

# The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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## A RELIGION ON ITS LAST TRAIL - PART 1

This message was preached by Brother Amos, on Sunday, 13th August, 2006, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, Nigeria. It is the first of four messages x-raying the spirit of Islam from its very beginnings, taking great care to show its rise and eminent fall, as God prepares to take His saints out of this world. It is a wonderful message, and is historically very informative.

I want to take a message this morning, which I will not be finishing today. However, before I start my message, I want to say one or two things. I want to say to all those who will hear this message, that this is not a message to condemn any Muslim person. That is not my purpose. I am not taking this message to condemn Muslims, because every man is entitled to

his religion, and we cannot condemn people for the religion they practise, however false or untrue it is. We must respect people for their religious beliefs. It is for this very reason that the Word of God warns us not to make fun of the gods of the people, as written in the Book of Exodus Chapter 22, verse 28, which plainly declares: ***"THOU SHALT NOT REVILE the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people."*** In that verse which the Lord gave through Moses, God is simply teaching us to respect the religions of other people, for they are entitled to it, however strange it may be, and however deceived, for we are what we are, only by the grace of the Almighty God, who is the one and only true God: for our God is one, not two, and not three. The Lord is one. On the other hand



though, and with respect to the believers of the Bible, we must not forget that the Lord raised up prophet after prophet, to denounce the perversion of His Word, so that His own children may not be led astray from the path of truth, which is the path of life. And as such, contrary teachings must be condemned, in order to keep the purity of the Word of God. But when it comes to other religions, we are expected to respect people of other faiths. Moreover, I recognize and acknowledge the fact, that there are many Muslims that are peace loving people, peace loving, and gentle individuals, who will not hurt a fly, for they are decent, law abiding people, and very respectable. I know a lot of them. I have also met and worked with a good number of them, and I also relate to people who are Muslims, on an everyday basis, and I have a lot of respect for them, for they have treated me with nothing but love and respect. There is a balance to everything, and you cannot take away the things I have just stated, for it is a fact that there are individuals within the Islamic faith, that are actually peace loving, gentle, and law abiding citizens, very respectable.

We have to acknowledge that, and I do. So the message I am taking this morning, is not against any Muslim individual. However, it is a message to give an exposition of the spirit that birthed or produced that religion, the spirit that is ruling that religion, to help us to understand what we are seeing out there today around the world, relating to the Islamic faith, for we are facing the reality of something, a most troubling reality, for the times are very bad; they are dangerous times indeed.

Consequently, my message this morning is strictly an exposition of a spirit, taken totally in the light of Scriptures, and in the light of historical facts. And I am under a divine obligation to teach the Word of God, and to give the understanding of truth to the people of God, as a faithful and responsible servant, regardless of the feelings and disagreements of people, for we must know precisely how to look at the strange, and horrible, and troubling developments out there in the Islamic world, for God gives peace to His people. So, all I can say to those who will listen to

this message, if you are Muslim, please, do not be annoyed and walk away. Have an open heart, and listen, because one of these days, you would wish you listened to something; because something is coming down the road, and scripturally, we have been given a lot of light, to give us perfect understanding. I therefore pray that God will give me wisdom, to say the things I need to say in the right way, that people can really see the motivation of my heart, for God alone makes the difference. Yet, I know that unreasonable and wicked people will not care for any sincere and honest motives I may have, for saying the things that I will lay out in this message, however true it may be; but I care less for such a class of people. However, I am also aware, that we also live in a religious world, a Christian religious world, which is completely and irredeemably apostate. It is truly an apostate Christian world we are facing. We are facing a people who carry the Bible, but who hate its message. And although they rejoice in themselves as church goers, and also pride themselves as

people who believe in the Lord, they are simply deceived, for they really believe nothing, and have all gone into apostasy. Apostasy means to turn completely away from the original grounds of beliefs, thereby becoming opposed to truth. As such, Christianity as we see it out there today, is a mess, a total mess, being in total apostasy, gross apostasy. They do not know their left from their right, because they are blind, and are walking blindly, being total strangers to the Word of God. They are walking under a spirit of drunkenness, which is not drunkenness occasioned by the drinking of wine or alcohol, but one which speaks strictly of the absolute lack of revelation. They are in a deep spiritual slumber, so they do not understand anything, being completely shut out from divine revelation. All they see in the Bible is Money. It is incredible how they read money into those verses of Scripture. There is no verse they read, that they do not see money in. My! Church, it is incredible! You just have to marvel. Whilst in Staten Island, New York, in the United States,

sometime in January 1993, as I turned on the television, I saw Morris Cerrullo, the evangelist. Though now, he makes himself a prophet, giving carnal prophetic words to people, as he preaches. Anyway, he went into a particular verse of a prophecy of the Old Testament, and he said something to this very effect: **“God is saying, Bring your money; bring your offerings and tithes.”** But that verse of Scripture had absolutely nothing to do with money! I recorded it on a little video clip! It is amazing! Perilous times are here indeed. Apostle Paul saw the spirit of this age. You know church, the devil has warped the minds of men, and as such, they cannot see their way through, even if you put the map right in front of their faces. That is just how blind they have become! Hence they have stopped preaching the Gospel. All they preach is Money and Materialism. So, in an apostate situation like that, how can they have any revelation of truth? What would they know about revelation? Wanting to hear a true revelation from these men, would be like

wanting a bricklayer to help you fly an airplane. And what does a bricklayer know about flying a plane? It would be like asking a carpenter to fix your washing machine. And what has carpentry got to do with fixing washing machines? The religious world knows no more of revelation, than a dog knows of planet Mars. And you know that no dog has been to Mars. That is precisely how much revelation they have! But we thank God for His grace in our lives. We will therefore walk in the light, the beautiful light; walk where the due drops of mercy are bright. Amen. I will dare to say this before launching into my message, in case people take offence at the things I am saying: Preaching truth is not sparing men who are destroying the faith for which Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour died, for we must condemn falsehood! We are expected to condemn evil, and denounce the wickedness of men who are leading innocent souls to the slaughter! And if I am wrong in so doing, then I will have to say, Elijah the Tishbite was also wrong in his ministry; John the Baptist

was wrong in his ministry; Saint Paul was wrong in his ministry; John Knox was wrong in his ministry; Martin Luther was wrong in his ministry: Because all these men condemned and denounced unbelief of the Word, and they also denounced the men and the organisations who caused it! Exactly! And in many instances in the Bible, they also gave us their names: I mean the names of these false preachers and teachers, thereby exposing the move of the spirit of the devil in their day, working through the men who were preaching a perverted gospel! And you know that they were not wrong, for you cannot preach the true Word of God, without condemning iniquity, which is sin! And if these righteous men of old were alive today, they would have all been bundled into jail. The Human Rights Organisation would have made sure they did something about them, to take care of them, because they would have been accused of preaching hate, simply for exposing and condemning error! What an open rebellion against God we see today in the earth! That is the world we

live in: A generation of God haters; people who hate the rebuke of life! Yet, in his day, Jesus stood before the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and in Matthew Chapter 23, verses 13-33, he flatly declared: **“BUT WOE UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES!** for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the

temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by Him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by Him that sitteth thereon. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first

***that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto WHITED SEPULCHRES, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within FULL OF DEAD MEN'S BONES, AND OF ALL UNCLEANNESS. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are FULL OF HYPOCRISY AND INIQUITY. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. YE SERPENTS, YE GENERATION OF VIPERS, HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?***

That was an extremely hot message, very blunt,

most direct, and absolutely true! But if Jesus had lived today, they would have immediately bundled him in jail! The Human Rights Movement would have taken him out for preaching "hate"! But is that hate? Is love not corrective? Will love not make a man shake people going the way of perdition? But we live in a world where they do not want to hear the voice of God. But God has a day in which He will judge this wicked and most idolatrous generation. May God help us to stand for His Word, as faithful gallant soldiers of the Cross. Amen.

This morning, we want to take a look at Bible prophecy, as it touches upon this Islamic spirit. But remember, these are not the kind of messages you will hear out there, because we live in an apostate world. And it is because of this apostasy God even allowed the Islamic spirit to rise up in the first instance, following the fall of the early church from the faith. These are some of the things we are going to see. It is the same spirit of apostasy that God saw, which existed in Christendom, that made

