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INTRODUCTION

We are in a very confused era; those who seek God are wondering where the truth is and the true Ekklesia (church). The mixture between the good and the evil has become the norm (Isaiah 5:20). The gifts of the Spirit, miracles and the pure gospel are more and more counterfeit. The majority of people who attend our assemblies claim to be Christian, but the behavior of many of them does not reflect the Word of Yehoshua. Currently, churches are known more for their scandals than for their holiness.

Pentecostal churches have lost the fire of revival. Evangelical churches have lost the gospel; the Protestants have gone back to Roman Catholicism. It is not surprising that at the end of these sad state many unbelievers or pagans turn to science and the occult while Christians are more likely to abandon the faith. This state of things has been prophesied by the Lord in the parable of the wheat and the tares which we are going to dissect throughout this book.

“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way .But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn” Matthew 13:24-30.

By *meditating* this parable, we see that when the wheat sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares too. It is true that when there is a divine spiritual awakening in a church or in a ministry, the enemy also raises a false awakening with false laborers and false spiritual manifestations. That is why the tares and the wheat will grow alongside till the end of the world. *“Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear” Matthew 13:36-43.*

It is important to understand the parable of Matthew 13:24-30. It highlights symbolic characters which play a major role in this end times in which we live.

- The sower of the wheat is Yeshoshua, that is to say Jesus Christ

- The wheat is the children of God, the sheep (Ekklesia and the tribulation saints).
- The tares correspond to the children of the devil, to religions, to scandals, to sin, to false doctrines and demons.
- The field is the world.
- The enemy who sowed the tares in the field is, Satan.
- The reapers are the angels.
- The harvest is the end of the world.

Let us rediscover the important lesson that the Master has given through this parable both simple and instructive.

CHAPTER 1:

I. JESUS, SOWER AND OWNER OF THE FIELD

“Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field...” Matthew 13:24.

The parable of the wheat and the tares presents the Lord Jesus Christ as the owner of the field and the sower of the wheat. We know that the field in this parable represents the world. The bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is the creator owner of the world.

In the first chapter of the gospel of John, it is written: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God... All things were made by **him**; and without him was not anything made that was made”* (John 1:1-3).

Who is this eternal word which made everything? Verse 14 of that same chapter tells us: *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth”*.

Furthermore: *“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”*. (John 1-17)

So this divine person and eternal word which appeared on the earth in the form of man is the lord Jesus. And it is by this living word that god created the world or the field in which the wheat was planted.” ***In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”***.

John the Baptist said Jesus is truly the owner of the field or the world.

*“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly **purge his floor**, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire“*. Matthew 3:11-12

The word “floor” in this verse tell us about the field or the earth. The Greek word for “floor” is “halo „which means surface of earth or threshing floor, that is to say the area in the field which is smoothed by a roller before extracting the grain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the sower who sowed wheat in the field so it can bear fruits.

The Lord Jesus Christ owner of the field uses agriculture to communicate His thought.



Agriculture originated in Mesopotamia between the Tigris and Euphrates, where God placed man to cultivate the earth (Genesis 2:15). So Cain eldest son of Adam and Eve was a farmer (Genesis 4:2). This activity continued with the people of Israel to the point where God ordered a feast of the harvest in which He demanded the first fruit of the earth (Exodus 23:16-19). Jesus presents Himself as the Sower or the farmer. From Genesis, the Creator is presented as the ultimate Farmer.

“And God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good”. Genesis 1:11-12

In the parable of the four soils, Jesus is the Sower who sows the word along the way, in stony places, among the thorns and good soil (Matthew 13:1-9)

1) Wheat, divine seed

In the Bible trees and plants have generally a symbolic value. Israel is compared to fig tree, a vineyard and an olive tree (Isaiah 5; Zachariah 3:10; Matthew 24:32).

In the Holy Scriptures, wheat represents the most valuable cereal and is often a type of a perfect humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. He calls the grain of wheat which must fall into the ground and die in order to bear much fruit. (John 12: 24). The offering of cake was made of fine flour (Exodus 29:2; Leviticus 2:1). At the feast of weeks (Pentecost) according to Leviticus 23:17, a cake offering was to be presented. It consisted of two loaves of bread, a wave offering, baked with leaven. And we know from Exodus 34:22, that this was the first fruit of the harvest of wheat. The wheat is therefore a figure of believers who have the same nature as their Lord. It is the in Matthew 3:12 and 13:24-30.

Wheat is an annual plant belonging to the family of gramineae. It belongs to the group of monocotyledons (Plants whose seed is full). The roots of the wheat are fibrous; its rod is generally hallowed, interspersed with knots where the leaves are birth. The top of the rod carries a bunch of flowers which are then transformed into an ear of grain. The Wheat is a cereal that adapts to different types soils and climates.

Spiritually the wheat represents the children of God, members of the kingdom of God

*“So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow **good seed** in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? Matthew 13:27.*

In this parable, the wheat is compared to a seed. The word “seed” in Greek is “sperma” translated in English as “sperm”.

The sperm is a biological fluid expelled from the body during ejaculation. It contains 400 million spermatozoons secreted by the male reproductive organ. The objective of the spermatozoon is to fertilize the female oocyte and thereby start the reproductive process. During sexual intercourse between a man and his wife, the 400 million spermatozoons all have one objective: reaching the ovum (egg). But only one gets there.

