented below over the 8 days of this feast. They were once a part of the original Tabernacles celebration. There was a King and a Queen, an impossible mission for the Prince their Son, and His eventual victory leading to his enthronement at the new king. It was all part of a symbolic play carried out in the original order of David’s Psalms (the music and liturgy of the ceremonies). This order has been lost, along with its powerful worship music, maintained by 288 singers (in 24 hourly courses of 12 singers in each course) and by 4000 musicians (see 1 Chron. 15, 16 & 29). David’s messages in this play with music in the Psalms yet remains, though out of the correct order. Various things have been removed too, like clear connections to Christ and to His Kingship.

The 8-day sequence addressed on the next page (p. 20) was held each year (an annual “New Year’s Rite”) at Tabernacles (anciently) – and just after the *civil* New Year was brought in (marked by Rosh Hashanah). It is believed

to portray much of this ancient temple drama pointing to Christ the LORD as our King. It was once part of the renewal of the King of Israel's right to rule and reign over His people as God's representative on earth. In this temple drama, each of us as a male or female are like the Prince and his companion wife, the Princess. They have difficult trials to overcome before they take their place as heirs with Christ or with the great King of kings and His Queen in their kingdom.

The 8-part sequence below represents a symbolic timeline of coming events (international in scope and yet personal for each of us). Their content and order is addressed in the Psalms, but now out of order. Prior to day 1 of Creation, there is Pre-mortality and a Council in heaven (Gods, Sons of God). There, God provides a plan with instructions. He blesses and foreordains members of the Council and others for their missions. They become "sent ones," the "Great and Noble", the 144,000 and others.

Patterns in the Book of Mormon, in both King Benjamin's enthronement of his son Mosiah (Mosiah chapters 1-5), and our LORD's visit to the people gathered at the Temple at Bountiful (3 Nephi 9-20), reveal basics of the Ancient New Year's Rite below. Many believe the LORD Yeshua was enthroned as King at Tabernacles in the New World, after He was rejected and crucified in Jerusalem.⁸ The 2500 people there saw, felt, and came to know that the King enthroned before them was also their Redeemer Yeshua, Creator of the world.

The Enthronement of the King

An 8-Day Summary Sequence of the Ancient New Year's Rite or the Ancient Temple Drama, Presented at The Feast of Tabernacles as Contained in the Psalms

*It is also representative of the 7 days of creation and linear time in mortality & the raising up of man
and may also correspond to the final 7 years of Jacob's Trouble*

Day 1 Physical creation of the earth (Rosh Hashanah, day 1 of the 7th month) / Adam & Eve in the Eden / All people are represented by them / Adam and Eve are expelled from Eden beginning their journey of progression

Day 2 Mortality and testing begins (history of Israel reviewed)

Day 3 Initiates are given the Abrahamic Covenant / One is anointed to become king, the custodian of the law

Day 4 The young prince receives a near impossible mission / It is a type for the life of the Savior, the Davidic Servant, the Great and Noble, and the 144,000

Day 5 The prince, the King's son is alone during a great trial – the impossible mission, and may die (a type for our LORD's Atonement)

Day 6 The prince battles darkness in the world of the dead (the underworld of many cultures, or the latter Egyptian Duat) / The prince is saved by God / It is a type for our LORD and then His resurrection after three days and nights / He defeats the twin monsters of death & hell (leviathan & behemoth) / He declares liberty to the captives, the dead who have not had or embraced the truth

Day 7 Procession with the Ark around Jerusalem (the Ark symbolized the presence of God). It is taken inside the temple (to the Holy of Holies) / Earlier at Rosh Hashanah, the king was washed and anointed / He now sits on the throne as a Son of God, his feet firmly established in his new rule as King by placement of his feet upon the relics of kingship within the Ark / He then gives a lecture to the people (the 12 Beatitudes of 3 Nephi 12) / It is a summary of the higher law as part of his new divine government / This occurs on the day 21st day of the 7th month during the Feast of Tabernacles

Day 8 There is then sacrificing and joyous feasting on the last, 8th, Great Day of the Feast (day 22) / It is a fulfillment of the Everlasting Covenant between God and His people / This is patterned after the millennial reign of THE Davidic King Jesus Christ, in the 8th, renewed age / When He rules (as King of kings) and reigns (as the Great High Priest), the fruit of the Tree of Life will be miraculously given all (a type for the Sacrament which God supplied in 3 Nephi 20) / The "fruit of the Tree" includes light, living water, food, protection, and treasures of knowledge, etc. / Thereafter at each Feast of Tabernacles all is renewed, including the temple, which is re-dedicated,

the Eternal Covenant between God, the king and his people (a nation of kings and priests), and all creation / This renewal keeps darkness and chaos at bay as long as the ordinances are carried out repeatedly thereafter in purity

Three scriptures tell us that this ancient temple drama, with its true worship of the King of kings, will again be fully restored in what is called “the Tabernacle of David”. It is a return of widespread powerful praise and worship Christ the LORD as the King of kings in the near future (see Amos 9:11; Isa. 33:20 and 4:4-6; Acts 15:16). Pastor Mike Bickle in Missouri has been conducting 24/7 worship of our LORD (per His instruction) since 1999. He has much to share about his experiences and the LORD Himself. During the reign of 7 righteous kings in ancient Israel, David’s 24/7 worship of the living God was maintained. It brought great peace and prosperity among the people, and victory for the armies of Israel. It will return in its full and perfect state to conquer the great idolatry and wickedness of false worship on this earth. This wickedness is combined with sexual sin and has been put in place throughout the beast system of our day. Laws have been put in place by the beast system to protect it all, and make evil good, and good evil. All is becoming upside-down.

All 3 holy days in the 7th Sabbath month originally pointed towards the coming millennial reign Christ as King of kings, including His birth in the 7th month of God’s own calendar, His impossible mission as the Lamb of God in the Day of Atonement, and His final enthronement as King of kings as part of a new kingdom of peace, justice, and love among the redeemed of Zion. Both Christ and the royal line of kings symbolized by Him were rejected for the power of the priestly class, resulting in today’s wealthy Rabbis and other leaders who stand between the people and God, controlling them for gain. Leaders among many religions stand in similar positions. Too many are used by others rather than loved. “Usury” or “unjust gain” was and is forbidden in God’s law (Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36; Deut. 23:19; Neh. 5:7; Ps. 15:5; Ezek. 18:5-9). It is the way of the world today – the “beast” system.