God allow this spirit to rise up, right there in the Middle East, as a judgment rod. And as the children of light, you must understand its beginning, and its move through time, because it is on its final lap, and hence, it is on its way out. I cannot make it exit, so it is not about me. I simply want to show you what the Scriptures say, for we are a people that are following a true revelation of the Word. And revelation is always blooming, and forever blooming; it is always increasing, always growing, always blossoming. It never diminishes, and it is never stagnant. It is progressive, ever progressive, being inherently continuous. The revelation of God always continues. And we are a people following the Lord Jesus in his continuous divine scriptural revelation. And as such, we have not built a wall around the truths we have received at this evening time. We received all that God has given, plus whatever God will also reveal, for our hearts are open up to further light. For as long as the bride of Christ is here on earth, the light of God will continue to shine, to brighten her pathway continuously,

until we see Christ! Exactly! At the end of the day, with all we know, and with all we may know on this earth, we still know only in part! Do not ever forget that fact, for it is the absolute truth. We must therefore follow the Lord in his continuous scriptural revelation. It does not allow us to be in darkness, in whatever day and hour we are living in, and in whatever junction of time, for we have the revelation of life. That is precisely why we want to take a look at prophecy, as it touches on the Islamic spirit. I want to show you why the Islamic spirit will be contained, ever before the Seventieth Week of Daniel is ignited. I preach this to give peace to God's people, in the face of the most troubling religious disturbances we face today, of Islamic suicide bombers. I want to show you exactly why it will be contained, and must be contained, before the Last Week of Daniel starts. We will consider everything in the light of Bible prophecy. So, the title of my message this morning is, ***A Religion On Its Last Trail***. That is the title of my message this morning. (We want you to know that when Brother Amos first preached this message, it

was titled, *Islam On Its Last Trail*, before he later retitled it, *A Religion On Its Last Trail*. Now Brother Amos continues his message, saying): But like I said before, I do not preach this message to condemn a Muslim. I preach it in order to expose the spirit of that religion, strictly in the light of the prophecy of the Scriptures, in order to give a true understanding to God's people, that it may help us to better look at the dangerous religious developments out there, so we can have peace. No one can take that away from us. Moreover, the Message of Truth we follow, goes way back in time, right to Genesis, ever before any man got here, for it precedes every other religion, particularly the Islamic faith, and it also reveals in its prophetic Books, the ending of everything we are currently seeing out there today. And it is a fact, saints of God, that ever before there was anything called the Islamic religion, there was Judaism, and there was also Christianity. These two religions, Judaism and Christianity, preceded the founding of the Islamic faith. And these two religions, Judaism and

Christianity, give us the only two True Religions, for they are the only two religions God established in the world. The first, which is Judaism, and which is a shadow of Christianity, was established under the Old Covenant of God, and the second, which is Christianity, was established under the New Covenant of God. Both religions, therefore, are true religions, although covering two different dispensations of time: The Old Testament Dispensation, and the New Testament Dispensation, which is also called the Grace Age. Brothers and sisters, these two religions came long before there was ever any man called Mohammed. Let us get that straight, for it is a notorious fact, being a publicly known fact. We will now journey through history, and see precisely when the Islamic spirit rose up, why it rose up, how it rose up, and how it was able to spread into the various nations of the world; and why, for so many centuries, it looked dormant; and why it is now rearing its ugly head at this end of time. God helping me, these are the things we want to show in these

meetings. That is why I said I will not be finishing my message today. Just pray for me, that God will help me. Amen.

Now, church, to start our message, I will say this: God allowed the Islamic spirit to rise right there in the Middle East, through a man called Muhammad or Mohammed. He was born in Mecca, Arabia, in 570 AD; but he was raised up by his uncle, Abu Talib, after he became an orphan at a very early age. He grew up to become a merchant and a shepherd, but he often retired to a cave for days of fasting and prayer. And when he was about the age of forty years, he received his first vision, an experience which continued over the years. These visions were giving him the revelation of things, which led to his establishing the Islamic faith. Of course, he believed these visions were from God, even though they were not, for there are many spirits in the world. However, this led him to establish a brand new faith called Islam, in honour of Allah, who spoke to him in these visions. Remember Constantine, the Roman emperor. As he was going

to fight a war with the opposition, in clear daybreak, he suddenly saw a vision, a light. In this vision, he saw a cross hanging in the sky, and a voice spoke to him, declaring: "*With this, thou shall conquer.*" He took that to mean that the God of the Christians, a people who had been seriously persecuted for centuries of time, was now with him, promising him victory in that battle. Consequently, he commanded all his soldiers to paint the sign of the cross on all their shields, and he fought and won the battle. That made him attribute his victory to the God of the Christians, and he immediately declared Christianity a free religion, no more to be persecuted by the State or Empire. Christians were now allowed to serve the Lord in their faith, unrestrained, and without persecution. As a matter of fact, he also joined the church. He was not a true convert though, being strictly a political convert. He merely joined the church, for it was just another religion, added to the many other religions the Roman State accepted and legalized. And when the Christians

were fighting amongst themselves over the issue of the Godhead, he took it upon himself to adjudicate over the dispute. In 325 AD, he convened a Council Meeting called the Nicene Council, in Nicaea, an ancient city in Bithynia, which is in Asia Minor, where they eventually adopted the False Doctrine of the Trinity, which is faith in three Gods, which is absolute blasphemy, for the Lord our God is One! There they rejected the true doctrine of the Oneness of God, for there is only One God, who created the entire universe, the One who alone gives and sustains life. Period! So much for the vision Constantine saw! And that lets us know that it was not God that spoke to him, for Satan also a spirit, being the opposer of truth, was going to use him to defile the church, and to cause the Christian faith to be completely watered down. And with the persecutions being over in that day, the Christians completely relaxed their guard, and the enemy swept them away into Babylon. I say that to say this: Not every vision people see, and not every supernatural

experience people have, come from God, because fallen spirits also abound, and that is precisely the case with Muhammad! So church, just have an open heart, as you listen to my message, because I want you to see something. As I stated earlier, when Muhammad began to see these visions in his cave, a cave to which he often retired, he was given instructions, the revelations of things which inspired him to start his preaching ministry, right there in Mecca, declaring the new faith of Islam he had been given, calling on his fellow men to accept the Islamic faith he was propagating, and worship Allah. Let me take you back to the beginning, and build it back up to this point, when Muhammad started preaching to his people to accept Islam. Please pay attention. There is a true religion God established in the olden days. It is called Judaism. Judaism was established by God Himself. It was not a religion which any man coined for himself, because men are coining religion for themselves every day. Remember that religion is just a covering, a mere covering, for that is what

religion means. But a true religion, a religion that can give life, meaning that it has soul saving value, can only come from God, who alone is the author of life. And it can only come in a true divine revelation from above, for salvation is strictly of God. And the salvation of God has life changing virtues. To start this off, in Genesis Chapter 3, or in the very beginning of man, God shed the blood of animals for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, for their sin, and He also covered them Himself with the skin of the two animals He killed on their behalf, showing that salvation is strictly of God. This also foreshadowed the perfect redemption we have in Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God. Generations after this, God revealed Himself to Abraham, a man called the father of faith, which means the father of all faithful, for he is **“the father of us all”**. Romans Chapter 4, verse 16 confirms that, for it states: **“Therefore it is of faith”**, (meaning that the salvation of God is by faith), **“that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; Not to**

**that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL.”**

This makes Abraham the father of all faithful, whether under the Law, or under Grace. According to the record of Genesis, he was born in Ur of the Chaldees, which is in Mesopotamia, to a man called Terah, the son of Nahor. Abraham's father subsequently relocated with him to Haran. And after his father passed away, the Lord appeared unto Abraham, and he moved with Sarah his wife to Canaan, just as Chapter 12, verses 1-4 reveals: **“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall ALL FAMILIES of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him:**

*and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.”* He came to settle in Canaan, as a man who bore the revelation of God, for he bore the truth of the salvation of God. God made a Covenant with Abraham, declaring how he would be used to raise up nations of men. We will take the Book of Genesis Chapter 17, starting from verse 1. It records: ***“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my Covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, My Covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall***

***come out of thee. And I will establish my Covenant between me and thee and THY SEED after thee in their generations for an everlasting Covenant, to be a God UNTO THEE, and to THY SEED after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my Covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my Covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the Covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is***

***bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my Covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting Covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my Covenant. And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? And Abraham said unto God, O THAT ISHMAEL MIGHT LIVE BEFORE THEE! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name ISAAC: AND I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH HIM for an everlasting Covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have***

**heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. BUT MY COVENANT WILL I ESTABLISH WITH ISAAC, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.** However, note verses 23-26, for it is very material. It records: ***“And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.”*** This passage of Scripture lets us know, without any iota of doubt, that Ishmael, the son of Hagar the Egyptian, the bond woman, the maid or

servant of Sarah, served the same God of Abraham, his father, for he served Elohim in that day. He was also circumcised along with Abraham. Please note this fact, for we will still come back to it, for there was as yet, nothing like the Islamic religion, and hence, there were no Muslims in that day. The religion did not exist in that day. However, it is also very important to know how the birth of Ishmael came about, and the Word which the Lord further spoke concerning him. This is apart from that which we just read in Genesis Chapter 17, where God denied him the successor-ship, or the heir-ship, of Abraham, for it went to Isaac. Genesis Chapter 16 set forth the birth of Ishmael, just as it is written in verses 1-12, stating: ***“Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And***

***Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. And the Angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence comest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. And the Angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her***

**hands. And the Angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. And the Angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name ISHMAEL; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And HE WILL BE A WILD MAN; HIS HAND WILL BE AGAINST EVERY MAN, AND EVERY MAN'S HAND AGAINST HIM; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.**” And how prophetic and absolutely perfect that statement is, even as we speak! Do not forget that Ishmael is the progenitor of some of the Arabian nations, as revealed in Genesis Chapter 25, verses 12-16, which records: **“Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, NEBAJOTH; and KEDAR, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, And Mishma, and DUMAH,**

**and Massa, Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.**”

However, the Covenant of God remained with Isaac, and not with Ishmael; and Isaac was the Heir of Promise, not Ishmael. Abraham also sealed God's Covenant in his offspring, in order to settle who was who before he passed away, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 25, verses 5-6, which declares: **“And Abraham gave ALL THAT HE HAD unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham GAVE GIFTS, AND SENT THEM AWAY FROM ISAAC his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.”** Consequently, it is written in Galatians Chapter 4, verses 22-23, stating: **“For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.”** Verses 28-31, now declares

concerning the two seeds: **“Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he”,** (meaning Ishmael), **“that was born after the flesh persecuted him”,** (which is Isaac), **“that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the Scripture? CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON: FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREEWOMAN. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.”** I must further state, that Isaac also gave birth to two sons, Jacob and Esau. But the promise of God, and the Covenant of God, was established through Jacob, the promised seed, on the full authority of Genesis Chapter 25, verses 19-27, which declares: **“And these are the GENERATIONS OF ISAAC, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac: And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was**

*intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord. And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and THE ELDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.”* Esau became the progenitor of the Edomites, which brings us to the present day Jordan area, but the promise of God, and the Covenant of God, was invested in Jacob. Consequently and

subsequently, this divine Covenant was also confirmed in Jacob, the heir of Isaac, whose name God changed to Israel, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 35, noting in particular, verses 9-12; and through him, the twelve patriarchs came. These twelve patriarchs give us the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. King David declared unto Israel, in 1 Chronicles Chapter 16, verses 15-18, saying: ***“Be ye mindful always of His Covenant; the Word which He commanded to a thousand generations; Even of the Covenant which He made with Abraham, and of His Oath unto Isaac; And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to I s r a e l F O R A N E V E R L A S T I N G COVENANT, Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.”*** Brothers and sisters, the heirs of the Promise of God, and of the Covenant, are the Israelites, not the Ishmaelites, and not the Edomites, and neither is it the Arabians. And from this divine fundamental truth, stems the very conflict which exists till this day, between the two races of people: that is between Jews and Arabs. It is an old

age conflict, which finds its roots in the Promise of God, and in the Covenant of God, FOR OUT OF THIS COVENANT CAME THE ONLY TRUE RELIGION GOD ESTABLISHED in the Old Testament days, through Abraham's seed, not by Ishmael, who is the seed of Hagar, the bondwoman, but strictly by Isaac, the Covenant child, who is the seed of Sarah, the freewoman. And herein lies the genesis or the beginning of the conflict we see today in the Middle East. However, it is also very vital to point out, that after the death of Sarah, Abraham married another woman called Keturah, and he had six other sons by her, who give us the balance of the Arabian people, according to the record of Genesis Chapter 25, verses 1-5, which reveals: ***“Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and MEDAN, and MIDIAN, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And Jokshan begat SHEBA, and DEDAN. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the***

**children of Keturah.”** These give us the Arabian people. Do not forget that we read verse 6 earlier, which covers all the children Abraham had through the other women other than Sarah, that is, the children he had through Hagar and Keturah, for verse 6 declares: **“And Abraham gave ALL THAT HE HAD unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines”**, (which gives us Hagar and Keturah), **“which Abraham had, Abraham gave GIFTS, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.”** He gave mere gifts to the children of Keturah and Hagar, seven in all, and sent them away eastward. But unto Isaac, he gave all that he had, for Isaac was his heir, the heir of the Promise, and of the Covenant of God! And as far as the Promise of God is concerned, and of the Covenant of God, Ishmael does not exist! Hence, at the divine testing of Abraham, the Lord told him in Genesis Chapter 22, verse 2: **“And He said, Take now thy son, THINE ONLY SON ISAAC, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one**

**of the mountains which I will tell thee of.”** Why did God say Isaac was Abraham's only son, when we know that Ishmael was also his son? It is because the Promise of God, and the Covenant of God, is strictly according to God's sovereign election, and is strictly through Isaac! Period! Therefore, Ishmael and the children of Keturah, which gives us the Arabians, do not “exist” in the Promise, and in the Covenant! I therefore repeat: On this fundamental truth stems the problems and troubles we see today in the Middle East; all the conflicts brewing in the Middle East, stems directly from this truth, of the ownership of the Promise and of the Covenant of God! It is very crucial that I point out, for we must all realise, that all the children of Abraham, make up the Middle East races; that is, his children from Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah, all give us or make up the lineage of Shem, the ones that populated and still populate the Middle East. Brothers and sisters, having laid out this very material background of the call of Abraham, and the seeds that were begotten through him, we will now return to pick up the story of the earth, leading up to the

hour of Abraham, for we must see the spiritual condition of the earth in his day, and God's divine objective for his call.

Following the destruction of the earth in Noah's day by the flood, and subsequently, following the destruction of the Tower of Babel, the three sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, were used by God to repopulate the earth, and their seeds were scattered to cover the earth. And in that day, the Lord God Almighty was One, and His name was One. Noah and his three sons worshipped the Lord, the God of all Creation, who saved them through the great flood, for Monotheism, which is the worship of One true God, was what covered the earth. However, Satan, working through the lineage of Ham, and working especially through Nimrod, started Polytheism, which is the worship of many gods, ushering in the practice of idolatry in the earth. Genesis Chapter 10, verses 6-10 records: **“And the sons of Ham; CUSH, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha; and the sons of Raamah;**

**Sheba, and Dedan. AND CUSH BEGAT NIMROD: he began to be A MIGHTY ONE in the earth. He was a MIGHTY HUNTER before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.** Saints of God, Nimrod was the first world leader of its kind in the earth, **“a mighty one in the earth”**; a man greatly admired, feared, and revered, by all the people of the earth, who were made up of all seeds of Noah, the Shemites, the Japhethites, and the Hamites. And as the Scriptures record, he was a world class military genius, which figuratively speaking, made him in that day, **“a mighty hunter before the Lord.”** And as I have always emphasised, we must realise that that terminology is not speaking of gaming or animal hunting, but of military exploits, as the Book of Jeremiah confirms, even though he must have been a good game hunter, by virtue of his military proficiency. Prophet Jeremiah, speaking prophetically of Hitler's Gestapo Soldiers, the Nazi Army, declared in Chapter

16, verse 16, saying: **“Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them”**, (referring prophetically to the Zionist Movement as fishers, who used free land as bait in the late 1800s, as a basis for imploring the Jews in Diaspora to return to the Land of Promise, a message which the Jews rejected); **“and after will I send for MANY HUNTERS”**, (referring specifically to the German Nazi Soldiers), **“and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.”** By the time the Second World War was over in 1945, over six million Jews had been slaughtered by the German Nazis, and the children of Israel were now ready to go back to the Promised Land. The hunters in this prophecy are German soldiers. Consequently, brothers and sisters, Nimrod, who was also called **“a mighty hunter before the Lord”**, gives us nothing but a top military brass, a military general in those days, and a world leader, the man who was in fact the brain behind the global project of the building of the Tower of Babel. Unfortunately, according to history, he was

also a man who gave himself over to idolatry, and by virtue of his leadership position over the entire earth in that day, he was able to influence the people of the earth to worship all sorts of gods, and idolatry was introduced, and hence established. **POLYTHEISM STARTED RIGHT HERE. IDOLATRY STARTED IN BABYLON.** That is why God identified Babylon with Lucifer, as recorded in Isaiah Chapter 14, verses 4-15! And that is also precisely why in the Book of Revelation Chapter 18, verse 2, Babylon is pictured in prophecy, as constituting a spiritual kingdom for spiritual idolatry, declaring it to be **“the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird”!** Consequently, as natural Babylon in times past, constituted a natural kingdom for physical idolatry, it set a perfect type of the Church of Rome, and her harlot daughters. That is precisely why God used that name to project spiritual idolatry, also called Babylon! Furthermore, just as spiritual Babylon is the first organised church system the devil ever established, which spread or grew to cover all

organised systems of religion all over the world, making it a world religion, so was natural Babylon the first kingdom where false religion ever started, which is idolatry, and from where it spread to all the earth, making idolatry or polytheism a global religious situation. It is a perfect type, for the natural types the spiritual. It is written: ***“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”*** (Rev 17:5). Listen to what the prophet to this age had to say about this, in his message book titled, *The Seven Church Ages*, page 181, paragraph 4, to page 183, paragraph 2: ***“Pergamos was not originally the place where Satan (as concerning human affairs) dwelt. Babylon has always been literally and figuratively his headquarters. It was in the city of Babylon that Satanic worship had its origin. Genesis 10:8-10, “And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord.” “And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and***

***Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.” Genesis 11:1-9, “And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth...”*** (Let us skip to page 182, paragraph 1, to continue the prophet's message): ***“... So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”*** (Having quoted the Bible, now listen to what Brother Branham says next concerning Nimrod and Babylon): ***“Babel is the***

***original name for Babylon. It means confusion. It was literally started by Cush, the son of Ham, but was brought to a kingdom of power and grandeur under his son, Nimrod, the mighty hunter. Nimrod, according to the Genesis eleven account and also according to profane history, set out to accomplish three things. He wanted to build a strong nation, which he did. He wanted to propagate his own religion, which he did. He wanted to make a name for himself, which he also accomplished. His accomplishments were so monumental that the kingdom of Babylon was called the head of gold amongst all world governments. That his religion gained prominence is proven by the fact that SCRIPTURE IDENTIFIES IT WITH SATAN completely in Isaiah chapter 14 and in Revelation chapters 17-18. And by history we can prove that it invaded the whole world and is the basis for every system of idolatry, and the theme of mythology, though the names of the gods differ in various sections of the land according to the language of the people.***

***That he made a name for himself and his followers goes without saying, for as long as this present age goes on (until Jesus reveals Himself to His Brethren) he will be worshipped and honored, though under a different name from Nimrod, and in a temple slightly different from the one in which he was originally adored.***