Similarly, the wheat just like the sperm must reach a goal. The children of God were saved and left on earth in order to achieve the objectives for which owner of the field (God) assigned them. Unfortunately, many of them have focused on the ministry, their stomach, (eating and drinking) and the things of the earth (money, honor, material things and sex) (Philippians 3:18-19; 1 Timothy 6:1-10; 1 John 2:15-16; 2 Peter 2).

The objectives of the children of God should yet be:

- Worship: Worship is the human response to the revelation of God which led him to give his whole life (Romans 11:36) Worship draws its source from God and He alone should be the reason of our worship (Exodus 20). But Satan who absolutely doesn't want Christians to worship the Lord (Luke 4) distracts

them through all kinds of subterfuge (the cares of this world, television, activism...).

- Fellowship: We are members of one body, Christ (1Corinthians 12). As members of this body, our objective should be to build up each other (1Peter 2:5, Hebrews 10:24-25).
- The testimony of Christ: We are living letters of Christ (2 corinthians3:2-3) the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14).Therefore we have to influence the pagans through our sanctified lives, honest and just, a life which reflects the messiah (1 Peter 2:12).
- The wedding: Like the wise virgins (Matthew 25), we ought to prepare ourselves to meet Yehoshua. It is the reason for our existence, to be the bride of Christ (2Corinthians1:1-3).
- Eternal life: Christians are called to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Matthew 6:33)

2) The wheat or the true Ekklesia:

The true Ekklesia that Yehoshua is coming to take is the true bride of Christ. This bride is the wheat that he let to grow to maturity in His field (the world), that is to say till she comes to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the perfect statue of the Messiah (Ephesians 4:13).The Ekklesia of Yehoshua has to be well prepared for the wedding.

The first type of the Ekklesia in the Scriptures is Eve.

*“And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him...And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And **the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man**”.* Genesis 2:18, 21-22

Adam and Eve were the first habitation created by God for Himself. At the beginning there were no buildings or houses. The house of man was the nature and God dwelled in him.

In verse 22 the verb “to form” which means to build. God built Eve as a true architect builds a home to be a true tabernacle for his Spirit and a good wife for Adam. He built her from the ribs (“tsela” in Hebrew:”beam” in English) of Adam. Eve was the body and Adam the head. It is the same with the church (Ekklesia) of Yehoshua; Christ is the head, Ekklesia (the wheat) His body.

Note that this first church (Eve), whose head was Adam, reigned on earth with a royal vision, governmental authority, as should be the real Church of God.

*“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moved upon the earth”.* Genesis 1:28

Adam and Eve were given the power to:

- Be fruitful: bear fruits, be fruitful (John 15).
- Multiply: Be or become great, be or become numerous.
- Replenish (fill) the earth: it is the fullness, abundance, being accomplish or completed

- Subdue the earth: subjugate, force, keep under, and bring into bondage (Luke 10:19).
- Dominion over creation: govern, have dominion, dominate, trample (Matthew 16:19)

Adam and Eve had the God-given mandate to rule on earth as the Father also reigns in heaven. They were the first humans and terrestrial temples in which the Lord lived. They were in charge of keeping and cultivating the Garden of Eden.

The second type of Church is the tabernacle of Moses.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God (Genesis 3) and went out of His presence, God for the love He had for men, wanted still to live in their midst. That is when he asked his servant Moses to build him a sanctuary

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it“. Exodus 25:8-9

The tabernacle of Moses was to be built according to the heavenly model. God wanted this tabernacle to be the exact model that was presented to Moses.

But what exactly did Moses see.

“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 Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us” Hebrews 9:11 and 24.

The tabernacle and sanctuary corresponds to the same entity. This entity is not built by human hands and it is what Moses saw on Mount Sinai. The tabernacle or the sanctuary referred to in the Scriptures is nothing else but Heaven, the New Jerusalem.

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” Revelation 21:1-3.

On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the heavenly tabernacle (Revelation 21; Hebrews 10:11), that is to say the New Jerusalem and he had to construct here on earth an identical copy of what he saw. (Hebrews 9: 24; Exodus 25:8-9).

Since the death of Christ and the accomplishment of the law, this man made “Mosaic” tabernacle has been replaced by Ekklesia (the wheat).

In other words, all children of God, that is to say all who accept Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord and Spouse are in this tabernacle wherein God dwells.

Finally, ***the third type of Ekklesia is the temple Solomon.***

“And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom forever”. 2 Samuel 7:12-13

David wanted to build a temple to the glory of God but the Lord prevented him because he was a warrior and blood stained hands (1 Chronicles 28:2-3). He entrusted this task to his son Solomon who built this building.

However, according to the prophecy of God to Samuel, this temple which was to be built, was associated with an everlasting reign, to the kingdom of God and the throne:” *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever*”. 2 Samuel 7:16

The reign of the son of David was to be an eternal reign. There was an initial fulfillment of this prophecy with the reign of Solomon, the natural son of King David; but Solomon died. However, the second and final part of this biblical prophecy refers to a kingdom whose king never dies for he is eternal. This King is the Messiah, son of David, whom the prophets foretold His coming. This King, Yehoshua, will reign eternally with the church (Ekklesia or wheat), His bride.

We cannot separate the Ekklesia which is also called the Body of Christ, His beam and his beloved, the eternal kingdom (2 Samuel 7:1-16).

3) What is the true Ekklesia?

In the eyes of God, there is only one church.

“*And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it...*” Jesus Christ said in Matthew 16:18.

The word “church” is translated from the Greek word “Ekklesia”; “ek” signifies „out of” and “klesia” signifies “call”. It refers to a particular and solemn assembly having aspecific function in the city.