Named Yeshua as a young boy, our LORD has taught a better way, “the way of salvation” (Yeshua name means “salvation”). He as the Lion of the tribe of Judah was and is the heavenly King, a great healer, the source of living waters, and our light. Rejected in the meridian of time, He will finally be recognized for who He is at a future Tabernacles celebration. Cleansing judgment in the great and terrible “day of the LORD” will come first, however. Those who use, persecute, and kill His people in the coming days will be burned at His coming.

Daniel informs us that the “*wise*” virgins, the “*overcomers*” of the world, those who withstand the beast and false prophet, and who do not take the mark of the beast upon them will be greatly blessed. They must make it through the **1290** days of Daniel **12**, finally making it to the end of **1335** days – 1 and ½ more months (note that both numbers add up to **12**). Such will be invited to become part of Zion - God’s just and peaceful kingdom on earth. This is the message of the 12 chapters of Daniel. It is about true worship of the Living God which Daniel was focused upon. His life was threatened with a burning hot oven, and hungry lions. God delivered him and over and over again because of his faith and trust in the True and Living God, our King of kings Yeshua! He and his companions were great blessed and raised up among the Babylonians, even they were captive Jews, true believers, not fake Jews (Rev. 2:9, 3:9). They had believing blood coursing thru their veins.

They and you and I can become the *redeemed* **Blessed** ones of the LORD too. We are invited to obtain the seal of the living God, rather than the mark of the beast. Christ the LORD – the King of kings will one day soon open the Book of Life and read from it in a glorious future day when darkness is banished from the earth. John saw this very event in Revelation chapter 5. Because of God’s love in the Atonement, our LORD alone was and is worthy to open this book with its 7 seals. Will your name be written there? I pray that it might be so!

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good*! For His mercy *endures* forever . . .

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We have **blessed** you from the house of the LORD . . .

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good*!

For His mercy *endures* forever.”

Psalms 118:1, 26 -29

End Notes

¹ **Christ, the 4 Living Creatures & the 4 Gospel Writers** The 4 living creatures surrounding God's throne in heaven (in the books of Revelation and Ezekiel) appear to symbolize 4 roles of Christ's earthly mission, as revealed in the 4 gospels – that of a *lion* (Matthew), an *ox* (Mark), a *man* (Luke), and an *eagle* (John). John (the writer of the 4th gospel and the book of Revelation) shows us the *divinity* of Christ, whereas Matthew, the writer of the 1st gospel, addresses Christ as **King** over all Israel. Matthew's witness informs us that He came in the precious *kingly* bloodline of David. Matthew addresses Christ as **King** a total of **12** times in his 28 chapters. His witness includes Christ's future Second Coming return as the **King of kings**, who is also a **Judge** over all in His kingdom (Matthew 24). Matthew quotes Christ as saying that at any time He could command **12** legions of angels to assist Him (Matt. 26:53), as He is "the **King** of Zion and the Rock of Heaven (JST Gen. 7:59 or Moses 7:53). Unlike John who addressed Mary anointing Christ's feet, Matthew tells us that Mary anointed Christ's *head* - as the **King of kings**, prior to entering the winepress of Gethsemane alone. She knew of His greatness, power, and courage, along with His tender *heart*. He has the heart of a lion, "the lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5).

The 2nd gospel writer Mark addressed Yeshua as the humble and willing **Servant** of the Father, one who sought diligently to do *His will* in all things. This is symbolized in the *calf* or *ox* of Rev. 4:6-7. This animal has strong shoulders, needed to carry heaven burdens. Seeking and doing the will of the Father is Christ's perfect example for us today. Seeking God's will above our own requires us to remove all the idols we hold in our hearts to receive pure, undefiled revelation from heaven (see Ezek. 14).

Luke, the 3rd gospel writer addressed Christ as the "**Son of Man**", one who descended here in **human** form to *save* us, as symbolized in the face of a "*man*" in Rev. 4:6-7. He experienced all that we do, including temptations, emotions, and great pain and suffering, all under complete control. He was the only perfect man to walk the earth, looking to the Father in all things.

See *Why Four Gospels*, by A.W. Pink, Bible Truth Depot.

² **The Pattern of Governance in the Number 12** God **governs** His Kingdom on earth via His great *light, love, and law*. They are the source of His *power, honored* by all of creation (see D&C 29:35 & 88:6-13). The principle of "**governance**" has consistent ties to the number 12 throughout scripture, like the 12 Apostles the LORD called in the New Testament *and* in the Book of Mormon. His law features 12 commandments, 12 "Blessed" beatitudes, and 12 blessings and cursings tied to them (see #2 below).

1. Governance via Light God is the source of all light. Scripture tells us that He is surrounded by a colorful 360-degree rainbow upon His throne, the visual manifestation of the color frequency of light and His great love for His people and all creation (see Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3 & 10:1; 3 Enoch 22:4). In D&C 88:13, the LORD stated, "The *light* which is in all things, which giveth *life* to all things, which is the *law* by which all things are **governed**, even the *power* of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things." God's *power* among all created things - is the "*honor*" and "*love*" they feel for Him as Creator (see D&C 29:35). Satan wanted this *power* (see Isa. 14), and rebelled against God to try and get it. When a true servant of God uses "the *sealing power*" given him of God, they repeat words He gives them to say, with the elements of creation responding to the directives of the Creator. They recognize His will in the servant, and thus they *willingly obey* out of *love* and *honor* for their Creator (Abr. 4:18).

God continues to send His great light throughout creation to govern, enlighten, and heal it. There are 3 ways to express the speed of light; (1) 186,000 miles per second; (2) 162,000 nautical miles in real-time per second; And (3) 144,000 minutes of arc per grid second or "*the speed of light harmonic*", or 12 x 12 x 1000 (see Bruce Cathie, *Bridge to Infinity*, p. 8). Light is frequency, whether it is visual light or audible sound. There are 7 colors in the color spectrum, each with a unique frequency of vibration. The same is true of sound. In a musical octave of 7 primary notes (the white keys on a piano), there are 12 tones or frequencies, via 5 additional black "sharp" or intermediate keys (in between the 7 white keys).