***Since the Bible does not deal in the histories of other nations in detail, it will be necessary to search the ancient profane records to find our answer as to how Pergamos became the seat of the Satanic religion of Babylon. The major sources of information will be in records of Egyptian and Grecian culture. The reason for this is that Egypt received her science and mathematics from the Chaldeans”, (who are the Babylonians), “and in turn Greece received them from Egypt. Now since the priests were in charge of teaching these sciences, and since these sciences were used as a part of religion, we already know the key as to how the Babylonish religion***

***gained its strength in these two countries. It is also true that whenever a nation was able to overcome another nation, in due time the religion of the subduer became the religion of the subdued. It is well known that the Greeks had the very same signs of the Zodiac as did the Babylonians; and it has been found in the ancient Egyptian records that the Egyptians gave the Greeks their knowledge of polytheism. Thus the mysteries of Babylon spread from nation to nation until it appeared in Rome, in China, India and even in both North and South America we find the very same basic worship.***

***The ancient histories agree with the Bible that this Babylonish religion was most certainly not the original religion of earth's early peoples. IT WAS THE FIRST TO DRIFT AWAY FROM THE ORIGINAL FAITH; but it was not itself the original one. Historians such as Wilkinson and Mallett have proven conclusively from the ancient documents that at one time all the peoples of the earth***

***believed in ONE GOD, supreme, eternal, invisible, Who by the Word of His mouth spoke all things into existence, and that in His character He was loving and good and just. But as Satan will always corrupt whatever he can, we find him corrupting the minds and hearts of men so that they reject the truth. As he has always attempted to receive worship as though he were God and not the servant and creation of God, he drew worship away from God to the end that he might draw it unto himself and so be exalted. He certainly did accomplish his desire to spread his religion throughout the whole world. This is authenticated by God in the Book of Romans, “When they knew God, they gloried Him not as God, until they became vain in their imaginations, and through darkness of heart accepted a corrupted religion, to the extent that they worshipped creatures and not the Creator.” Remember, Satan was a creature of God (Son of the Morning). Thus we find that where once truth was disseminated amongst men, and all***

**held to that one truth, there later came a day when a vast group turned from God and spread a diabolical form of worship around the world. History bears it out that those of the tribe of Shem that stood with the unchanging truth were in solid opposition to those of Ham who turned away from truth to the devil's lie. There is no time to engage in a discussion of this; it is merely introduced that you may see there were two religions and two only, and the evil one became world wide. MONOTHEISM TURNED TO POLYTHEISM IN BABYLON.** Brothers and sisters, the incontestable truth is that, the devil, having been used of God to test Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, by which means he was able to bring about the fall of man, and also get a seed to himself, vicariously, a man who was called Cain, and also having been subsequently allowed to bring about the mixing of the two seeds, the Sethite lineage and the Cainite lineage, God had to allow him to make his third and final move, which is to get worship to himself. This Satan did, by taking away Monotheism, which is the knowledge of the one and

only true God, through idolatry, thereby opening up the door for himself, to be the object of earthly worship. It started in Babylon. God allowed this as well, and He allowed it to continue for a while, knowing that He (God) was one step ahead of the devil, and knowing precisely the plan He had in His sovereign will, to deal with the issue of idolatry, as well as with the sin question, which brought about the fall of man. He was going to restore Monotheism, the knowledge of the one true God, which Noah and all his progenitors had, right from Adam; for the whole world as it then was, from Adam to Noah, worshipped only one Supreme God, the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. Adam, the first man on the planet Earth, the Son of God, served Elohim. Abel, his son, in Genesis Chapter 4, offered sacrifice to the same God. Even Cain also brought an offering unto the same Lord, showing that he also worshipped the same God, even though it was a carnal worship, and even though his offering was rejected. This led him to kill Abel out of wicked jealousy. And after Abel was killed by Cain, God appointed Adam another seed called Seth, as it is written in verse 25:

***“And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.”*** Seth also served the same God, for His knowledge and name, was and is One. Seth gave birth to Enos, and it is written in verse 26: ***“And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: THEN BEGAN MEN TO CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD”***, for deliverance and help, against the Satanic onslaught they faced from the Cainite daughters! Brethren, from the heir of Enos, who is Cainan, to Mahalaleel, and to Jared, all worshipped Elohim. Jared then gave birth to Enoch, the seventh seed from Adam. Genesis Chapter 5, verses 21-24, categorically states of Enoch: ***“And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD: AND HE WAS NOT; FOR GOD TOOK HIM.”***

Enoch walked closely with Elohim. His son, Methuselah, worshipped Elohim, and God gave him as a sign of the impending judgment by the flood. Then came Lamech, who gave birth to Noah, the great prophet of the Almighty God, and they all served the One and Only God, Elohim. Noah gave birth to three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and together, they carried out the Commission God gave Noah, by building the Ark, to the saving of their souls. God made a Covenant with the four of them, right after the flood, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 9, a Covenant which God sealed with a rainbow. Saints of God, this shows infallibly, that up to this point in human history, before we come to the building of the Tower of Babel, all men served the same One God, for the whole earth worshipped Elohim. His knowledge, and name, and worship, was One, for God is One! Monotheism was what covered the earth. I repeat: In that day, and all over creation, the whole earth worshipped One God, Elohim, who is the Creator and Father of Adam! Allah did not exist! Even Cain worshipped the same God of Eve, his mother, for he

also brought an offering unto Him, although it was without revelation, for it lacked the fundamental and essential requirement of blood, even as Genesis Chapter 4, verses 3-5 records: ***“And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the FRUIT OF THE GROUND AN OFFERING UNTO THE LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.”*** Yes, Cain walked away from the presence of the Lord God, as recorded in verse 16; but nevertheless, he and all his offspring, knew that there was only One God! They knew that! Brothers and sisters, we must realise, that although the Cainite lineage ceased to worship God, in their minds, they still knew that there was only One God! Even today, there are many people out there, who refuse or neglect to worship God, who, nonetheless, believe in One God! Exactly! No one can take away the fact that the lineage of Cain believed in One God, Cain having once worshipped

the same God alongside Abel, at the beginning of his life! Exactly! This knowledge of God, no doubt, was carried on in the lives of his lineage, even though they had stopped worshipping Him! Moreover, in that day, the objective of Satan was not yet that of idolatry, but of getting seeds to himself, particularly daughters, through whom he can attack the pure genetic quality of the lineage of Seth, the lineage of the Sons of God! Thus in that day, and in all the earth, the name of the Lord was One, and His knowledge and worship was One, till the seeds of Ham went the way of evil, being used of Satan to introduce idolatry to the world. And the principal vessel the Devil used to accomplish this evil was Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, the son of Cush. However, God allowed it, for He allowed the Devil to introduce idolatry, as the first and essential step to Satan worship, knowing that He, as God, was one step ahead of the Devil, and knowing precisely in what hour, He, God would restore the knowledge of the One true God. Monotheism was thus taken away, and replaced by Polytheism. The restoration of Monotheism

God was going to set in motion, by giving a divine revelation of Himself to an elect seed of His, a man foreknown to Him, someone somewhere in the earth, giving him a true religion, as opposed to all the false religions men had made for themselves in the earth, and which was introduced through the influence of the lineage of the children of Ham. This brings us to Genesis Chapter 12, where God calls a man out of idolatry, Abraham by name. But the Book of Joshua Chapter 24, reveals the truth of the spiritual condition of the earth in that day, including that of Abraham himself. Verses 1-2 declare: ***“And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and THEY SERVED OTHER gods.”*** Did you hear that? They all, Abraham inclusive, served other gods! Now pay

attention to the verses which follow, for they set forth God's call of Abraham, the raising up of the nation of Israel in Egypt, and her deliverance with power. Verses 3-13 state: ***“And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir”***, (which is Petra area, in Southern Jordan), ***“to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. And when they cried unto the Lord, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. And I brought you into the land of the***

***Amorites”***, (covering an area of Jordan), ***“which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab”***, (also occupying another area of modern day Jordan), ***“arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye***

***planted not do ye eat.”*** Now, please pay attention to verses 14-18, for it is most instructive, for it gives us God's objective for everything He has done, the divine objective for the call of Abraham, and of the raising up of the nation of Israel. Joshua declares: ***“Now therefore fear the Lord, and SERVE HIM IN SINCERITY AND IN TRUTH: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. And the people answered and said, GOD FORBID THAT WE SHOULD FORSAKE THE LORD, to serve other gods; For the Lord our God, He it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we***

***passed: And the Lord drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: THEREFORE WILL WE ALSO SERVE THE LORD; FOR HE IS OUR GOD.”*** This plainly lets us see, that the objective of God for raising up Abraham, and for the birth of Israel, was to reveal the one true God, who is Elohim, not Allah. Period! IT WAS TO RESTORE MONOTHEISM! This holy objective God accomplished, by establishing through Abraham, and through the nation of Israel, THE ONLY TRUE RELIGION in that day, which is Judaism. Monotheism was restored to Israel, and through Israel, it was restored to the nations of the earth. As such, Judaism is a divine national religion, being a religion God established strictly for the Jewish nation, a religion which also later gave birth to Christianity, which is the universal religion God established, to give the whole wide world, the knowledge of the ONE TRUE GOD, who is Elohim, the God of Israel, and the Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Hence, through Christianity, true Monotheism was restored on a global or a universal

scale. Hence, Moses declared unto the children of Israel, as recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 4, verses 1-8, saying: ***“Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely***

this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" Then in verses 32-40 he also declared: "For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Or hath God assayed to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? UNTO THEE IT WAS SHEWED, THAT THOU MIGHTEST

