

“A Witness between Us and You” Joshua 22-23 3/12/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “A Witness between Us and You” in Joshua 22-23.

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In 22:28, “Therefore we said that it will be, when they say *this* to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, ‘Here is the replica of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between you and us’,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 23:10, “One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God *is* He who fights for you, as He promised you,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 23:14-15, “Behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed. ¹⁵Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you,” what do these mean? And how can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time in Joshua 21:45, “Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass,” God has not failed a single word of God and has kept His word faithfully and continues to keep it, in the light of Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

Division of Promised Land



The 12 Sons of Israel -- 1 Rueben/
2 Simeon/ 3 Levi/ 4 Judah/ 5
Zebulun/ 6 Issachar/ 7 Dan/ 8 Gad/ 9
Asher/ 10 Naphtali/ 11 Joseph
(Manasseh/ Ephraim)/ 12 Benjamin
(See Genesis 49).

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According to Jesus' great commission in Matthew 28:20, " ' teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen," we are observing "all things" of this text today to be taught.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p>22 Then Joshua called <u>the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh,</u></p> <p>² and said to them: "You have kept <u>all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you,</u> and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you. ³ You have <u>not left your brethren these many days, up to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.</u> ⁴ And now the LORD your God has <u>given rest to your brethren, as He promised them;</u> now therefore, return and go to your tents <i>and</i> to the land of your possession, <u>which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.</u> ⁵ But <u>take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.</u>" ⁶ So Joshua blessed them and <u>sent them away,</u> and they went <u>to their tents.</u></p>	<p>¹= (See the above map, the 3 tribes resided on the east side of Jordan river)</p> <p>²⁻⁴ = (Let them not inherit or reside permanently on the east side but keep the commandment through Moses to help the other tribes to conquer the promised parcels on the west side of Jordan river against enemies <i>Numbers 32:18-23'</i>)</p> <p>⁵= take careful heed to do the commandment and the law... to love the Lord ...to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast [cleave] to Him....to serve Him with all your heart... all your soul (A doer is doing from heart, mind, or soul; How to carefully pay attention to do the word of God is from loving Him, to walk in His ways, keep His commandments, cleave to Him, and serve Him. The obedience to His word should be based upon love for God with all your heart and soul. From the heart to forsake, God the fountains of living waters become all cisterns without living water <i>Mat 22:37-40; 2 Cor 5:14; 1 Cor 13:3; Mat 15:18; Jeremiah 2:13²; Joshua 23:11 infra</i>)</p>
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¹ *Numbers 32:18-23* We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance. ¹⁹For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan." ²⁰ Then Moses said to them: "If you do this thing, if you arm yourselves before the LORD for the war, ²¹ and all your armed men cross over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him, ²² and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you may return and be blameless before the LORD and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. ²³ But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

² *Mat 22:37-40* Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."; *2 Cor 5:14* For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; *1 Cor 13:3* And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing; *Mat 15:18* But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man; *Jeremiah 2:13* "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

⁷ Now to half the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half of it Joshua gave a possession among their brethren on this side of the Jordan, westward. And indeed, when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, ⁸ and spoke to them, saying, “Return with much riches to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.” ⁹ So the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they had obtained according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

¹⁰ And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan—a great, impressive altar. ¹¹ Now the children of Israel heard someone say, “Behold, the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan—on the children of Israel’s side.” ¹² And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go to war against them.

7= (The half the tribe of Manasseh was given in the east side of Jordan river up to Bashan, while the other half tribe was in the westside. see above map)

8= (Joshua commanded them to share the rich spoil, plunder, or booty of war with their brothers. This is a token to love for one another, like the early church “...divided them among all, as anyone had need” Acts 2:45-47³)

9= (Joshua spoke at Shiloh of the Ephraim tribe parcel in the land of Canaan the west side to the east side tribes, who turned back to the country of Gilead the east side. See above map)

10-34= (The tribes of the east side built a great, impressive altar by Jordan river; the watcher and hearer tribes of the west side gathered together at Shiloh to break out a war against the doer tribes because the watcher and hearer tribes concluded that the doer tribes built the exact copy of the original altar to commit an idolatry like Peor in verse 17 or to commit covetousness like Achan in verse 20 for division/partition of one body of God the Israelites unity without full hearing. But Phinehas the high priest, Aaron’s grandson, and each ruler of 10 tribes in the west side heard from the doer tribes’ heart for a reminder rather than an idol the rebellion against God, as the “witness or Ed between you and us” including future generation to be reminded of one part of all 12 tribes the Israelites unity in the Lord with in verses 27 and 34. Then, they were pleased and they blessed God in verse 33)

³ Acts 2:45-47 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

¹³ Then the children of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, ¹⁴ and with him ten rulers, one ruler each from the chief house of every tribe of Israel; and each one was the head of the house of his father among the divisions of Israel. ¹⁵ Then they came to the children of Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, ¹⁶ “Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD: ‘What treachery [trespass] is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, that you might rebel this day against the LORD?