The word “Ekklesia” appears more than eighty times in the New Testament.”Ekklesia” in the singular relates to the universal ekklesia, but also to a community or family Ekklesia. So the word "Ekklesia" cannot mean a name, building or any organization.

The Bible says: “*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*”. (Matthew 18:20).

Ekklesia can be a family or local assembly and it is mentioned many times especially in the epistles of Paul, who says, for example to the Romans: "Likewise greet the church that is in their home" (Romans 16:5).

Religious habits and abuse of language leads us to talk today about churches limiting these word buildings, house or designate denominations (Catholics, Baptists, Pentecostals, Methodists, etc ...).

But the Bible does not use this term in this sense. God sees one ekklesia, composed of men and women of all nations, truly converted and confess the name of Jesus Christ.

Since its origin, the aim of the Ekklesia is to form a **group set apart** because it does not meet all the criteria of the world in which it emerges. Similarly, the children of Israel came out of Egypt by the grace of God to form a separate nation in a land flowing with milk and honey.

In the classical Greek word "ekklesia" meant the plenary assembly of citizens called to management public affairs, ekklētoï (French). Later, this term is applied to any popular assembly; Judaism Hellenistic styles "Ekklesia" The assembly of the people of Israel in the sight of God (in Hebrew *qâhâl q'hâl Yahwe*). It was this religious signification that was transposed to a Christian plan that the New Testament has maintained.

Ekklesia was among the Greeks, and the assembly of all citizens, there were about 5,000 to 6,000 people present and each had the right to speak contrary to our modern churches where members are muzzled and where only pastors are allowed

to express themselves. She had three or four sessions per month, after notification by posters. For extraordinary meetings, convening was by the heralds trumpet.

She debated concerning the order of the day proposed by the *boulé*. The reasons for the Ekklesia to hold these meetings, was to vote laws and take all decisions concerning the city, to elect the magistrates and to practice ostracism for ten years against a citizen who does not comply with the law. The meetings of the Ekklesia took place first in Agora, and then under Pericles, on Pnyx one of the hills of Athens.

Yehoshua had used a Greek word "Ekklesia" to talk about his assembly.

According to the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 12) the true Ekklesia has not approached the mount Sinai, representing Hagar, that is to say slavery (Galatians 4:24-25), the Jerusalem below, the law of Moses, Egypt and Sodom (Revelation 11:8).

The true Ekklesia did not approach the city of this world, but the city of God, which corresponds to mount Zion (the heavenly kingdom, the high place) the heavenly Jerusalem and the heavenly assembly.

The Ekklesia of Yehoshua is defined as a group set apart, destined to willfully separate herself from the world, from sin, from Babylon since she claims to be the assembly of the Lord. She evolves into brotherly fellowship which results to a communion with the Lord Jesus. She also has the responsibility of electing her leaders or supervisors to manage the assemblies which constitute the body of Christ, (Acts 14:23) on like the Greek Ekklesia where the citizens were called to manage the public affairs.

Through the perfect sacrifice of His son, God has pulled us from the world and its death works (Exodus 3). He brought us out of the systems of men and of the dependence of the things of this world. In the book of John chapter 17 verses 16, Christ told His disciples that they are in the world did not belong to the world. They must not identify with the world or those who want to live there but they must continue to interact with him in order to influence it. John said that the world passes and his lust also but the man who does the will of God remains forever. In the book of Matthew chapter 16 verses 18, Christ mentioned for the first time the Church in announcing to Peter that He, Christ, will build his Church and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Therefore the Church, built by Christ and dependent on him, is called upon to enlighten the men of this world.

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" Matthew 16:18.

The Ekklesia edified by Yehoshua cannot be destroyed by men, or by the devil: "*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith*" 1 John 5:4.

This passage of Matthew 16 verses 18: "*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" teaches us a lot on the Ekklesia, The Body of Christ, the true Bride of the Lamb.

This statement: "Thou art Peter (in Greek "**Petro**": Peter which means a small stone)... *and on this rock* (in Greek "**Petra**": the rock) I will build my Church" is viewed as a game of words, sometimes accentuated in some versions. In reality, it is in no way a play on words because the meaning is very deep and it is unfortunate that it had been neglected.

The essential meaning get in this verse, is that Yehoshua the Messiah himself built the Ekklesia (1 Corinthians 3:11, Acts 4:11).

Four fundamental truths are necessary in the light of Matthew 16:18:

- **You are Peter:** Yehoshua is addressing Himself to Peter formerly called Simon which means "reed". Actually, Simon, before receiving the revelation of who the Messiah is by the father, was like a reed submitted to all winds of doctrines. But when he received this divine revelation, Jesus changed his name and called him, "Petros", which in Greek means "small stone".

The Church is therefore made up of living stones, each of them being a spiritual home based on the revelation and person of Christ (1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:20). It is with the men who are living stones that Yehoshua builds the Ekklesia. There are a lot of people who are investing millions in bricks and neglect men, those people who constitute the Church.

- **On this Rock:** Petra in Greek means Rock. This rock is the foundation of the Ekklesia. This foundation is Yehoshua Himself. He is the rock of Ages (Isaiah 5:10; Isaiah 26:4; Acts 4:11; 1 Corinthians 10: 4).

The foundation of the Ekklesia is also the Word of God, Jesus Christ.

- **I will build:** In Genesis 2:22 it is said that *"And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made him a woman, and brought her unto the man"*.

The verb used here is the same as that used in Psalms 127:1: *"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain"*.

The prophet Zechariah had prophesied that a man whose name is "seed" would come to build the temple of God: *"And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The branch and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both"* (Zechariah 6:12-13).