KNOW THAT THE LORD HE IS GOD; THERE IS NONE ELSE BESIDE HIM. Out of heaven He made thee to hear His voice, that He might instruct thee: and upon earth He shewed thee His great fire; and thou heardest His Words out of the midst of the fire. And because He loved thy fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that THE LORD HE IS GOD IN HEAVEN ABOVE, AND UPON THE EARTH BENEATH: THERE IS NONE ELSE. Thou shalt keep therefore His statutes, and His commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever." Monotheism was thus restored by God, through the seeds of Abraham, who

are the Jews. By that I mean that the worship of Elohim, the One True God, was restored. The religion setting forth the worship of Allah had no existence as at this time, in any part of the globe. The Supreme God Almighty was now being worshipped through Judaism. But do not also forget, that the laws of Moses only sets a type of the message of Christ, for it foreshadowed Christ, in all its ceremonies and observances. Furthermore, all the prophets of the Old Testament also spoke of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah and King of the world, and of the New Covenant to come, thereby giving us perfect harmony in the Scriptures, regardless of the Dispensation, for the Word of God, and His revelation, is One. They give us the knowledge of the One True God, Elohim, the Supreme Being, the Author, and Ruler, and Sustainer, of all Creation. In the Book of Galatians Chapter 3, verses 6-29, it is written: "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the Scripture,

foreseeing that God would justify the heathen" (or the Gentiles) "through faith, preached before the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, IN THEE SHALL ALL NATIONS" (OF THE EARTH) "BE BLESSED. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: THAT THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME ON THE GENTILES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man

disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the Covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by Angels in the hand of a Mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith

came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." This infallible truth of a universal body of God's people, worshipping the one and only true God, in the divinely provided religious way, which is Christianity, foreshadowed by Judaism, was what made Apostle Peter declare in 1 Peter Chapter 2, verses 9-10, saying: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy" (universal) "nation, a peculiar people; THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM who hath called you out

***of darkness into His marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.***" I therefore repeat: This gives us nothing but true Monotheism, the worship of the One True Universal God. But do not forget, that it is from the lineage of Isaac and Jacob, that Christ the Messiah King came, for the Messiah's lineage takes us back to Abraham, the father of faith, who in turn takes us back to Noah, and eventually to Adam, the Son of God, who was the head of the old creation, and a worshipper of the One True God, our Creator, whose name is Elohim. Thus, whichever way we look at it, through Judaism and Christianity, the true knowledge of the one true God has been established around the world.

Church, I will say this morning, when you look at the whole of the Arabian peninsula, and more than that, when you look at the whole of Palestine, that whole region has been peopled by a race of people who all came out of the loins of Abraham, either through the free woman (Sarah), or

through the bond woman (Hagar), or those begotten through Keturah, giving us the Jews and the Arabs. That is a fact! And also note another fundamental truth as well: In that day, they all, Jews and Arabs, served the God of Abraham, and Elohim is His name, for the entire household of Abraham served Elohim, ever before Moses came on the scene. Remember Jethro the Midianite, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law? Do not forget that they, the Midianites, are also part of the children of Abraham, begotten through Keturah, as recorded in Genesis Chapter 25, verses 1-2. In Exodus Chapter 18, it is written of Jethro, in verses 7-12: ***"And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. And Moses told his father in law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel,***

***whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. AND JETHRO SAID, BLESSED BE THE LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. NOW I KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GREATER THAN ALL GODS: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly He was above them. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a BURNT OFFERING AND SACRIFICES FOR GOD: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.***" This definitely shows a total absorption of Abraham's Monotheistic worship in that day, by all his seeds, both Jews and Arabs, in spite of the idolatry that was all around them, for they all served the same God for a season; even though the Promise of God, and the Covenant of God, remained strictly with the Jews, for through them, the right way of approach and worship of Elohim, was revealed. They served the Only true God, whilst idolatry

pervaded the world. Even Arabia was given to idolatry, as testified to by God, in the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 3, verse 2. We will take it from verse 1. It records: ***“They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the Lord.”*** (Now watch verse 2, and it states): ***“Lift up thine eyes unto the high”*** (idolatrous) ***“places, and see where thou hast not been lien with”***, (playing spiritual harlotry). ***“In the ways hast thou sat for them, AS THE ARABIAN IN THE WILDERNESS”***, (who were a people given to idolatry); ***“and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.”*** And in spite of the proliferation of idolatry in the earth, which is Polytheism, which had been in existence right from the days of Nimrod, the grandson of Ham, there was no Allah in the days of Moses, but Elohim, the One True God; and neither were there any Muslims as yet, in any part

of the globe, for the Islamic faith had not yet been established! However, the influence of the various nations of people around them, also led these other children of Abraham into idolatrous or pagan practises, and thus back into Polytheism. And even for the nation of Israel, it took God's law, and the dealing of the prophets God kept sending to her, one after the other, to keep Israel on the straight and narrow course. And yet, for all this, she often went back into idolatry as well. This was what necessitated the release of the Spirit of God upon Elijah the Tishbite, one of the two greatest anointings God has ever released on men, to deal with Israel in apostasy, being a God identifying Spirit, Israel having strayed into the worship of Baal, and all sorts of gods! He led the four hundred prophets of Baal to the showdown at Mount Carmel, where they were all slaughtered, after the One True God answered by fire! That is an incontestable fact! Hence, the Lord declared through Prophet Amos in Chapter 3, verses 1-2, saying: ***“Hear this Word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children***

***of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, YOU ONLY HAVE I KNOWN OF ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”*** Nevertheless of this fact, the truth remains that through Abraham and Israel, Abraham's natural seeds, the Lord had pulled a people out of Polytheistic idolatrous practises, which the whole world was given unto for many generations, thereby restoring Monotheism, which is the worship of the One True God. The law of that one true God had been established to guide the life of the nation of Israel, for it is her stability. And that law made the difference, not only between Jews and Gentiles, but also between Jews and Arabs. Period! This fact made Apostle Paul declare in Romans Chapter 3, verses 1-2: ***“What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: CHIEFLY, BECAUSE THAT UNTO THEM WERE COMMITTED THE ORACLES OF GOD.”*** This fact also made Moses

declare in Deuteronomy Chapter 4, asking: ***“And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?”*** This infallibly confirms that Judaism was established by God, and is therefore a true religion. And at its hour of establishment, and for many generations of time thereafter, there was nothing called Islam. Moreover, the law and the prophets also pointed to Christ the Messiah, the mediator of the New Covenant. Then came the Christian Era, and the light of true Monotheism blossomed all over the earth. Let us see how it was wrought or accomplished.

The Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the one whom all the law and prophets spoke of, came. He bore the New Covenant, and shed his blood to seal it, thus establishing the Christian faith, which is the religion of life. This Covenant or Faith is based on better and more glorious promises, and was also sealed with a better and higher blood, the perfect blood of the perfect Son of God, Jesus our

Redeemer. He also raised up an army of men in the Ephesian ministry in that day, to carry the Message of the New Testament, the principal fold of which gives us the early church apostles. And as these men went with the Message, may I say this morning, that the Message of the Gospel of Christ started first in Jerusalem, before it went to Judea, taking in every remote area in the land of Israel. But it started in the capital city, Jerusalem, before it went into every remote village in Judea, thereby giving them accessibility to something, which is the Message of life, for as it is written: ***“... salvation is of the Jews.”*** That is what Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob in John Chapter 4. In verses 19-26, it is written: ***“The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye”*** (Jews) ***“say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father”***, (as the law and prophets

foretold). ***“Ye”*** (Samaritans) ***“worship ye know not what: we”*** (Jews) ***“know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, AND NOW IS, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.”*** (This hour of true divine universal worship, is precisely the hour that the New Covenant ushers in). ***“The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.”*** Salvation truly is of the Jews, which is why as Gentiles, we received the Message of life from them, for unto them was committed all the Oracles of God, giving us the only two TRUE religions, Judaism and Christianity, as laid out in the Old and New Testaments of God, respectively. In the Book of Acts Chapter 1, verse 8, it is written: ***“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: AND YE***

**SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea**", (firstly taking in the whole of Israel), **"AND in Samaria"**, (secondly), **"AND"** (thirdly and finally), **"unto the uttermost part of the earth"**, taking in the entire Gentile world, which includes the Arabs. Saints of God, I have gone into all that to let you know that there was a precise route the preaching of the Gospel took in that day, before it was brought to the Gentile world, a world which takes in the Arabians. The world was divided into three main groups of people, for the purposes of the preaching of the Gospel: The Jews, the Samaritans, and the Gentile world. And after the Gospel had been preached in Jerusalem and in Judea, but starting from Jerusalem in Acts Chapter 2, the Gospel Message went from there to Samaria, because Philip the evangelist went to Samaria! That brings us to the Book of Acts Chapter 8, where we see a great revival break out in that city. According to the record of verses 5-8, **"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord**

**gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city."** However, whilst that revival was going on, the Lord suddenly spoke to Philip in verse 26: **"And the Angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship."** (From where was he coming? From Jerusalem! Why was he coming from Jerusalem? He was a Gentile convert to Judaism, and he had also gone to Jerusalem to observe the feast of Passover, and he was now returning home. He had travelled all the way from Ethiopia for this feast! And

he was a great man, economically, and politically. Church, in this passage, he was going back to his kingdom. And what happened? Verse 28 lays it out, saying that the Ethiopian eunuch) **"Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the**