¹⁷ Is the iniquity of Peor not enough for us, from which we are not cleansed till this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD, ¹⁸ but that you must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it shall be, if you rebel today against the LORD, that tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, if the land of your possession is unclean, then cross over to the land of the possession of the LORD, where the LORD’s tabernacle stands, and take possession among us; but do not rebel against the LORD, nor rebel against us, by building yourselves an altar besides the altar of

17=...iniquity of Peor....not cleansed till this day.... a plague in the congregation of the Lord (Israelites’ idolatry at Peor for Baal including sex with Moabite women caused a plague as the anger of the Lord which killed 24,000 people. Still some people suffered the plague *Numbers 25:1-9*)

⁴ *Numbers 25:1-9* Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. ² They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. ³ So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.” ⁵ So Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor.” ⁶ And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁷ Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; ⁸ and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. ⁹ And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

the LORD our God.

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.’ ”

21 Then the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh answered and said to the heads of the divisions of Israel: 22 “The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, He knows, and let Israel itself know—if *it is* in rebellion, or if in treachery against the LORD, do not save us this day. 23 If we have built ourselves an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer on it burnt offerings or grain offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself require *an account*. 24 But in fact we have done it for fear, for a reason, saying, ‘In time to come your descendants may speak to our descendants, saying, “What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel? 25 For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between you and us, *you* children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no part in the LORD.” So your descendants would make our descendants cease fearing the LORD.’ 26 Therefore we said, ‘Let us now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, 27 but *that it may be a witness between you and us and our generations after us*, that we may perform the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt

20= ...Achan... a trespass in the accursed thing....wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel.....(Achan stole “a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels” from spoils which should have been offered 1st to the Lord through Joshua, causing the fierceness of God’s anger with which Israel lost the war of Ai. By stoning Achan’s whole family and burning all his possession in the Valley of Achor – completely wiping out evil in Israel, God’s anger was ceased *Joshua 7:1-2, 20-26*)

⁵ *Joshua 7:1-2,20-26* But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel. ² Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, “Go up and spy out the country.” So the men went up and spied out Ai. ²⁰ And Achan answered Joshua and said, “Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: ²¹ When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.” ²² So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it. ²³ And they took them from the midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD. ²⁴ Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ And Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.” So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones. ²⁶ Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.

offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have no part in the LORD." ' ²⁸ Therefore we said that it will be, when they say *this* to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, 'Here is the replica[pattern] of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, though not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between you and us.' ²⁹ Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn from following the LORD this day, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for grain offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God which *is* before His tabernacle." ³⁰ Now when Phinehas the priest and the rulers of the congregation, the heads of the divisions of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them. ³¹ Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh, "This day we perceive that the LORD is among us, because you have not committed this treachery against the LORD. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD." ³² And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, from the land of Gilead to the

28= Q1 the replica of the altar of the Lord which our fathers made.... a witness between you and us (The exact copy of the original altar was a reminder for one part of all 12 tribes unity in the Lord. Before full hearing of this, the tribes of west side mistakenly concluded the built altar with the heart to rebel against God. Reserve conclusion carefully until heart or mind is fully disclosed. For example, judgment is sensible conclusion either punishment or reward. Punishment judgment is generally discouraged against others except the Spirit's saying according to the word of God the discernor, e.g., a self-judgment, tongue, or prophecy. The word minister may rebuke a doer or speaker according to His word for edification. Then, it should be carefully reserved until his or her heart against His word is fully disclosed by the Spirit according to His word; e.g. See the below figure of "Justification vs. Confession" for **The Scriptural Discernment about Cults*** *Mat 7:1-2; 1 Cor 4:3-4; Mat 15:14; 1 Cor 2:14-16; 1 Cor 14:26-29; 2 Tim 4:2; Mat 4:9-10; Heb 4:12⁶)*

⁶ *Mat 7:1-2* Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you; *1 Cor 4:3-4* But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord; *Mat 15:14* Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch; *1 Cor 2:14-16* But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. ¹⁶ For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ; *1 Cor 14:26-29* How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. ²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge; *2 Tim 4:2* Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching; *Mat 4:9-10* And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"; *Heb 4:12* For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought back word to them. ³³ So the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God; they spoke no more of going against them in battle, to destroy the land where the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

³⁴ The children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar, Witness [Ed], "For *it is* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God."