According to this passage, the Ekklesia of Yehoshua is associated to the majesty, to the throne, i.e. the Kingdom of God, and to the priesthood.

It is Yehoshua, the seed of David, who built his Ekklesia according to the prophecy of the prophet Nathan: *Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheeppcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house*

and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever". (2 Samuel 7:8-16).

The human traditions cannot substitute the word of God and the vision of the Lord for his people. The Ekklesia has already been built two thousand years ago (Acts 2:1-47). According to this passage, the house of God, which is the Ekklesia, is built to the name of Yahwe or Yehoshua, and his name is the Word of God (Revelation 19:12-13). ***For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"***. Matthew 18:20

On behalf of who, of what religious organization or denomination do you gather yourselves? Are you zealous for the Word of God or to the traditions of your fathers? *"For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, 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"***. Galatians 1:13-14.

- **My Ekklesia**: My Ekklesia: the Ekklesia belongs to Yehoshua who is the rock on which it must be set. There should be no confusion between the small stones, that is to say, the Christians, and the Rock: God.

Despite the anointing that God had granted to Peter, he is not the rock on which the Ekklesia must be built. However, a poor understanding of this verse has allowed the emergence of so called anointed men to regroup and lead the Church of the Lord but is they appropriate. **The Ekklesia is the property of Yehoshua, it is his bride.**

Thus, as the true Ekklesia is composed of **living stones** that have for their foundation the **Rock** (Yehoshua), and because it is built by **Yehoshua the Messiah** himself and that it is His **property**, the demons cannot destroy it.

The true Ekklesia cannot be confused with a building, a denomination or a federation since it is composed of living stones who are born again men and women in all nations (1 Peter 2:5).

Yehoshua the Messiah is the foundation of the Ekklesia which cannot and must not be built or refitted on a man (Acts 4:11). Men cannot "build" in the place of Jesus Christ who said "I will build".

Certainly, it is necessary that Christians gather together to pray in communion and in unity as the word of God demands us to, but each must have a spiritual life outside the meetings. Moreover, the persecution will oblige us to pray in small groups hidden in the houses. We have to prepare ourselves already in establishing churches in our families.

To make progress in the Christian faith, we must return completely to the Word of God and reject the false doctrines and traditions of men. Consequently, those who refuse to pray elsewhere than in large and beautiful rooms are in error.

The Ekklesia is the property of Jesus Christ and not that of men. Unfortunately a lot of evangelical leaders have taken hostage the people of God. We must examine the current operation of our assemblies in the light of the Word of God and act accordingly.

To summarize, Yehoshua the Messiah builds His Ekklesia with living stones: the born again Christian (1 Peter 2:5).

This Ekklesia is led by the Holy Spirit who has established first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly the doctors and then those who have received gifts enabling them to perform miracles, healings, rescue, to govern and to speak various languages...(1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11).

The Lord Yehoshua buildeth an Ekklesia consisting of men and women of all nationalities and of any racial or social origin (1 Corinthians 12). He has established the five departments specifically stated in the letter to the Ephesians 4:11 for the perfecting of his people in view of the work of the ministry, since all Christians are ministers of God. The true Ekklesia is the house of God, the column and the support of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).

4) Pentecost

“And when **the day of Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 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 multitudes came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, 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. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, what meaneth this?” Acts 2:1-12

The word "Pentecost" comes from ancient Greek "pentekoste" which means fiftieth (day after Easter); in Modern Greek, it is pronounced "penticosti".

This feast of YHWH which has its origin from the Hebrew should be accomplished at the birth of the Ekklesia.

In effect, Pentecost, the feast celebrated 50 days after the Passover, tells us of freedom because the number 50 represents freedom. “*Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*”. 2Corinthians 3:17

The Holy Spirit who descended on the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) brought them freedom: the freedom to express loud and clear their faith and to bring the message of Christ to the nations so that the latter were freed from sin and the power of darkness.

Note that at the origin, Pentecost was one of the feasts celebrated in honor of YHWH as the Passover.

It was an agricultural feast which prefigured the outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 2). Pentecost bears the name of "shavou'ot" or Feast of Weeks because it takes place seven weeks after the Passover. It is also called the feast of first fruits; the Passover is the feast of seeds.

Like its agricultural character, Pentecost had also a spiritual meaning. She recalled the historic event of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

Thus "Shavou'ot" (the Jewish Pentecost) is the conclusion, the closure, the fulfilment of Pesach (Passover). This is in effect to give the Torah that God has brought Israel out of Egypt.

Pentecost means:

- 50th: the freedom or the jubilee because the number 50 represents the freedom (1 Corinthians 7:23; Galatians 5:1).

- The harvest: the true Ekklesia works with the vision of the harvest: to disciple the nations
- The outpouring of the Spirit: let us remember that until the return of the Messiah, the true Ekklesia will live in all times the power of the Spirit of God.

Pentecost was the only feast of YHWH which was celebrated with the leaven. The presence of the unleavened bread during this feast referred to the future presence of the tares in the midst of the children of God. This is not a coincidence if the Ekklesia was born on the day of Pentecost.

The enemy is present in the different awakenings of the Ekklesia in order to sow the tares and distract her from her main vision, Christ her spouse and the kingdom of heaven.

5) The wheat or the tribulation saints

The wheat also represents those who will be converted during the great tribulation.

“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes“ Revelations 7:9-17.

During the great tribulation, many people will respond to the call to repentance launched by the servants of God and in particular the two prophets of Revelation 11. Fortunately, they will refuse the mark of the man of sin and will be converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, there is a great awakening during the great tribulation.