Special Servants of Light The number 144,000 (12 x 12 x 1000) is not only one way to express "the speed of light", it has scriptural ties to special "servants of light" in the last days. There are 12,000 servants among the 12 Tribes of the house of Israel, making 144,000 total servants serving as Messianic Jews converted to Christ (see Rev. 7). Many believe there is a second set of 144,000 Christian servants (see Rev. 14). They work among the Gentile nations with 12,000 of them too, having more mixed blood from the 12 sons of Jacob. Both sets of 144,000 servants (288,000 total) gather those of light, the "elect" within "house of Israel". They are gathered back to God and His greater light. King David employed 288 prophetic singers in the Tabernacle of David and had 288,000 soldiers in his army (144,000 of them serving for 6 months out of the year).

Moses set up 12 stones at the base of Sinai to represent the 12 Tribes of Israel. He also sent 12 spies (one from each Tribe) into the land of Canaan to investigate it and its current residents of giants in walled cities (they were the posterity of the Fallen Angels of Genesis 6, a great plague on the earth that continues here and now).

Our LORD called 12 special *servants* or Apostles to be "*special witnesses*" of THE Light of the world - Jesus Christ. John stated that there are 24 Elders surrounding God's throne in heaven (Rev. 4:8, 5:7, 11:2, 19:3). King David put in place 24 courses of priests (2 sets of 12 servants in the bloodline of Jacob's 12 sons) to serve at David's Tabernacle of worship, and to later praise and worship at Solomon's Temple (1 Chron. 24).

There are also 12 hierarchies of angels; 1. Thrones, 2. Arc Angels, 3. Seraphim, 4. Cherubim, 5. Dominions, 6. Virtues, 7. Powers, 8. Principalities, 9. Guardians, 10. Comforters, 11. Holy Animals & Creatures, and 12 Planetary Guardians.” The LORD Jesus said that He could command 12 legions of angels to help Him if necessary (Matt. 26:53).

2. Governance via God’s Law The primary law of heaven is love. The LORD taught Moroni that there were 12 characteristics of Charity, the pure love of Christ (see Moroni 7:45). God gave 12 total “commandments” in the Old Testament. They include the 2 Great Commandments to love God and love on another (Deut. 6:4-5 & Lev. 19:18). These 2 laws summarize the 10 additional commandments given Moses in Exodus 20, as found on the 2 tables of stone. The first 5 of them are about loving God, the second 5 are about loving one another. There are 12 blessings and 12 cursings tied to living these 12 commandments or ignoring them (see Deut. 27 & 28).

The LORD later God gave a higher law, called the “Blessed” Beatitudes in the New Testament *and* in the Book of Mormon. The King James Version of Luke 6 addresses only 4 Beatitudes, while Matthew 5 lists 9 of them. The pattern of “**governance**” via the number 12 is missing in 4 or 9 Beatitudes. Joseph Smith restored all 12 of them to us in JST Matthew 5 and 3 Nephi 12 (see the author’s papers *Clear Born Again Scriptures* or *The 2 Great Commandments of 12*, both at www.7witnesses.com). Those living His higher law are pronounced clean and given the name-title “Blessed” (meaning “in the state of the gods”).

3. Governing via the Measure of Space There are 12 inches to a foot in the English measure of *space* (the measure of the foot of King David of Scotland in 1150 AD). Ezekiel’s altar was 12 cubits square (Ezek. 43:16). Elijah’s altar was made of 12 stones, surrounded by a ditch having 12 barrels of water in it. John described New Jerusalem (God’s Tabernacle in heaven) as having 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 tribes, 12 foundations, 12 Apostles, 12 stones, and 12 pearls. He describes the measure of this city as a cube of 12,000 furlongs - in 3 dimensions.

4. Governing via the Measure of Time There are 12 hours of light and darkness at the 2 equinoxes, an equal measure of *time* in a day of 24 hours. There are 12 months in the year, and 12 zodiac signs rotating around the sun during “the Great Year,” also known as “the precession of the equinoxes.” It is 25,920 years, or 12 x 2,160 years, the average time each of the 12 signs remains at the eastern horizon. Note also that 2,160 is the diameter of the moon in miles. The Tabernacle of David featured 24/7 worship and praise of the LORD. In it there were 12 different singers for each of the 24 hours of the day, making 288 prophetic singers (1 Chron. 25:9-31). Each solar “day” (24 hours or 1,440 minutes) the moon cycle is separated by another 12 degrees from it on the 360 degree clock of time (10 minutes per day), resulting in the differing moon phases and the need for recalibration of the 2 time pieces (the sun and the moon) in leap months or leap years.

5. Governing the Human Body God created our physical bodies with 12 governing systems. They are the Circulatory, Digestive, Endocrine, Integumentary, Renal, Lymphatic, Muscular, Nervous, Reproductive, Respiratory, Skeletal, and Vestibular systems. There are also 12 mineral or cell salts governing the body. They are 1. calcium flouride, 2. Calcium phosphate. 3. Calcium sulfate, 4. Iron phosphate, 5. Magnesium phosphate, 6. Potassium chloride, 7. Potassium phosphate, 8. Potassium sulfate, 9. Sodium chloride, 10. Sodium phosphate, 11. Sodium sulfate, and 12. Silica.

Worldwide DNA research reveals many strands of DNA, not just the 2 explored in western science, which are tied to the **physical** makeup of our bodies. The additional strands have been called “junk DNA” in the west and are mostly ignored. The revolutionary work of 2 Russian scientists, molecular biologist Dr. Pjotr Garjajev and researcher Dr. Vladimir Poponin, has revealed the purpose for the additional DNA strands, thought to be 10, making 12 total (as seen by energy healers in their clients). The more holistic research of the Russians reveals a **spiritual** focus for the additional strands (perhaps coinciding with 12 total energy-center chakras). The Russians didn’t believe that nature (or God) would supply unnecessary “junk DNA” strands, that making up some 90-95% of the DNA. Instead they found that DNA is not genetically “fixed”, but can be *repaired* and *reprogrammed* by light or frequency, whether it is visual light (like a laser) or audible frequencies (like music and words). Music utilizes “octaves”, each with 12 notes (on a piano, these 12 notes are found in 7 white keys and 5 black keys per octave).