**same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”** That lets us see that Philip preached a complete Gospel of salvation to him, a complete message of repentance, for it includes water baptism. Moreover, the eunuch did not have to pass any baptismal examination before he could be baptised, other than to whole heartedly believe, a spiritual state which only God can judge. He was therefore baptised. And right here is the first Gentile convert recorded in the Scriptures,

the Ethiopian eunuch. He was an African, a seed of the lineage of Ham. And he bore that Gospel Message with him to Ethiopia. And a man having such great influence, only God knows what great influence he would have had over his people, with regard to his new found faith, being so faithful to the Torah, which gives Judaism. Do not forget, he was first a Gentile convert to Judaism. And he was such a faithful man that he came to observe the feast, for he would not miss it for anything! And God saw his faithfulness, and God blessed him that day by revealing Jesus to him, sending Philip the evangelist, purely on his behalf! That because of him, God put a stop to a revival in a city, in order to reach out to this lone predestinated seed of God, a man who would stand firmly for truth, and shine the light in his country, being a highly influential man, one who was not ashamed of the testimony of God. And that man, the eunuch, who came all the way to Jerusalem, whilst believing one true religion of God, Judaism, received yet another true religion of God, Christianity, which was birthed by the former

religion he had, and which outclassed the former, and also made it outdated, for in the latter is life eternal. Halleluia! So in simple terms, we see how the Gospel penetrated into Africa. The Islamic religion still did not exist at this time.

In Acts Chapter 10, in Caesarea, the Angel of the Lord went to a man by the name of Cornelius, who was a military man, a man who was also a Gentile convert to Judaism. Where is this Caesarea? This Caesarea was in the land of Israel. It was the capital of the Roman Province of Judea, and it was right in the centre of the coastal Plain of Sharon, about 105 kilometres Northwest of Jerusalem. Remember, we are looking strictly at how God opened the door of salvation to the Gentile race through Peter, the man with the three keys into the kingdom. Cornelius was told by the Angel that his prayers and alms had been accepted by God, and he was to send to a man named Peter in Joppa, who would tell him what to do. On the other hand, the Lord also dealt with Peter in a supernatural way, to enable him to follow the messengers of Cornelius to Caesarea, for he would not

have gone otherwise. In verse 28, Peter declared: **“And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.”** Because the Law of Moses set a wall of partition between the Jews and every other nation! When Cornelius recounted his supernatural experience, Peter had no choice but to preach, and the Holy Ghost descended on the body of elect Gentile people who had gathered in the house of Cornelius that day, as recorded in verses 30-46: **“And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent to thee;**

**and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The Word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That Word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him**

**after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. TO HIM GIVE ALL THE PROPHETS WITNESS, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. WHILE PETER YET SPAKE THESE WORDS, THE HOLY GHOST FELL ON ALL THEM WHICH HEARD THE WORD. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”** The confirmation of their racial difference is expressed in Acts Chapter 11, verse 1, which states: **“And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the Word of God.”** Revival broke out in Caesarea, and Peter had no choice but to also baptise them in water, in the name of the Lord Jesus, for the door of life had now been opened to the Gentiles, through Jesus Christ. This brings us to the

third and final area or divide, which the Gospel was to reach. It started with the Jews in Jerusalem and Judea, followed by Samaria, and now the Gentiles, which is referred to as ***“the uttermost part of the earth”***; but it was starting first with these Gentiles in Caesarea, for Apostle Peter had to first use his key, to open the door of salvation unto the Gentiles, before the main Gentile instrument of salvation could be ignited. The event we see here in Caesarea, was therefore the beginning of God's Gentile move, for the door of life had now been opened up, for the revival of the Gentiles to start. The revival in Caesarea produced a nucleus of Gentile believers, and thus, it constituted a foundational move. Subsequently, God called and anointed Saul of Tarsus, whose name was changed to Paul, to carry the light of Christ to the Gentiles, as God began to deal with the Gentiles in pre-eminence. And when we move with that thought to Acts Chapter 13, we will see something in Antioch in Syria, a picture of something you will not find in Syria today. It records in verses 1-4: ***“Now there were in THE CHURCH THAT WAS AT ANTIOCH***

***certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*** Antioch in Syria was the first Christian outpost, after Jerusalem, and outside Jerusalem, for that is where the Gospel started for the Gentiles in full force. Many men in the ministry were stationed there, for the Gospel had a free flow, and flourished greatly in Syria, in that day, God having opened the door in Caesarea. But look at Syria today. They are the ones fuelling Hezbollah terrorists with ammunition, and with the financial aid they need against Israel, along with Persia, which is Iran. Just look at it in that day, as it is written: ***“Now there were in the church that was AT ANTIOCH***

***certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.”*** Brothers and sisters, to let us see that it was truly the first Christian outpost, and a serious one at that, just look at the calibre of men that were based there: Saint Barnabas, an apostle and partner of Saint Paul, a man whose original name was Saul. And who was Saul? The chief apostle to the Gentiles! ***“... the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.”*** Note verse 5: ***“And when they were at Salamis, they preached the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.”*** Hold it

there! Syria was seriously torched with the Gospel light, and was a serious Christian base in that day, for the Gospel of Christ flourished in Syria, for they whole heartedly accepted the Gospel. And the same goes for the nation of Cyprus! Therefore, do not forget that Damascus, which was the capital city, was Christianised in that day! It was there Apostle Paul gave his first ever sermon, right after his conversion, as written in Acts Chapter 9, verses 19-22, which declares: ***“And when he” (Saul) “had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.”*** We can take Apostle Paul's

missionary journeys, and we can see how God used him mightily, outside the nation of Israel, to burn the whole of the Middle East, and Europe, as he went around the Roman world with the Gospel light, as the apostle of the Gentiles.

Saints of God, when we go to the third parable of Matthew Chapter 13, the parable of the Mustard Seed, a parable which has application in the third church age, what does it tell us? Let us go there. Verses 31-32 records: ***“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.”*** Church, what tree is that? That is the Gospel tree: For the grain of mustard seed is referring to the one hundred and twenty odd saints, whom God used to birth the church, which is the original church of God, born on the Day of Pentecost, a pure seed church, which God sowed to reproduce many more!

But by the time we come to the third century of Christendom, the Gospel had spread as far as India, in Far East Asia, all over Europe, North, Central, and East Africa, and had spread all over the Middle East. Remember, Church History has it that Apostle Thomas, a missionary to India, was martyred in India, in the first age of Christendom! The whole of the Middle East was already Christianized by this time! Egypt in Africa had become a Christian nation in that day. It was Christianized, all the way down to Ethiopia, and so was the whole of Arabia. All over Europe, Spain, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Crete, Rhodes, and Turkey, the Gospel flourished! Even in Rome, with all the persecution the Christians faced in that city, it still flourished underground, and the Catacombs which were used as meeting grounds in the early church days, were filled. But let us zero in on Turkey, which was called ***“Asia”*** (Minor) in the Scriptures. Acts Chapter 19, particularly verses 10 and 26, confirms that. Speaking of the great revival that broke out in Ephesus in that Chapter, verses 1-12 records: ***“And it came to***

pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to EPHESUS: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of THREE MONTHS, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake

evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus." (Note verse 10): "And this continued by the SPACE OF TWO YEARS; so that all they which dwelt IN ASIA heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks." (Did you hear that? All they which were in Asia Minor, not Far East Asia, but Asia Minor, heard the Message of Jesus!) Verses 11-20 states: "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. SO MIGHTILY GREW THE WORD OF GOD AND PREVAILED." Again, note verses 26-27, for it records: "Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away MUCH PEOPLE, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands. So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her

***magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.***” This shows us the power and effectiveness of the Gospel, in changing Gentiles, raw pagan idol worshippers, unto the one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! The whole of Asia, which is Asia Minor, was set on fire in the first era of Christendom! That region was completely turned over to Jesus Christ, having abandoned the many strange gods which the Roman world offered them, to serve the living God. May I remind you that Asia Minor is what gives us the present day Turkey, geographically speaking, for the present day Turkey, used to be known as Asia Minor back then. Old maps still have it as Asia Minor. That is precisely where you have the seven churches Jesus Christ singled out in his prophetic revelation, recorded in the Book of Revelation, Chapters 1-3: The churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. These seven churches were all established in Asia Minor, amongst many other churches in that same

region, from the revival fire that burned in Ephesus, which we saw in Acts Chapter 19. The church in Colossae, as well as the ones in Hierapolis, in Galatia, and in MILETUS, just for example, were all in Asia Minor! And whilst Saint Paul was in Miletus, ***“And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church”***, to give all of them in the ministry a final charge, as recorded in Acts Chapter 20, verses 15-38. Hence, it is written in Acts Chapter 19, verse 10 and verse 20, saying: ***“... ALL they which dwelt IN ASIA heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”*** ***“SO MIGHTILY GREW THE WORD OF GOD AND PREVAILED”!*** Apostle Paul himself was from Tarsus, which was the capital of Cilicia, in Asia Minor. Antioch in Pisidia, in Asia Minor, (which is different from Antioch in Syria), Lystra, (where Saint Paul healed an impotent man, a cripple), Iconium, Perga, Derba, Pamphylia, were all places in Turkey, combed by the early church ministry, and as revealed in the Book of Acts Chapter 14! Yes, in some of these places they faced opposition; yet, this does not take away from

the powerful effect the Gospel had in that day, to penetrate all these places, turning them from idolatry, to the one true God. 1 Peter Chapter 1, which was written around 62-64 CE, was addressed in verse 1, to Christians ***“scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia”***, all areas which are in Asia Minor! The Nicene Council of 325 AD was organised in Nicaea, in Bithynia! And in Chapter 5, verses 1-9, Saint Peter exhorts the ministry thus: ***“The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD WHICH IS AMONG YOU, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another,***

**and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”** The Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 16, verse 19, lets us know that that Epistle to the Corinthians was written from Turkey, for Saint Paul said: **“The churches of ASIA salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”** Verses 5-8 also confirms this fact, for he was to pass through Macedonia. Moreover, Saint Paul addressed the saints established in Hierapolis in Turkey, in Colossians Chapter 4, verses 12-16, saying: **“Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always**

**labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in HIERAPOLIS. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.”** Brothers and sisters, Turkey was certainly a most prosperous Christian nation in that first era of time. It is now completely Islamic, having embraced the Sunni Islamic faith, and is over ninety five percent Muslim in population. And most of them oppose the holding of meetings of other religions in their midst, and they do not want the publishing or dissemination of Christian materials either. It is a country that has shut its doors completely to the Christian faith. What a complete turnaround! My! Asia Minor has turned

herself against the Message of Jesus Christ! Turkey has now rejected Christ! Church, listen to me. I said we will not finish this message today, even though I will not take too much of your time either.