During the visible return of the Lord with the Ekklesia, these saints called sheep or the just will be separated from the goats (Matthew 25:31-46).

Satan is doing everything possible to keep away the children of God from their objectives but also to prevent access from those who are not yet entered into the sheepfold so that they never enter there (John 10).

The devil is the enemy who sowed the tares everywhere there is an awakening, an assembly or a ministry.

II. THE TARES: SATANIC SEED

1) Satan: the enemy of God

*“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, **his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way**” Matthew 13:24-25.*

*“Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; **The enemy that sowed them is the devil**; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels „Matthew 13:36-39.*

The Greek word translated "enemy" in these passages means hai, odious, hateful or even hostile.

The enemy who sowed the tares among the wheat is the Serpent of Genesis 3:15, who represent, of course the devil or Satan, the accuser of the Christians, also called "the god of this century" (Revelation 12:7-12). He is animated by a terrible hatred against God and his children.

It is important to know that the word "devil" comes from the Greek word "diabolos" and means "slanderer". The devil will thus use the tongue to light the false in the ministry, the homes, etc. The word Satan is derived from the Hebrew word "saw-tawn" and means „opponent". He is the author of the slander and the opponent of all those who want to obey Jesus Christ.

The origins of Satan

The origin of Satan is described in the passages of Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28; he appears under the name of "king of Tere".

*“How art thou **fallen from heaven**, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” Isaiah 14:12-15.*

“Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted

thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee” Ezekiel 28:12-17.

In these passages, we see the origin of the Serpent and the reasons for which God was expelled from heaven. In fact, before his fall (Isaiah 14:12-15 and Ezekiel 28:16 -19), Satan was an angel of light called "glossy", a name which means "light bearer". He was a covering cherub created by God. He was responsible for the worship in heaven, especially through music. Nevertheless, all these titles of honor, this high position where God had placed him (Ezekiel 28:13-14) were not sufficient to Satan. His heart was filled with pride (Isaiah 14:13-14 and Ezekiel 28:16-17), and he tried to take the place of God! Following this rebellion, a war is triggered in heaven and God then precipitated Satan on the earth (Isaiah 2:12 and 15).

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” Revelation 12:7-12.

When Satan was precipitated from heaven on the earth (Luke 10:18), she became informed and empty (Genesis 1:2). The nature of Satan was changed, from Lucifer and the angel of light that he was, he became the prince of darkness (Revelation 12:9). Satan in his fall has resulted with him a third of the angels. Other angels left their abode to mate with human women and thus gave birth to the giants. These angels are at the base of the mythology.

The Mythology

Mythology is the study of myths; it exists naturally since the night of time. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians ... all have gods and goddesses who occupy roles more or less important in their mythology.

The mythological stories are usually stories about heroes who, according to their merits, were favored by the gods, or sometimes they hampered them, as in the case of Ulysses. They overshadowed or were crushed by the hardships that stood in their path, according to the whim of the gods. The Apostle Paul teaches us that there are beings that are called gods: *“For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. (1 Corinthians 8:5-6).*

All civilizations have mythical stories. These myths were transmitted from generation to generation as a tradition.

The Bible makes mention of the beginnings of the mythology: *“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not*

*always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, **the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.** And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. (Genesis 6:1-7)*”.

The word "Giants" in this passage is said "Nephilym" whose root is "Naphal" in Hebrew and translates into "fall". This verb has been used for Satan in Isaiah 2:12: "You have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! Thou art cast down to the earth, you winner of the Nations! "

These fallen angels are today the names of Zeus or Jupiter, of Isis, Osiris, Hermes, of Ulysses, of Apollo, of Horus, Astarte, of Baal, of Diane, of Dionysus, Poseidon, etc.

According to the Scriptures, these mythological gods were the angels who had, deliberately, abandoned their abode that is heaven:” *I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, **he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.** ” (Jude 5-7).*

These sons of God who went with women were not of the seed of Seth as some believe. But rather it is the angels who have left heaven long after the rebellion of Satan.

Jude and Peter, talk about these angels as being the instigators of the life of debauchery in which were plunged the men of before the flood and those of the time of Lot.

“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 2 Peter 2:4-8.

These angels have caused men of the time of Noah to the debauchery, homosexuality and all kinds of defects at the point where the Lord decided to destroy the whole earth in order to eradicate this unclean race. They have acted similarly with the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the God hit these cities sparing only Lot and his family.

“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;” 2 Peter 2:4.

These demons, just as their master Satan, are angry with the man that God has chosen to rule with him. They know that they will end up in hell at the last judgment. So they seek to own more and more of human beings and to lead them to all sorts of disorder in order to lead them into eternal damnation with them. For example, some of them (Baal, Astarte, Zeus, Jupiter, Diane, Isis, Osiris, Malcom, the Queen of Heaven, Dagon, Mammon, Rimmon ...) have succeeded getting worship from millions of people in the world.

Satan has therefore an army well formed which he uses attack the Christians. That is why the children of God must prepare in prayer so as to resist against the occult powers and their attacks.

2) The attacks of Satan against the wheat

One of the reasons why Satan has sown the tares among the wheat is the final destruction of the saints. He causes turmoil within the Christian assemblies and wars between Christians.

To better understand the whys and wherefores of this war between the wheat and the tares, it is important to go back to the original sin and the origins of Satan. There is an enmity between the Serpent and his seed (the tares) on one side and Yehoshua and his bride on the other (Genesis 3:15).