God is sending forth His great light (D&C 88:6-13) to awaken and transform our DNA, that we might be *physically* and *spiritually* prepared for His coming as Judge and King over a new millennial Kingdom of justice, peace, and love. He used words to create in Genesis *and* did so again during his earthly ministry to heal many. All creation willingly responds to the Creator’s voice (Abr. 4:18) out of love *and* honor for Him. This “honor” is His great **power**. Satan was jealous, wanting both God’s honor and power (see D&C 29:36), and thus he rebelled against God, taking many when they were cast out of heaven to earth.

6. Governing with Love, Healing & Deliverance The LORD Jesus is the Great *Healer* and *Deliverer*, bringing forth the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt at Passover. He has delivered His wayward people over and over again. Throughout the Psalms, David proclaimed, “His mercy endureth forever.” The Tree of Life has 12 manner of fruits on it for the healing of the nations (Rev. 22:2). As the great healer, and consistent with the 12 governing systems of our bodies, and our potential 12-strand DNA, God also inspired “the 12-Step program” that provides healing and deliverance for those held captive to drugs, alcohol, pornography, and other additions. The first of the 12 steps addresses the need to place *faith* and *trust* in the living God, stating, “We admitted we were *powerless* over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable. Came to believe that a *Power greater than ourselves* could *restore* us to sanity. Made a decision to turn our will and our *lives* over to the care of God...”

7. Governance of God's Kingdom on Earth Matthew addressed Christ as “King” 12 times, and with 12 references to His “gospel”. John provided 12 different “divine” titles for Christ:

The Word (John 1:1)	The Bread of Life (John 6:35)	The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
The Creator of all things (John 1:3)	The great I AM (John 8:58; 18:6, 8; Ex. 3:14)	The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
The Only Begotten of the Father (John 1:14)	The Light of the world (John 9:5)	The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)
The Lamb of God (John 1:29)	The Door of the sheep (John 10:7)	The true Vine (John 15:1)

The 12 chapters of the “sealed” book of Daniel addresses true and false worship, God’s control over earthly kingdoms, and the final establishment of an everlasting Kingdom of peace, love, and justice under Christ as King of kings in the last-days. In Daniel 6 we read of 120 jealous princes who tried to trap Daniel in false worship. Daniel 12:9-13 provides a limited timeline of last-days rule by the beast and false prophet of 1,290 total days. Daniel calls those who make it to 1,335 days “**blessed**.” They will be part of God’s kingdom on the earth. Note that both numbers add up to 12 (these 3 time periods are about 3.5 years each, also known as “time, times, and a half” (each “time” is 12 months – or 1 year).

Three scriptures prophetically address the return of the “Tabernacle of David” as part of God’s last-days kingdom on the earth (see Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16; Isa. 16:5). “True worship” was the focus of this tabernacle and will return to the earth in His Millennial kingdom in our day. It mirrors the type of worship present in heaven. The LORD’s prayer states, “They kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:10). King David implemented “True Worship” in the Holy City via 24/7 worship, praise, and thanksgiving in the special tent or tabernacle he first set up near the Gihon Spring. It has since come to be known as the Tabernacle of David, a different structure than the Tabernacle Moses set up in the book of Exodus. In it, King David employed 4,000 musicians and 288 prophetic singers (24 courses of 12 Levite singers each). Many believe they used musical instruments tuned to 432 or 444 hz, which had power to push away evil and darkness, while simultaneously providing healing qualities for God’s people (the numbers 144 and 288 have ties to light in #1 above, “**Governance via Light**”). God governs all things by His great light and love.

³ **The Blessed** Old Testament scholar W. F. Albright and New Testament scholar C. S. Mann translated the word “blessed” in Matthew 5 as “fortunate”. The footnote to their change adds that to be “blessed” is to be “*of the State of the Gods*”. It reads, *Fortunate*. The word in Greek was used in classical times [to mean] *of the state of the gods* in contrast to men. The usual English “blessed” has more and more come to have liturgical or ecclesiastical overtones, and we have chosen “fortunate” as the being the best translation available to us” (W. F. Albright and C. S. Mann, *The Anchor Bible, Matthew*, Garden City, New York: Doubleday, 1971, p. 45). The prophetic, apocalyptic, or “sealed” books of Daniel and Revelation address the “blessed”. John does so in the first 3 verses of Revelation chapter 1, speaking specifically to last-days “servants” of the Living God, whereas Daniel does so in the last 3 verses of Daniel 12.

⁶ **The JST** (or the Joseph Smith re-translation of the Bible) was mostly finished by 1834, but not published in Joseph’s lifetime. Instead it was published by the firstborn son of Emma and Joseph Smith, Joseph Smith III. He did so as President of the RLDS church, an off-shoot body of believers that remained east when Brigham Young took about half of the Mormons in Nauvoo Illinois west with him (outside the borders of the U.S. at the time) to what is now Utah. Those who stayed behind in the east did not embrace Young’s polygamy and other doctrines, introduced secretly at first, and then openly following the murder of Joseph, Hyrum, and Samuel Smith, all brothers, and all in line to lead the church if Joseph was taken.

Like the latter Protestant churches versus the Catholic Church in Europe, there have been many break away churches from the first one introduced by the teachings of its first “Prophet”, Joseph Smith. Doctrinal divisions have resulted in creation of many different faith-based Christian churches throughout the world generally. These divisions are often reflected in the scriptures many embrace. *The King James Version* of the Bible, used by the majority of Christians in America, is a 1611 Protestant “translation” of the various books making up the Bible. It was created for King James of England and those part of the Church of England. They rejected the views of the Catholic Church at the time and its combined “church and state” control.

The introduction to this new translation of the Bible is called “The Epistle Dedicatory.” It is surprisingly non-politically correct by today’s standards. It reveals that this widely used English translation (one of 450 in the English language alone, and the most popular in the USA) was created to reflect a particular agenda, one clearly going against what they believed was *the Great and Abominable Church*, or *the Great Whore* as addressed by John the Revelator. All KJV users would be wise to read this dedicatory introduction, as the 1611 KJV translators believed “their translation” would not allow the Catholic Church to rise up again in power after the Reformation. Many believe the efforts of the current Pope to create a One-World church is part of a larger effort to concentrate power in the New One World Order, a resurrected, powerful, combined church and state system, like that prior to Reformation. It appears to be the last-days “beast” system of John’s revelation. God governs by light.