23 Now it came to pass, a long time after the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua was old, advanced in age. ² And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them:

"I am old, advanced in age. ³ You have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God *is* He who has fought for you. ⁴ See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward. ⁵ And the LORD your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶ Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, ⁷ and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause anyone to swear by them; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, ⁸ but you shall hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day. ⁹ For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but as for you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. ¹⁰ One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you.

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1-9 = (Joshua, very old near to death, called all Israelites, saying of (1) the Lord's past faithful works for the Israelites to inherit the promised land, see above map, of (2) the courage to keep His word against turning aside from it and against idolatry, and of (3) holding fast to the Lord).

10=Q2 One man of you shall chase a thousand....the Lord your God ...who fights for you..(If almighty God is for us, nobody shall be against us who hold fast to the Lord. So, Gideon's 300 men defeated immeasurable enemies; Jonathan's young men defeated many uncircumcised enemies; David alone stoned Goliath; e.g. Dwight Moody's word to support this verse, "The world has yet to see what God can do through one man who is totally yielded unto God" Deut 32:30; Judg

<p><u>11 Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.</u> <u>12 Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations—these that remain among you—and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you,</u> <u>13 know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.</u></p> <p><u>14 “Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth.</u> And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. <u>All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.</u></p>	<p>7:6,7,12; 1 Sam 14:6; 1 Sam 17:47; Rom 8:31⁷)</p> <p>11= ..take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God (All following doings/speaking are coming from the heart. The heart to love the Lord mostly is needed; So, pay careful attention to or be sensitive to the indwelling Spirit's saying because the fruit of the Spirit is Agape love <i>Joshua 22:5, supra</i>)</p> <p>12-13= ...cling to the remnants of these nationsmaking marriage with them.. 13...snares...scourges...thorns...until you perish (The interracial marriage was prohibited in OT time because of high risk of idolatry or unequal yoke; But in NT time, as long as the believers are married, the divine purpose is fulfilled <i>Deut 7:3-4; 2 Cor 6:14</i> ⁸)</p> <p>14=Q3 ...going the way of all the earth.... All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed (Joshua's last word before his death was even single word has not failed, i.e., God is faithful to His word; Paul's last word to love His appearing for the crown of righteousness; Peter's last word to know the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; David's last word to keep His word for prosperity <i>2 Tim 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Kings 2:2-3</i>⁹)</p>
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⁷ *Deut 32:30* How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had surrendered them?; *Judges 7:6,7,12* ⁶ And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. ⁷ Then the LORD said to Gideon, “By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place.” ¹² Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.; *1 Sam 14:6* Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few; *1 Sam 17:47* Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands; *Rom 8:31* What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

⁸ *Deut 7:3-4* Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. ⁴ For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly; *2 Cor 6:14* Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

⁹ *2 Tim 4:6-8* For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing; *2 Peter 1:13-16* Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, ¹⁴ knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. ¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. ¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty; *1 Kings 2:2-3* “I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. ³ And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all the good things have come upon you which the LORD your God promised you, so the LORD will bring upon you all harmful things, until He has destroyed you from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

16 When you have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you.”

15=Q3 Therefore it shall come to pass...as all the good things.... all harmful things, until He has destroyed you.... (As God has fulfilled His word faithfully, God will fulfill His word faithfully. God is faithful to His word, either blessing or punishment; If you keep His word, you are blessed; If you break it, you are punished. The same word of the Scripture is preserved, not to be altered; Its prophecy should not be of any private interpretation because of holy men's prophecy moved by the Holy Spirit; e.g. Prosperous church by crooked way - we must not misunderstand His longsuffering or patience as an approval of our sin or disinterest in our sin, for any of us should not perish but be blameless. Watch carefully for different gospels not to be cursed! *Deut 7:9-10; 2 Peter 3:5-9; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Rev 22:18-19;Phil 2:15; Gal 1:8-9¹⁰*)

16= ...gone and served other gods...bowed down to them...the anger of the Lord will burn against you...(Our Lord is faithful to His word, that He will punish those who serve other gods – those who love other gods more than or equal to God – accordingly. Sadly the following history such as Assyria's conquering Israel in 722BC and Babylon's conquering Judah in 586 BC proves His faithful word in the Scripture)

wherever you turn;