After the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God spoke a number of curses which was going to hit them and their descendants with many whips. God said, in particular, that there would be an enmity or hatred between the woman and the Serpent, and between their respective descendants. The war between the two seeds (the wheat and the tares) has therefore begun since the Garden of Eden when God said to the Serpent that his food would now be on the dust:” *So the LORD God said to the serpent, “And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and **dust shalt thou eat** all the days of thy life: (Genesis 3:14).*

This dust, which is the food of the Serpent, is in reality man: “*And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: **for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return**”.* Genesis 3: 17-19

“*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...*” Romans 5:12.

Thus, since the fall of our first parents, there has always been the war between the children of God and the children of the devil and this conflict will last until the end of the world. It is the war between the wheat and the tares. Abel (wheat) was killed by his own brother Cain (the tares; 1 John 3:12-13). As well, all the true children of God suffer the attacks of the enemy because of their love for the truth.

Wheat: food of Satan

“*And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, **and dust (man) shalt thou eat** all the days of thy life”* Genesis 3:14.

“And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” Genesis 3:17-19.

Jesus had already warned about the relentlessness of Satan to destroy the Man:” *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren”* Luke 22:31-32.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” 1Peter 5:8.

To properly conduct his battle (spiritual) against man, Satan uses his demons, according to their specialty, to oppress, possess and completely destroy the human being. In effect, man is composed of three parts very coveted by Satan:

- **The Spirit** (Job 32: 8; 1 Corinthians 2:11): the human spirit is also called the inner man (2 Corinthians 4:16). This part of man enables him to access the spiritual world, and to understand divine things. The devil, not wanting the communion of man with God, blinded men at the level of the spirit (2 Corinthians 4:3-4) but God opens the intelligence of those who are His (Luke 24:45). To carry out its project, Satan uses demons that possess only the spirit of man. Among these unclean spirits, there are the demons of witchcraft which are at work during the transcendental meditation, astral projection, night husbands and night wives, the demons of death as the necromancy, etc.

- **The soul**: this is the seat of the will, the emotions, of the intelligence. It is also the heart of man. The demons who possess the soul are listed in Mark 7:21-23: *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man”*. Among the demons possessing the soul there are the demons of anger, of rejection, of falsehood, of jealousy, etc.

- **The physical body**: the demons that possess the body cause diseases that medicine cannot detect nor cure. But beware, all the diseases are not of demonic origin! Some disorders, such as the loss of blood, osteoarthritis, fibroids, sexual impotence, sterility, frigidity, cancer, are sometimes caused by the presence of demons. The Bible gives us several examples, notably in Luke 13:10-16.

There are daemons, such as those of madness, which possess the three parts of man at the same time (Mark 5:1-15).

All these demons seek at all costs to possess man and to have a better control over him.

Signs of demonic possession

“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present

with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Romans 7:15-24.

Sexual intercourse during sleep (erotic dreams), the lack of control of one's thoughts and one's body with all sorts of addictions, the fact to hear a voice from inside of one's body, the lack of self-control, the fact to do the opposite of one's willingness, and lying of course are all signs that show that there is a demonic possession.

The Bible teaches us that every Christian must keep his body in holiness and in honesty (1 Thessalonians 4:4).

The issue at stake in the war between the two plants (the tares and the wheat) is man. God wants to save man while Satan seeks to destroy him through sin. Man often tends to minimize sin, and yet sin has fatal consequences since it gives access to the demons:" *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil*". (Ephesians 4:26-27)

It is also a state or attitude or even the absence of righteousness. Men deliberately pose bad acts which draws them away from the Lord (Isaiah 59:1-4). As long as a Christian remains in righteousness (sanctification, fear of God, obedience to the Word of God), he can never be touched by the enemy (1 John 5:18). But if he opens a door through sin, demons will engulfed in his life in order to control him. Here is a non-exhaustive list of sins which provide access to demons.

- Anger: anger in itself is not a sin, but the acts that are posed under its effect may lead to sin (Ephesians 4:26).

- Fornication: this sexual sin provides rapid access to demons (1 Corinthians 6:18).

- Idolatry: anything or person of which is difficult to let go becomes an idol. Well on, the idolatry also encompasses the practice of false religion and occultism (Yoga, transcendental meditation, astrology, the evocation of the dead; Isaiah 8:19).

- Resentment or refusal to forgive: the consequences of resentment are murmurings, mudslinging, critics, hatred, anger, revenge, murder (Ephesians 5; James 3).

- Lying: lying is first of all the opposite of the truth (Acts 5), it can also be a life based on falsehood. A lot of people hide from their spouses the things they have done, or are doing. Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44-46). A lot of Christian women declare themselves to be single in order to receive the benefits meanwhile being married, it is a lie.

*"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and **whosoever loveth and maketh a lie**"*. Revelation 22.15

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" 1 John 4:20.

- Pride: a proud person is one who likes to justify himself when he commits a crime. It is also the fact of boasting about helping people with one's property. It is the fact of expecting from others recognition for a service rendered (Luke 17:9-10).

- Murder: killing someone, that is shedding blood and this opens large doors to demons. Abortion is murder. (Exodus 20:13). In Exodus 8:13, the verb "kill" in Hebrew refers to murder with premeditation, it is murder. Speak evil of a true child of God or hatred is also a kind of murder. *"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him"* 1 John 3:15.

Demons often attack the saints because of the open doors to these various sins. The most common are the siren spirits (spirit of seduction), lies, greed, pride and the night husbands or night wives, etc.