⁷ **Clear Born-Again Scriptures** Are you saved or redeemed? Have you experienced “the mighty change of heart”? Being “born again” or “saved” in Christ Jesus is the whole focus of this life. It involves **two baptisms**, one in water and one of fire. Too many have the first baptism performed by men, but not the second performed by God. One is physical, one is spiritual. And it is a very recognizable, life-changing event. Too few know what it is because they have not experienced it. Many church

leaders haven't had it. Many leaders keep the people in ignorance about it, either ignorantly or purposely. I let scripture do the talking about this very important event after this paragraph. If we are not *spiritually* baptized by God in His fiery Spirit, in addition to being baptized by men in water, there simply is no *salvation* or *redemption*! So says Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and the inspired prophets He has sent – men like John the Baptist and John the Beloved of the New Testament, as well as Book of Mormon prophets like Nephi, Mormon, and Moroni. I start with the words of Jesus Christ and end with those of Joseph Smith. Their revealing words hereafter reveal the important **reality** that we are only **saved** or **redeemed** when we are “**born again**”. It is an important recognizable **event**, not a process. All who wished to be **saved** must seek to be made **new** in Christ, and in this life-changing event.

I. New Testament Sources

Jesus Christ told Nicodemus, a learned Rabbi who came to him at night, “except a man be **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God...Except a man be **born of water**, and **of the Spirit** [fire], *he cannot enter into the kingdom of God*” (John 3:3-6). Nicodemus came in the dark and left that way...

Our LORD's Fiery Baptism & the Sign of the Holy Ghost “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:16-17). When Christ came up out of the water, John the Baptist saw the heavens open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon *Him* (Christ), and a *voice from heaven* came, saying “thou art my beloved *son*” (Mark 1:7-12). “And *Jesus also being baptized*, and praying, the *heaven was opened*, And the *Holy Ghost* descended in a bodily shape *like a dove* upon him, and a *voice* came from heaven, which said, “Thou art my beloved *Son*; in thee I am well pleased” (Luke 3:21-22). “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world . . . And John bare record, saying, I saw the *Spirit* descending from heaven like a *dove*, and it abode upon him . . . Upon whom thou shalt see the *Spirit* descending, and remaining on him, the same is *he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost*. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God” (John 1:29, 32-34). Jesus then taught with power and the Spirit.

The Apostle Paul said, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

John the Beloved said, “...every one that doth righteousness is born of him [Christ]” (1 John 2:29). He added, “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin . . . in this the children of God are manifest” (1 John 3:9-10). He continued, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God . . . He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love . . . God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him” (1 John 4:7, 8). John concluded, “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith . . . We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (1 John 5:4, 18).

In the the three “Epistles” of John (1st, 2nd & 3rd John) he stated **8** times that we must be “born again”, “born of God” or “begotten of God” to be saved or *redeemed* of Him. Quoting Christ in the book of Revelation, John said, “Behold, I make all things new” (Revelation 21:5).

II. The Joseph Smith Re-Translation of the Bible (JST)

Adam's Fiery Baptism In JST Genesis we read the account of the fiery, spiritual baptism of **Adam**. Two times God commands Adam to teach these important saving truths to his children (vs. 57 & 58), as they are a central component of “the doctrine of Christ” and “the covenant of the Father,” later called “the new and everlasting covenant.”

Addressing father Adam, Moses stated, “Wherefore teach it unto your children, that **all men, everywhere, must repent**, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence; for, in the language of Adam, Man of Holiness is his name, and the name of his Only Begotten is the Son of Man, even Jesus Christ, a righteous Judge, who shall come in the meridian of time. Therefore I give unto you a commandment, to teach these things freely unto your children, saying: That by reason of transgression cometh the fall, which fall bringeth death, and inasmuch as ye were born into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, and so became of dust a living soul, even so ye must be born again into the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten; that ye might be sanctified *from all sin*, and enjoy *the words of eternal life in this world*, and eternal life in the world to come, even immortal glory;

For by the water ye keep the commandment; by the Spirit ye are justified, and by the blood ye are sanctified; Therefore it is given to abide in you; *the record of heaven*; *the Comforter* [or *the Holy Ghost*]; *the peaceable things* of immortal glory; *the truth of all things*; that which *quickeneth* all things, which *maketh alive* all things; that which *knoweth* all things, and hath *all power* according to wisdom, mercy, truth, justice, and judgment.

And now, behold, I say unto you: This is **the plan of salvation** unto all men, through the blood of mine Only Begotten, who shall come in the meridian of time. And behold, all things have their likeness, and all things are created and made to bear record of me, both things which are temporal, and things which are spiritual; things which are in the heavens above, and things which are on the earth, and things which are in the earth, and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath: all things bear record of me.

And it came to pass, when the LORD had spoken with Adam, our father, that Adam cried unto the LORD, and he was caught away by the Spirit of the LORD, and was carried down into the water, and was laid under the water, and was brought forth out of the water. And thus he was baptized, and *the Spirit of God descended upon him*, and thus *he was born of the Spirit*, and became quickened in the inner man. And he heard a voice out of heaven, saying: Thou art *baptized with fire, and with the Holy Ghost*. This is the record of the Father, and the Son, from henceforth and forever; And thou art after the order of him who was without beginning of days or end of years, from all eternity to all eternity . . . thou art one in me, a *son* of God; and thus may all become my sons. Amen” (Moses 6:57-68).

God provided Adam’s experience to us through the records of Enoch and Moses, relayed through Joseph Smith as he retranslated portions of Genesis. Adam’s fiery baptism was recorded by Enoch. Moses was given it when he was taken to heaven by God in an ascent-vision experience. There God taught Moses these things through Enoch’s record. All was relayed through a “revelation” of God.