¹⁰ *Deut 7:9-10* Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; ¹⁰ and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face; *2 Peter 3:5-9* For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.; *2 Peter 1:19-21* And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; *Rev 22:18-19* For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book; *Phil 2:15* that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God and without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; *Gal 1:8-9* 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. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed;

***The Scriptural Discernment about Cults (Who can be against the Scripture?)**

Justification vs. Confession (Joshua 22:28)	
<p>Justification vs. Confession</p>	<p>When we watch/hear that a doer/ speaker uses (1) partial words not in context or syntax of the scripture; (2) culture, custom, or habit not supporting the Scripture; and (3) symbols not used in the Scripture, away from all scripture, we should discern (1), (2), and (3) with His word not to be spiritually blinded, praying for the doer/ speaker to edify the body of Christ. But the judgment or rebuke to the doer/speaker should be reserved carefully until his or her heart against His word is fully disclosed by the Spirit according to His word. E.g. (1) “symbolized the facts of the apostles’ creed” https://calvarychapelshemhills.com/creed.htm ; (2) JMS cult https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Providence_(religious_movement) ,from documentary movie “In the Name of God A Holy Betrayal” on NETFLIX https://www.netflix.com/title/81493078 ; JMS used all 3 of them by implying – not expressing -- himself as Christ with prophecies and wonders, and by justifying his group sex with women away from the 10 virgins of the Scripture for his dishonest gains, rather than by confessing it before the Lord. Since the word of God is “sharper than any two-edged sword,” his alleged “2,000 times reading the Bible” alone is not enough until its reading or observation reaches the knowledge of Jesus subject to all the Scripture through search or literal interpretation rather than dull or broad interpretation through drawings & symbolized numbers. In creation, God intended the married couple’s sex between both a man and a woman to be fruitful and multiply. Even Christian couple’s sex is subject to Agape love the fruit of the Spirit – consensual sex, not forced sex. The 10 virgins with the bridegroom are the figure of speech as simile “likened” – Christians the brides and Jesus the bridegroom -- to explain the difficult meaning about every Christian to watch for Jesus’ coming again. The Spirit is never against the Scripture which testifies of Jesus, upon the Spirit’s own authority. <i>Mat 28:20; John 5:39; Phil 3:8; Gen 2:24-25; Gen 1:28; Eph 5:24-25; Mat 25:1,13; Jer 23:16, 28, 36; John 16:13; Mat 7:21-23</i>¹¹</p> <p>Source: Wayne Kim, “Customary Christians,” (California: CCAH PRESS®, 2022) 111</p>