- Siren: *“And desert creatures shall meet with hyenas, and a goat-demon shall call to his neighbor; surely there **Lilith** shall repose, and she shall find a resting place for herself.* “ (Isaiah 34:14). In the Lexham English Bible, the word "Lilith" is translated "Siren". The term "spectrum" in this passage is "Lilith" in Hebrew. This term is the name of a goddess of the night known as a night demon who sat in the desert places of Edom. This goddess is identified to the Siren. It is the spirit of sexual seduction by excellence. A person possessed by this spirit is capable of breaking up of marriages. If you feel irresistibly attracted by someone while you do not want to, be aware that you have here a case of a Siren spirit. If you are in the presence of a person possessed by this demon, you can have reactions at the level of your body.

- Night husband and wife or succubus and incubus.

Succubus or night women. The term succubus comes from the Latin word "succuba" which means "concubine". The symptoms of a man possessed by this spirit are sexual impotence, premature ejaculation, frigidity, sexual intercourse during sleep. Incubated or husband of night: from the latin "incubus" which means „laying on" is a demon that takes the male appearance in order to have sex with women or men during their sleep. The symptoms of a woman possessed by this spirit are the sexual intercourse during sleep, the frigidity, the loss of the breast milk, menstrual pains, the symptoms of a pregnant woman without the physical pregnancy (nausea, opulent chest, fatigue, bloated bellies, heavy legs, cravings etc.). These symptoms can also be related to a naturally occurring disease.

Satan in his fight against the wheat also uses several devices to seduce the children of God, in order to keep them away from the truth. We have among these devices, money, material things (cars, houses, clothes etc.), sex, the love of the world, music...

The music is an area particularly attractive in which Satan has planted the tares in a very subtle way. Remember that the musical instruments specifically created in Lucifer (at that time he was not yet Satan!), the bright and shining star, was to be used for glorify God (Isaiah 14:12).

“...The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created” Ezekiel 28:13.

Among the demons who followed Satan in his rebellion, many were those who played a musical instrument. It is therefore not surprising that most of the musicians who say they are Christians are in levity, sexual promiscuity, lies, greed, etc.

The first man to have invented an instrument of music was called Jubal, a descendant of Cain (Genesis 4:21). Jubal means "stream of water", it is therefore not surprising that the so-called paganized Christian music of today causes people to sin such as a stream of water. Satan has inspired his posterity with musical skills for the purpose of diverting the worship due to God by a seductive and corrupted music such as rap, rock, disco, etc.

In the Holy Scriptures, the first mention of the word worship appears in Genesis 22:5, where Abraham was preparing to sacrifice his son Isaac. We therefore realize that to God, worship is synonymous with sacrificing our lives and not our vocal techniques or musical abilities.

“Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream” Amos 5:23-24.

Christian music is only an expression of adoration. According to Scriptures, true worship is reflected by our sanctified lives (Romans 12:1-2). We sing songs of praise to the Lord because our lives are consecrated to Him and not the reverse.

Today, the term "artist" is being used more and more to speak of Christian singers. This term has no biblical foundation: it was used for the first time at the beginning of the nineteenth century to talk about musicians, comedians, other creators and profane interpreters. Unfortunately, Satan has succeeded in planting in some assemblies styles of music with a mystical and pagan origin. The Lord is not seeking for artists having beautiful voices but true worshipers whose lives are totally devoted (John 4:23-24).

To make his action more effective, Satan has carried out a prioritization of his army by assigning each demon to a specific function.

3) The kingdom of Satan and his army

I had a vision one night in which I was transported in the spirit into a place where there was a meeting between Satan, demons and Satanists. None of them could see me. An angel was with me.

Satan was sitting on a throne with wheels and the demons came bowing down to him make their requests.

At the end of this meeting, the demons were pushing his throne.

The Scriptures teach us that Satan leads a perfectly structured Kingdom. The Lord Jesus Christ teaches us that this kingdom is not divided (Matthew 12:25-26). This kingdom is invisible and influences the kingdoms of this world (Luke 4:5-7). It is composed of demons, occultists, Gentiles and the governments of this world.

Satan is presented in the Scriptures as a king who leads a well organized Kingdom (Matthew 12:26). He is the prince of the air and can cause of hurricanes, storms (Job 1 and 2) ;he is the prince of this world and the directs it (Luke 4 :1-6); he is the serpent and the deceiver by excellence; he is the god of this century worshipped by men; he is the dragon (Revelation 12), the evil one (1 John 5:18), Lucifer (Isaiah 14), the tempter (Matthew 4:3), the accuser (Zechariah 3).

*“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; **and the dragon fought and his angels**” Revelation 12:7*

The ancient serpent called the devil or Satan has a great army in his service combating the children of God and the world. This army includes:

At his fall, the Serpent led in his rebellion one third of the stars or angels. As well, it has billions of fallen angels who under its authority. *“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*

***And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born”** Revelation 12:3-4.*

These fallen angels have become demons who seek by all means to possess men in order to enslave them (Luke 11:21-26) and turn them away from God. To achieve their purposes, they need a material or bodily support (human bodies, objects, clothing, trees, etc.).

Amongst the demons that followed Satan in his rebellion, there is:

- **The cherubim:** Satan himself was a cherub (Ezekiel 28). The cherubim are basically angels who constantly work in the adoration while defending the holiness of the Lord (Genesis 3). The cherubim who followed Satan in his rebellion against God are at the basis of false worship, worldly music and false singers, etc.