JST Matthew 3:38-40, we read of additional clear words from **John the Baptist**. “I indeed baptize you with water, *upon your repentance*; and when he of whom I record cometh, who is *mightier* than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, (or whose place I am not able to fill) as I said, I indeed baptize you before he cometh, that when he cometh he may baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. *And it is he of whom I shall bear record*, whose fan *shall be* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but *in the fullness of his own time* will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. *Thus came John, preaching and baptizing in the river of Jordan; bearing record, that he [Christ] who was coming after him had power to baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.*”

John the Baptist’s words - JST John 1:28 (replacing John 1:27). **John the Baptist** stated, “He it is of whom I bear record. He is that prophet, even Elias, who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe’s latchet I am not worthy to unloose, or whose place I am not able to fill; for he shall baptize, not only with water, but with fire and with the Holy Ghost.”

JST Matthew 5 has 3 additional “Beatitudes” taught by Christ that are not found in KJV Matthew 5. This makes 12 total Beatitudes (a number tied to “governance”). They are the first 3 Beatitudes of 12, added to the 9 that are found in the regular Matthew 5 KJV account. Note that these first 3 Beatitudes are tied to being “**born again**” in Christ Jesus. Clarifying words in them are highlighted in **blue** below *and* in the chart on the next page. The KJV Luke 6 account has only 4 Beatitudes. The 3 additional “Beatitudes” in JST Matthew 5 represent some of the “**plain and precious things**” removed from the Bible (1 Nephi 13) by evil and designing men (what is more important than “salvation” in Christ). A 3-part comparison chart of “the Beatitudes” - as taught by Christ - is found on page 13 of this paper, and a larger version of it on page 26 hereafter. It compares the regular Matthew 5 KJV account, with the JST Matthew 5 account, and the 3 Nephi 12 account. The first 3 Beatitudes are:

1. **Blessed** are they who shall believe on me; *and again,*
2. *more blessed* are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall *testify that ye have seen me and that I am.*
3. Yea, **blessed** are they who shall believe on your words, and *come down into the depth of humility*, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a *remission* of their sins.

Born Again / Made New / Justified / Made Perfect in Christ

1 Sam. 10:9 / New heart
Jer. 24:7 / A heart to know me
Ezek. 11:19, 18:31, 36:26 / New heart & Spirit
John 3:3 / All men must be born again
John 5:24 / Those made new have everlasting life
Rom. 12:2 / Renewed mind
2 Cor. 5:17 / A new creature
Eph. 2:15 / A new man
1 Peter 1:3 / God hath begotten us
1 John 2:29 / The righteous are born of Him
1 John 3:9, 5:18 / Born of God not commit sin
1 John 4:7 / Those who loveth are born of God
Rev. 21:5 / I make all things new
Enos 1:8 / Thy faith had made thee whole
Mosiah 3:19 / Put off natural man, become a Saint
Mosiah 4:13 / Have no mind to injure one another
Mosiah 5:2 / No more desire to do evil

Christ / “Born of water and the Spirit”
Joseph Smith HC 6:316 / “the remission of sins”
and “getting the Holy Ghost”
Mosiah 5:7 / Born of Him, become His sons & daughters
Mosiah 27:25 / Must be born again, born of God,
“being redeemed of God,” on “the path to
eternal life” (2 Ne. 31:17-18)
Alma 5:12 / The mighty change of heart
Alma 5:14 / Have ye spiritually been born of God
5:1- 16, 26-28, 49; 7:14
Alma 19:33, 36:23, 38:6, 50:28 / Hearts changed
Moses 6:59 / Born again into Kingdom of Heaven
Moses 6:65 / Born of Spirit, the inner man quickened
D&C 76:69 / Such are just men made perfect
Gal. 3:24 / Such are justified in Christ
2 Nephi 31:17-18 / Baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost
“entered into the gate or the way”

III. The Born Again Event in the Book of Mormon

Additional clarity is presented in the “born again” scriptures of *the Book of Mormon*, including the *first 3* “Blessed Beatitudes” of 12 total, provided by Christ in 3 Nephi chapter 12. No other book of scripture has as many clear scriptures on this *saving*, simple doctrine – “**the doctrine of Christ**”. Only John’s words in the New Testament are comparable in number (as found in John 3 and his 3 Epistles or letters). Clarity is provided us on 3 things in

the Book of Mormon; (1) How one is “**saved**” - by being “*born again*”; (2) Knowledge of “*the promises God made to the fathers*” in the Bible, and renewed upon the “fathers” in the Book of Mormon, in men like Lehi. In these “promises” we learn that many of the Lamanites on this land today are of “*the blessed seed*” of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph sold into Egypt (through Manasseh and then Lehi). And (3) The Book of Mormon provides over 80 references to *secret combinations* surrounding us today. Leaders in governments, media, schools, and churches make use of **lies** and **deception** to keep us in ignorance for the sake of their “*gain*”. Born again scriptures in the Book of Mormon include the words of **Jesus Christ**.

Jesus Christ – 3 Nephi 12 – the 12 Beatitudes Following His resurrection in Jerusalem, Christ the LORD taught all 12 “*Blessed*” Beatitudes again in the New World, as recorded in 3 Nephi 12 of the Book of Mormon. Once again, the first 3 Beatitudes are those clearly tied to being “**born again**”. The JST additions are seen in blue hereafter.

1 **Blessed** are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, **I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost**; therefore **blessed** are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.

2 And again, **more blessed** are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that **ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am**. Yea, **blessed** are they who shall believe in your words, and *come down into the depths of humility and be baptized*,

3. for **they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost**, and shall receive a remission of their sins.

4 Yea, **blessed** are the poor in spirit who **come unto me**, for theirs *is the kingdom of heaven*

5 And again, **blessed** are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

6 And **blessed** are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

7 And **blessed** are all they who do **hunger and thirst after righteousness**, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.

8 And **blessed** are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

9 And **blessed** are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

10 And **blessed** are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

11 And **blessed** are all they who are *persecuted for my name's sake*, for theirs *is the kingdom of heaven*.

12 And **blessed** are ye when men shall *revile you and persecute*, and shall say all manner of evil against you **falsely, for my sake**;

13 For ye shall have **great joy** and be *exceedingly glad*, for great shall be *your reward in heaven*; for so *persecuted they the prophets* who were before you.