¹¹ *Mat 28:20* teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen; *John 5:39* You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me; *Phil 3:8* Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ; *Gen 2:24-25* Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed; *Gen 1:28* Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth; *1 Cor 7:5* The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. ⁹Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control; *Eph 5:24-25* Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love (**ἀγαπᾶτε**) your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her; *Mat 25:1, 13* Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom; ¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming; *Jer 23:16, 28, 36* ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. ²⁸ “The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. ³⁶ And the oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God; *John 16:13* However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come; *Mat 7:21-23* “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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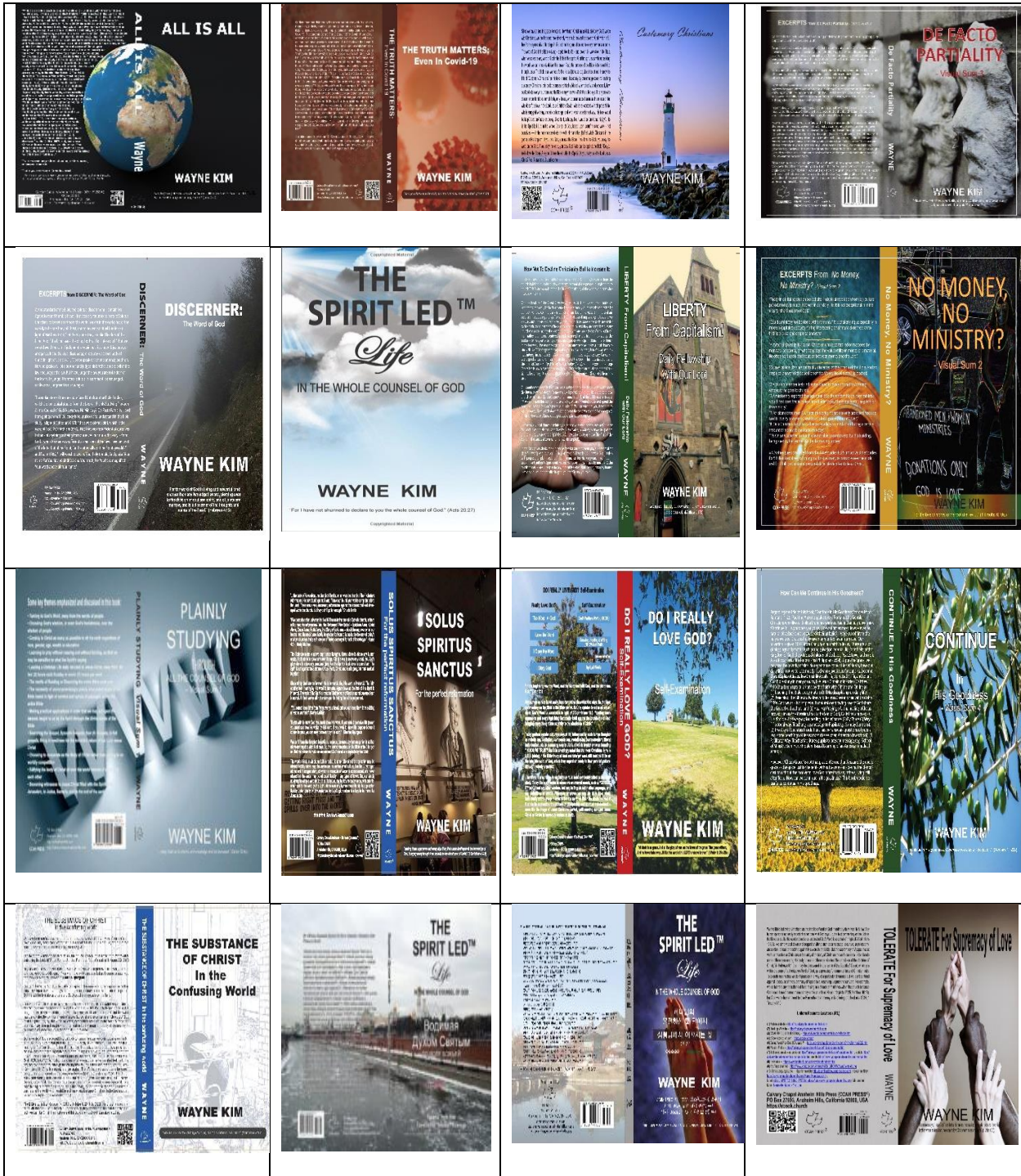
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Who can be against the Word (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Bible)?

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A PLACE TO FEEL SAFE

The Bible says if you are faithful in small things God will give you greater things. And I believe this is what has been happening with FRM; the Lord is calling us to protect. He has seen our faithfulness in the past and given us greater responsibility to care for and protect those that do not have the ability to protect themselves.

Today, I spoke with Gabriel, who oversees our ministry in Latin America, and he told us about some of the children in the orphanage. One little girl, who is nine, said that her father would have five to six men every night come in and pay to watch her shower, then afterward, each man would have his way with her. She said it was so painful that she would often pass out. But after the man finished with her, she would be revived, and the process would start all over again. She would pray that she would not wake up or die. When the Bible speaks of Satan as the great dragon, I believe this is the perfect example of what the dragon would do.

Another child said her mother would sell her to about five men every night. Then the mother decided to start selling her younger sister, and she begged her mother to let her sleep with the men instead of her five-year-old sister. It is incredible to me that a child would be willing to suffer so much to save her younger sister. If this does not exemplify no greater love does man have

than this that he lay down his life for a friend, I do not know what does.

Unfortunately, the mother chose to sell her five-year-old sister too. Once again, I know for some of you that this is offensive that we are sharing this. If you fall into this group, I can tell you that you are in sin and need to ask the Lord to help you to care. The Bible tells us that we are to care for them as if it were us who were experiencing this trauma. How people turn a blind eye to such violence against children is unconscionable.

People need to understand that we care for these children and are willing to lay down our lives to protect them. These two little girls each have their own bed, but they sleep with each other at night for comfort and love. The children have told us how happy they are to be in a place where they are protected. What is most difficult is that parents are selling their children to abusers, and by the time we get them, they are in terrible physical condition. But when the children have recovered, the parents try to get them back to sell them again.

Luke and I have talked about this, and we are going to protect the children. We will not allow these children to be returned to a life of terror and abuse.

When the laws of men are corrupt, we need to understand that we are to follow a higher law which is God's law. Luke and I have discussed this extensively, and I told

BOTH SOLD BY THEIR MOTHER

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