Church, I repeat: Asia Minor has today rejected the light it embraced wholeheartedly back there! Look at Galatians Chapter 1. We cannot wrap up this segment of our message, without taking a look at this particular Bible text, because my message will not be complete without touching on this Scripture. Look at Galatians Chapter 1. Apostle Paul makes material declarations, starting from verse 10, saying: **“For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my conversation”** (or conversion) **“in time past in the Jews' religion”,** (which is Judaism), **“how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of**

**God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen",** (meaning Gentiles); **"immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood."** (So what did he do? Where did he go? The next verse gives it to us, for he states): **"Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; BUT I WENT INTO ARABIA, and returned again unto Damascus"** (in Syria, the first Christian outpost or centre after Jerusalem in Israel). **"Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. Afterwards I came into the REGIONS OF SYRIA and Cilicia; And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in**

**Christ: But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me."** Praise the Lord! Halleluiah! Antioch in Syria was where He confronted Apostle Peter, for Antioch was a Christian hub-centre in those days, where the saints loved to go to register their presence, particularly the men in the ministry, for many ministers were based there, even as Galatians Chapter 2, verses 11-14, also bears out, stating: **"But when Peter was come to ANTIOCH, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of**

**Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"** Meetings upon meetings were held in Antioch. It was there the saints were first called Christians by the unbelievers, as it is written in Acts Chapter 11, verses 26: **"And when he" (Barnabas) "had found him" (who is Paul), "he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. AND THE DISCIPLES WERE CALLED CHRISTIANS FIRST IN ANTIOCH."** Syria was a Christian nation in that day. Brothers and sisters, please listen closely. For a number of years, Apostle Paul was in Arabia, for there the Spirit of the Lord led him after his conversion. And there he took the Torah and the Prophets, and began studying them seriously, as God began to remove the Judaistic scale covering his eyes, showing him the types and shadows of the law, and the application of the inspired writings of the Old Testament prophets, with regard to the New Testament Faith, laying out the entire plan of Gentile

salvation for him, thereby giving him a perfect and complete understanding of the Message of salvation, which we have in Christ Jesus. God dealt with him in a serious divine revelation, to give him the truth he bore for the Gentiles, enabling him to lay a solid foundation of the truth of Jesus, upon which the faith of us Gentiles is firmly established. And all this happened whilst he was in Arabia! In Arabia, God dealt with His principal vessel, without any opposition or hindrance. Think about it! Because there was no Islam in that day, for it did not exist! And when he came back from Arabia after a few years, where did he go? He went to Antioch, in Syria. In Acts Chapter 13, verses 1-3, a passage we saw earlier, it is written: ***“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and***

***prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”*** Again, after Saints Paul and Barnabas returned from the ministry meeting held in Jerusalem, where they went to compare books, the Book of Acts Chapter 15, verses 30-36, records: ***“So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle: Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation. And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them. And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles. Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still. Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the Word of the Lord, with many others also. And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the Word of the Lord, and see how they do.”*** What does that show you?

Antioch was a hub of Christian activity, for the Christian faith flourished in Syria! It certainly did! There is one more Scripture we need to see. Come with me to the Book of Acts Chapter 8. Remember, Jesus told his disciples that the Gospel has to be published around the world, but instead, they settled down in Jerusalem, for they were very comfortable and prosperous there. God therefore raised up persecution against them. When the persecution came, they were scattered abroad! Where did they go? They went to the entire regions of Judea and Samaria! And when Apostle Paul came in, the Gospel went full steam to the Gentiles, going west, starting with Arabia and Asia Minor, from where he crossed over to Europe, through Troas in Turkey! Acts Chapter 8, verses 1-4 records: ***“And Saul was consenting unto his death”,*** (that is to the death of Saint Stephen). ***“And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.”*** (This was the first wave of persecution. It

led them into Judea and Samaria. But watch the second wave of persecution, for it led them into Arabia, Syria, Asia Minor etc. Verses 2-4 records): ***“And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were”*** (already) ***“scattered abroad went EVERY WHERE preaching the Word”***, in this new wave of persecution! This now moved them to the Gentile world: Syria and Arabia in the main, till Saul was converted! And with the ministry of Paul being ignited, the fire of the Spirit fell in Ephesus, and the whole of Asia Minor caught the Gospel fire! However, we must not forget, that the record of the spread of Christianity we have in the Book of Acts, is only a mere condensation of facts, because in reality, the Christian faith spread beyond what it sets forth, or beyond what could have been written. Moreover, only the ministry activities of Apostles Peter and Paul were given to us, in the entire Book of Acts. Yet,

there were a lot of men God raised up in that day, in the early church ministry, some whose names Saint Paul mentioned in his various Epistles, but most of whose names were not even written in any of the written records. There were myriads of them in the fivefold ministry, who were preaching fervently all over the globe, because the early church ministry took the Commission in Matthew Chapter 28, verses 19-20, most seriously, having been anointed with that Lion-like Spirit God invested in them, in that first age of Christendom. Furthermore, we should not forget the three thousand souls converted on the Day of Pentecost, and likewise the subsequent five thousand converts recorded in Acts Chapter 4, verse 4, all Jews and proselytes from Diaspora! With the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost, the Book of Acts Chapter 2, verses 4-11, records: ***“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when***

***this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and MEDES, and Elamites, and the dwellers in MESOPOTAMIA, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and ASIA, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in EGYPT, and in the parts of LIBYA about Cyrene, and strangers of ROME, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and ARABIANS, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”*** In 33 AD, these converts carried the Gospel light with them around the world, for they were set on fire with the new faith, the Christian faith! Church, listen to me. This notorious fact, was what made Eusebius, the historian, say that sometime before 66 CE (or AD), the ***“apostles, in constant danger from murderous plots, were driven out of Judea. But***

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power of Christ." I am simply showing you this morning by the Scriptures, that the whole of Palestine: Israel, (which of course includes the present day Gaza strip and West Bank, an area of land which the so-called Palestinians are encroaching on), Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, were all Christianised in the first era of Christendom! And beyond Palestine, Egypt, Libya, way down to Ethiopia in Africa, all the way up to Turkey, the gateway to Europe, which is Asia Minor, and Europe, was Christianised as well, all particularly around the Mediterranean! The Gospel even went as far as India in the first age, restoring to the world, the true knowledge of God, the Almighty One, through Jesus Christ His Son, our Redeemer! The people of Mesopotamia, who were converted on the Day of Pentecost, in turn also influenced the Armenians with the new faith in Christ Jesus, just as the Jewish converts from Medes, which gives us Iran area, took the Christian faith to Iran, despite the staunch idolatry practised in these places, all which had its genesis in Babylon. The

Roman world was certainly Christianized, giving them the saving knowledge of the one true God, through Jesus the Christ our Redeemer, even though they faced a lot of persecution from the Gentile pagans who populated the earth, a sad reality for which the lineage of Ham is responsible. Consequently, brothers and sisters, it is an indisputable fact that in that day, Christianity made its inroads to the whole world, particularly as we consider the second and third ages of Christendom. We have not considered the most successful inroad Christianity made into Europe, because it is a notorious fact, which therefore needs no proving, for to this day, the Europeans are essentially and majorly Christian. We are looking essentially at the regions of the world which were once Christianised, but which have been taken over by the Islamic faith. And I said before, Christianity made its inroads to the world, restoring Monotheism, which gives us the knowledge of the One True God, until time moved on to the hour of Emperor Constantine, who presided over the Nicene Council Meeting in 325 AD, where

Monotheism was once again replaced with Polytheism, giving the Christian world an apostate doctrine, which is the Trinity Doctrine. Christianity was now on a serious decline, doctrinally, heading straight into the Dark Ages in Babylon, which is the Roman Catholic Church Organisation.