Nephi said, “know the gate by which ye should enter. For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water; and then cometh *a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost*. And **then are ye in this strait and narrow path** which leads to eternal life; yea, ye have entered in by the gate; ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son; and ye have received the Holy Ghost, which witnesses of the Father and the Son, unto the fulfilling of the promise which he hath made, that if ye entered in by the way ye should receive” (2 Ne. 31:17-18). He added, “if ye will enter by **the way**, and receive the Holy Ghost, **it will show unto you** all things what ye should do [to receive eternal life, by literally coming unto Christ]. Behold, this is the doctrine of Christ...” (2 Ne. 32:5-6). He continued, “And now, behold, my beloved brethren, this is **the way**; and there is *none other way nor name* given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. And now, behold, this is **the doctrine of Christ**, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen (2 Ne. 31:21). Nephi concluded, saying that those who are “*born again*” or who experience “the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost” are then “*in this straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life*; yea, ye have entered in by the gate [Christ]; ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son; and ye have received the Holy Ghost, which witnesses of the Father and the Son, unto the fulfilling of the Promise which he hath made, that if ye entered in by the way ye should receive” (2 Ne. 31:18).

Alma the Elder said, “I have *repented* of my sins, and have been *redeemed* of the Lord; behold I am *born of the Spirit*. And the Lord said unto me: Marvel not that all mankind, yea, men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, must be *born again*; yea, *born of God*, changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being *redeemed* of God, becoming his sons and daughters; And thus they become *new creatures*; and unless they do this, they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God” (Mos. 27:24-26).

Alma the Younger was the son of Alma, who has a priest to wicked King Noah, was converted to Christ when listening to the inspired preaching of the prophet Abinadi, a man who gave his life to share the gospel. King Noah and his priests burned in alive in fire for his teaching. Young Alma was converted to Christ as his father prayed to God that his wayward son would change his ways. An angel taught young Alma and he was born again in Christ Jesus. As the younger Alma taught others, eventually becoming head over God’s church of believers in the land, he noted that division was entering into it because of pride and wealth. He noted that “every man receiveth wages of him whom he listeth to obey” (Alma 3:27). Consecrated as high priest over the church by his father Alma, the younger Alma began a reformation. He saw the pride, riches, and costly apparel. Contention and division resulted. The “wickedness of the church was a great stumbling block to those who did not belong to the church; and thys the church began to fail in its progress” (Alma 4:10). See this great inequality, and desiring the succor the humble, the poor, and the needy, Alma saw the “afflictions of the the humble followers of God, and the persecutions which were heaped upon them by the remainder of his people” (v. 15). He then went “forth among his people . . . that he might

preach the word of God unto them, to stir them up in remembrance of their duty, and that he might pull down, by the word of God, all the pride and craftiness and the contentions which were among his people” (v. 19). In Alma chapter 5, he relates his born again experience to those he taught. He taught “the people in the church” (v. 2). He spoke of “the captivity” of their “fathers” and that God had “delivered their souls from hell” (Alma 5:6). Alma said God had “changed their hearts, yea he awakened them out of a deep sleep, and they awoke unto God. Behold they were in the midst of darkness, nevertheless their souls were illuminated by the light of the everlasting word” (v. 7).

Note the words in italics and within quotes that are tied to his and others “born again” experience in the remainder of the chapter. They include, “they did sing redeeming love . . . they are saved” (v. 9). They experienced “a mighty change wrought in the heart” as they “humbled themselves and put their trust in the true and living God . . . therefore they were saved” (vs. 12-13). “Have ye received his image your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts? Do ye exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you? (v. 15). “...imagine . . . the Lord, saying unto you . . . Come unto me ye blessed” (v. 16). “...can ye look up to God . . . with a pure heart and clean hands . . . having the image of God engraven upon your countenances” (v. 19). “...no man can be saved except his garments are washed white . . . cleansed from all stain, through the blood of him of whom it has been spoken by our fathers, who should come to redeem his people from their sins” (v. 21). “...if ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask, can ye feel so now?” (v. 26). “...are ye stripped of pride? . . . prepare quickly . . . repent, repent for the LORD God hath spoken it. Behold he sendeth an invitation unto all men, for the arms of mercy are extended towards them and he saith, “Repent, and I will receive you” (vs. 27-28, 32-33). “Come unto me and ye shall partake of the fruit of the tree of life” (v. 34). “...if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the good shepherd . . . ye are not the sheep of the good shepherd” (v. 38).

Alma then stated, “I have fasted and prayed many day that I might know these things of myself” (v. 46). All must “repent and be born again” (v. 49). “...the ax is laid at the root of the tree; therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be hewn down” (v. 52). “...can ye lay aside these things and trample the Holy One under your feet . . . setting your hearts upon the vain things of the world” (v. 53). Only “the names of the righteous shall be written in the book of life” (v. 58). “...the good shepherd doth call after you . . . I speak by way of command unto you that belong to the church; and unto those who do not belong to the church I speak by way of invitation, saying: Come and be baptized unto repentance, that ye also may be partakers of the fruit of the tree of life” (v. 62).

King Lamoni & his Wife Made New The fiery baptism of a Native American King and his wife are given us by Ammon in Alma chapter 19 of the Book of Mormon. Hereafter, all words italicized in quotes are key words signaling “*the power of God*” (v. 6). Ammon taught King Lamoni and his wife the doctrine of Christ, or salvation via faith in Christ, along with the need for repentance, and then a baptism of water *and* of fire. As the couple expressed their “*belief*” in Christ and His saving mission, and as they *repented*, Ammon tells us that the dark veil of “*unbelief*” left the King and Queen. First, King Lamoni fell to the earth *overcome* in a vision. In it he received “*light*” and “*joy*” to his soul. Being “*overcome*” with the Spirit, he was “*carried away in God*.” King Lamoni was pronounced “*blessed*” by a knowledgeable bystander who had been born again earlier. He was then awakened by his wife. King Lamoni stated, “*I have seen my Redeemer*” (see vs 6-12). As God’s servant, Ammon rejoiced, saying, “his *heart was swollen* within him, and he *sunk again with joy*, and the queen also *sunk down* being *overpowered by the Spirit*” (Alma 19:13). Ammon thanked God for what He had done, and while doing so, he “was also *overpowered with joy*; and thus they all three had *sunk to the earth*” (vs. 14). Other key words in this account include; “they [including Ammon] had all *fallen to the earth*.” They “*lay prostrate upon the earth*” because of “*the power of God*.” The queen spoke of her experience, saying, “O Blessed Jesus, who has saved me from an awful hell! O blessed God, have *mercy* on this people . . . *being filled with joy*,” she then spoke “*many words which were not understood*” (she was *speaking in tongues*, v 29-30). Ammon said, many “*believed*” and were “*converted*.” They were “*changed*” and had “*no more desire to do evil*” (vs. 31, 33). They *saw angels* (v. 34). They were *baptized in water*, became a *righteous* people, and established *God’s church* among them. God poured out His “*Spirit* upon them” (v. 35). And “we see that his arm is extended to all people who will *repent and believe on his name*” (v. 36).

Mormon, speaking to the Lamanite descendants remaining on this land, and others reading the Book of Mormon, said, “ye are a remnant of the seed of Jacob; therefore ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant; and if it so be that ye *believe* in Christ, and are *baptized*, first with **water**, then with **fire** and with **the Holy Ghost**, following the example of our Savior, according to that which he hath commanded us, it shall be well with you in the day of judgment. Amen” (Morm. 7:10).

Joseph Smith had profound words tied to the fiery baptism. He stated, “The baptism of water, without the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost attending it, **is of no use** . . . They are necessarily and inseparably connected. An individual **must be born of water and the spirit** in order to get into the kingdom of God...You might as well baptize a bag of sand as a man, if not done in view of *the remission of sins* and *getting of the Holy Ghost*. Baptism by water is but *half* a baptism, and is **good for nothing** without the other half—that is, **the baptism of [fire and] the Holy Ghost**” (HC 6:316). Speaking of these two baptisms while addressing John the Baptist in JST Matthew 3:38, Joseph clarified, stating, “I baptize you with water, upon your repentance, but when Jesus Christ – of whom I bear record – comes, who has the power and keys, **He will administer the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost**”.

Addressing his own baptism and that of Oliver Cowdery in 1829, the Prophet Joseph stated, “Immediately on our coming up out of the water after we had been baptized, we experienced great and glorious blessings from our Heavenly Father. No sooner had I baptized Oliver Cowdery, than **the Holy Ghost fell upon him**, and he stood up and prophesied many things which should shortly come to pass. And again, I also had the spirit of prophecy, when, standing up, I prophesied . . . **We were**

filled with the Holy Ghost, and rejoiced in the God of our salvation. *Our minds being now enlightened*, we began to have the scriptures laid open to our understanding, and the true meaning and intention of their more mysterious passages revealed unto us in a manner which we never could attain to previously, nor ever before had thought of” (JS History 1:73-74).

The Prophet Joseph also taught how the fiery baptism effects a *Gentile* differently than one of the *house or blood of Israel*. Both are part of a “**purging**” event, where sins are remitted. The Gentile, however, has their *blood purged*. They become of *the blood of Israel* or *Jacob* (the birthright son of Isaac, who was the birthright son of Abraham). They thus inherit the promised blessings given Abraham and Sarah, becoming the sons and daughters of God, with full inheritance with Christ thereafter. Joseph stated, “The Holy Ghost has no other effect than **pure intelligence**. It is more powerful in expanding the mind, enlightening the understanding, and storing the intellect with present knowledge, of a man who is of the literal seed of Abraham, than one that is a Gentile, though it may not have half as much visible effect upon the body; for as the Holy Ghost falls upon one of the literal seed of Abraham, it is calm and serene; and his whole soul and body are only exercised by the **pure spirit of intelligence**; while the effect of the Holy Ghost upon a Gentile, is to **purge out the old blood**, and make him actually of the seed of Abraham. That man that has none of the blood of Abraham (naturally) must have a **new creation** by the Holy Ghost. In such a case, there may be more of a powerful effect upon the body, and visible to the eye, than upon an Israelite, while the Israelite at first might be far before the Gentile in **pure intelligence**” (TPJS 149-50).

⁸ See LeGrand L. Baker and Stephen D. Ricks, *Who Shall Ascent Into the Hill of the LORD*, Eborn Books, 2009.

A Larger comparison chart of the Beatitudes, featuring Matthew 5, JST Matthew 5, and 3 Nephi 12 is found on page 30, the next page hereafter in this paper.

"In the mouth of two
or three witnesses
shall every word be established."

1 Corinthians 13:1, KJV

Luke 6 - 4 Beatitudes

Matthew 5 - 9 Beatitudes

The Matthew 5 Account - KJV

1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 **Blessed** are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 **Blessed** are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 5 **Blessed** are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 **Blessed** are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 **Blessed** are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 **Blessed** are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 **Blessed** are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 **Blessed** are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 **Blessed** are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 **Rejoice**, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

12 Beatitudes rather than 9 or 4

JST Matthew 5 - KJV

1. And Jesus, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him;
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 **Blessed** are they who shall believe on me; and again, more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.
- 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.
- 5 **Blessed** are the poor in spirit, who come unto me; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 6 And again, **blessed** are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
- 7 And **blessed** are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
- 8 And **blessed** are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 9 And **blessed** are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
- 10 And **blessed** are all the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
- 11 And **blessed** are all the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
- 12 **Blessed** are all they that are persecuted for my name's sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 13 And **blessed** are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 14 For ye shall have great joy, and be exceedingly glad; for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

3 Nephi 12 (BM)

- 1 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying:
Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.
- 2 And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I am.
- 3 Yea, **blessed** are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 And again, **blessed** are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 And **blessed** are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 And **blessed** are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 7 And **blessed** are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 And **blessed** are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 And **blessed** are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 And **blessed** are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 And **blessed** are ye when men shall revile you and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;
- 12 For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.

Besides the 13 "blessed" beatitudes, the LORD taught that to be "blessed" we must be like salt and light for and to the world (teachers and examples). He stated that He had not come to destroy the law given earlier, but to fulfill it. Additional details added in the 3 Nephi account point specifically to salvation in Christ by coming to Him personally with "full purpose of heart," that we might be made new in Him. He then provided 7 examples on how to apply the higher principles he was sharing, like forgiving others before attempting to come to Him, and not looking on a woman to lust after her as a higher form of the commandment to not commit adultery. He taught that we should not seek revenge, but love all, including our enemies, those who persecute and use us.