Now, coming to the Dark Ages, starting from AD 500, true Christianity had now been totally corrupted, giving the world a diabolical version of Christianity, being a complete counterfeit of true Christianity, which the Church of Rome peddled. They introduced the worship of relics and images, which is blatant **IDOLATRY**; they canonize or make saints out of dead people, which is **DECEPTION**, and a slap in the face of God, for they are playing God, since only God can make saints; they make intercession or pray through all sorts of dead people, which is **SPIRITISM**; they introduced purgatory, and the sale of indulgencies, and instituted infant baptism, all which are absolutely false! The Word of God had now been completely

leavened with creeds and dogma, and with all sorts of carnal and pagan ceremonies and traditions that are as far away from the Word of God, as planet Earth is from Neptune! Eventually, the Roman Beast Empire, which was a pagan empire, once ruled by Emperors, was taken over by the Bishop of Rome after 1075 AD, and was from thence ruled by Popes, thus transforming pagan Rome into what was called, **"The Holy Roman Empire"**! Christianity had been reduced to carnal ceremonies and traditions which the Church of Rome was cooking up by each passing day, all which have no saving value, for it has no spiritual virtue, and was nothing but pagan in origin, and pagan in spiritual essence! From that period of time, Christianity was looked upon by the world, through the eyes of the Church of Rome, which is nothing but a counterfeit church, for it is inherently apostate through and through! God was going to judge it temporarily. But nevertheless of the serious degeneration Christendom suffered by

the Church of Rome, the fact remains that the Christian faith, which started on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem, had been used by God to re-establish the divine knowledge of Elohim, which God used Abraham and his seeds, the children of Israel, to re-establish, following the introduction of idolatry by the lineage of Ham. And in human history, up to the beginning of the Dark Ages, speaking specifically of around 500 AD, the religion of Islam, or the Muslim faith, had not yet been conceived, and neither was it yet in existence, for its founder had not even yet been born. Judaism, a Jewish national religion, and subsequently Christianity, a global religion, had thus successfully been used to bring God's children around the globe, back to the worship of the one true Supreme and Invisible God, the Lord God Almighty, the Creator of the whole universe. Monotheism was once again restored to the whole wide world, regardless of people's religious leaning: For the world from hence on, is without excuse for not serving Him! In the Book

of Acts Chapter 17, verse 16, the Bible declares: **"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens"** (in Greece), **"his spirit was stirred in him, when HE SAW THE CITY WHOLLY GIVEN TO IDOLATRY."** From verse 22, the Book of Acts continues, saying: **"Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. GOD THAT MADE THE WORLD AND ALL THINGS THEREIN, SEEING THAT HE IS LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they**

***should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us: For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man*** (Jesus), ***“whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised him from the dead.”*** This lets us see, brothers and sisters, that Monotheism was restored by true Christianity, long before the Church of Rome, a religious system used by Satan to take away Monotheism, was established, she being the greatest machine of deceit the devil ever invented, to dope hundreds of millions of

souls to hell, by her idolatrous mass, by her creeds and dogma, and by her carnal traditions and ceremonies, all which are opposed to the truth of the Scriptures. Before she came along, God had raised up faithful witnesses, who had combed the world, giving her the knowledge of Elohim, the Father and God of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the God of all Creation. Hence, in Romans Chapter 10, verses 11-18, Apostle Paul could firmly declare, saying: ***“For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him”*** (who is God), ***“shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*** (But then Apostle Paul asks)? ***“How then shall they call on Him”*** (who is God), ***“in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be***

***sent?”*** (Consequently, God raised up preachers to carry the Message of Jesus around the world, to give the saving knowledge of the only true God): ***“As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”*** (Unfortunately though): ***“But they have not all obeyed the Gospel.”*** (Because not all men received the Gospel of Christ)! ***“For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? YES VERILY, THEIR SOUND WENT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS UNTO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.”*** And hence, the world as it lies today, for continuing in idolatry, and for following any other religion, is without any excuse, however Monotheistic it may be, for there is only One True God, and His name is Jehovah, the God of Israel, the Lord God Almighty, whom Abraham and Isaac served, and whom Ishmael, and all the children of Keturah, with Jethro, the priest of

Midian, all once served! Consequently, saints of God, following the Christian era, for anyone to establish the doctrine or teaching of One God, who is not Elohim, is nothing but counterfeit, for such is not the true God, for our God is One! Such will not be true Monotheism, but gross deception! Because through no other faith can anyone be saved, other than faith in the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God, which was typed by the blood of the lamb father Abraham shed, and was also typed by the blood of the lamb which the Jewish race also shed under Judaism, looking forward to Jesus Christ, the Messiah of the world! As it is written: “... **AND WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION**” (OF SIN)! AND EVERY SOUL THAT SINNETH SHALL DIE! Yet, there is no man born of woman without sin! None at all, for we all came into the world with a sinful nature, and with a natural propensity to sin! You do not need to teach a child how to sin, for it is inbred! Herein lays the need for redemption! This was what made father Abraham offer animal

sacrifices to God, a worship practice which was also totally enshrined in the Laws of Moses, called the Torah, conveying Judaism to Israel! And all of these observances point to Christ, the perfect redeeming Lamb of God that was to come! The Book of Hebrews Chapter 9, verses 11-22, therefore declares: “***But Christ being come an high priest OF GOOD THINGS TO COME, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building***”, (for it is the tabernacle of his own flesh, which he gave as an offering for our sins, when he died on the Cross); “***Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place***”, (which is God's divine presence), “**having obtained E T E R N A L REDEMPTION for us.** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh”, (under the Old Testament): “***How much more shall the blood of***

***Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD? And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the First Testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance***”, (which is eternal life. This plainly shows that the blood of Jesus also covers the sins of all those in the Old Testament as well! We will skip to verse 18. It declares): “***Whereupon neither the First Testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the Book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the Testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the***

**vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**” Period! This perfectly ties the Old Testament and the New Testament together, for both Testaments go back to the Promise of God to father Abraham, the progenitor of the Jews and Arabs! And both also unite in the identification and in the revelation of the One True God of the universe, whose name is Elohim, for Judaism and Christianity both give you the same God, the Lord God Almighty! Therefore, these passages of Scripture ties Judaism and Christianity together, perfectly, in the revelation of God, for they all point to the Messiah of the world, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and there is no other way to God Almighty, except by Jesus Christ His Son, even as it is written: **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, AND the life: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME”!** Full stop! (John 14:6). Therefore I repeat: The Promise of God, and the Covenant of God, is not through Ishmael, and neither is it through the children of

Keturah, who are the Arabs, but strictly through Isaac and Jacob, which is Israel! Period! Fight that! That lets us know, that when it comes to true worship, and when it comes to the true knowledge of God Almighty, the Creator of the universe, we cannot go outside the Covenant of God through Israel! There is no group or race of people that can come, to give the world any religion that will lead to God, or that will make any difference, however monotheistic it may be, outside of what God used the Jews to give under Judaism, which was also confirmed under true Christianity, for as it is written: **“... SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS”!** Amen and Amen! Consequently, every other religious way is idolatrous, through and through, and is therefore absolutely and perfectly false! **ONLY ONE WAY LEADS TO GOD: For the Revelation of God, and His Salvation, is One!** And it is the way God revealed through Abraham, AND the nation of Israel: For the Promise of God, and the Covenant of God, is through Isaac! Period! It all points to the revelation of Jesus Christ, who is **“THE WAY, THE TRUTH,**

**AND THE LIFE” OF GOD!** Brothers and sisters, as per 500 AD, Christianity had become a worldwide religion. And in that day, I must repeat, there was no Allah being called upon in any part of this globe, from Arabia to Iraq and Iran, to Afghanistan and India, and from Egypt to Morocco, through Libya and Algeria. It just did not exist! But how come the picture is different today? That is precisely some of the things we want to see. No, everybody was not converted to Christianity around the world, for a greater percentage of humanity continued on with the worship of different gods, particularly in the Orients, being given completely to idolatry. And Arabia was not exempt from this idolatrous practice, for polytheism, which is idolatry, was very prevalent all over the Arabian Peninsula, particularly coming to the beginning of the Dark Ages, in spite of the incursion of Christianity. But nonetheless, it is a notorious fact that the Roman world was torched with the Gospel light, and the Christian influence was felt all over the globe. Christian communities

flourished greatly in that day, and Europe was turned to the living God. Europe became a Christian enclave, being strictly and essentially Christian, although not every European was a believer. This brought relative stability and peace to the world as a whole. It is an established fact that Christianity prospered, in spite of the great persecutions it suffered in the first few ages of Christendom. And as at this era of time, I repeat: Islam still did not exist!

Saints of God, thus far, and by the grace of God, I have plainly and truthfully laid out the state of things in the world, with respect to the worship and the knowledge of the living

God, prior to 570AD, when Muhammad was born. I have shown you the religious terrain, the religious topography of the Roman world, with particular reference to Turkey, Syria, Israel, Arabia, Egypt, Libya, all those areas where Christianity was established in the first age, and where it flourished tremendously. The Middle East where it all started, was the base of Christianity, and there it prospered greatly. But church, look at it today! All these areas I just mentioned are strictly Muslim! Every last one of them is given completely to the Islamic religion, with the exception of the nation of Israel! In fact, take away Israel, and the whole of the Middle East is completely

taken over by the Islamic faith, for they are all Muslims: Turkey, (which was formerly known as Asia Minor), Syria, Jordan, the Palestinians, (a people occupying Israel's territory), the whole of Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Libya, and Sudan, are all given Totally to Islam! Only Ethiopia still maintains a great percentage of Christians in its population! My! How did it happen? How did the Islamic religion spread so much, taking over all these places? This is where I am going to close this segment, and we will continue with the message when we meet in the next service. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

May God bless you.

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