- **The messengers (Angels):** they are at the origin of false revelations (for example the python spirit) *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”* 1Timothy 4:1. These demons work with soothsayers, false prophets, witch doctors (1 Kings 22). They inspire men by causing them to create sects and religions. They are also at the basis of astrology, transcendental meditation, yoga, and all religions that exist on earth.

- **The warring angels:** the Bible tells us of the involvement of warring angels in the conflicts that Israel had with the gentile nations (Joshua 5:13-15; 2 Kings 6:8-17). The warring angels who followed Satan are at the basis of wars, hatreds, violence etc. These demons resemble frogs according to the revelation of Apostle John (Revelation 16:13-16).

- **The spirits of deceased Pagan:** It is important that Christians know that the spirits of dead pagans are used by Satan to possess men, attacking them seeing them being destroyed. All those who die in sin, that is to say without Yehoshua Messiah, are imprisoned by Hades who is the god of the kingdom of the dead. When a Christian dies, he enters God's rest that is to say his spirit goes to heaven and his physical body is asleep, awaiting the resurrection (Luke 23:42-43, 2 Corinthians 5:1-4; Philippians 1:21-23, Hebrews 4; Revelation 14:13).

But the souls of the pagans go straight to hell which is a prison filled with suffering and they are in Satan's service. Ephesians 4:8-9 says that Yehoshua descended into the lower parts of the earth to free the captives that is to say the saints before the grace. Since the visit of Jesus in this place of suffering, there is no child of God of the Old Testament there... Only people who die without God reside there.

“A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them” Leviticus 20:27.

In this passage, the word "spirit" is said "(OWB" in Hebrew and has been translated "death" in Leviticus 20:6; 1 Samuel 28:3; 28:7-9; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Isaiah 8:19; Isaiah 19:3. This word has also been translated "spectrum" or phantom in Isaiah 29:4. Other versions say "spirit of Python". A woman in Acts 16 was possessed by a spirit of python, she practiced divination.

With the spirit of deceased pagans, Satan leads men to practice divination, necromancy, fortune-telling, mediumnity, clairvoyance, etc... Formally forbidden by God . As men have always sought to contact their dead, Satan knows very well how to play with this desire.

“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God” Leviticus 19:31.

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people” Leviticus 20:6.

“When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all

that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee” Deuteronomy 18:9-12.

King Saul came in contact with the spirit of Samuel while he was still in the residence of death.

“Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? And Saul sware to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines” 1 Samuel 28:3-19.

The spirits of deceased pagans can be used in the aspect of what we commonly call the ghosts. They may also possess men as human spirits or fight them as night husbands and wives etc.

The armies of the world

“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the

dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon” Revelation 16:12-16.

Demons are behind the armies of the nations in order to communicate their diabolical skills in the invention of weapons of mass destruction for the war of Armageddon. States possessing Nuclear weapons have reduced the global stock to its lowest level in 45 years. During the same period, the number state nuclear powers have increased from 3 to 9. It is estimated that nine states have about 27000 nuclear warheads intact, 97% are part of the stock of the United States and Russia. Some 12 500 of these Nuclear warheads are considered operational, the rest are in reserve or waiting to be dismantled because they are no longer operational. The explosion of a warhead is the cause of devastating consequences in terms of human lives and material damages: the explosion of warheads on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 resulted in a total destruction of these two cities and a heavy toll in men. This damages are only visible effects the explosion of the bombs: other consequences (environmental, health ...) can be observed over several years.

The agents of Satan

The Devil also works with human beings amongst who are:

- *The occultists*: (the word "occult": what is hidden), these are the sorcerers, magicians, voodoo priests, fortune-teller, astrologers, seer ... These people practice occult sciences just as the Oriental medicine, hypnosis, magnetism, yoga etc. Meanwhile God hates occultism as the word tells us in Deuteronomy 18:9-12. The Bible tells us of several people who were in Satan's service: Jannes and Jambres magicians of Pharaoh (2 Timothy 3:8); the fortune tellers of Endor (1 Samuel 28:7-25), Simon the magician (Acts 8:5-25), Bar- Jesus or Elymas (Acts 13:6-13).

- *The false servants*: the false pastors, prophets and apostles that conceal the truth as the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 11:13: *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ”*.

There are two types of agents of Satan:

- Unconscious agents: These are people unconsciously used by the devil, who by their dissolute lives, serve Satan without their knowledge (those who are of God do not practice sin). This is the case of the Gentiles or even of carnal Christian (1 John 3:9; Matthew 16:22-23).

- The conscious agents: these are the people who have consciously signed a pact with Satan. Here is the testimony of two women who were consciously in the service of Satan whom the Lord has liberated.

Testimony of Yolande 33, delivered from witchcraft

On mission in Cameroon from 24 November to 4 December 2011, while I was receiving people, in for counseling I was approached by a woman who wanted to abandon Satanism.

Here is his testimony:

“My name is Yolande and I am from Cameroon. At the age of 15, my mother, who was the leader of the witches of our neighborhood, brought me to visit all the houses in the neighborhood where we lived. With other witches, we prepared food which we distributed to the people of the neighborhood (village Bangante). I was initiated by my mother to kill spiritually and physically: I sacrificed men and women whom I

transformed to animals. I did not care to know who these people were or what their fate was because I was programmed to destroy all those that were around in my neighborhood including the Christians. It used to occur to me to transform myself into a snake. In fact one day I swallowed a child. Later, my mother organized my spiritual marriage with a spirit which directed my conduct. I had two children with this demon in the spiritual world.

In 2007, I made the choice to turn to God. I continued however to participate in the spiritual "feasts" which I came back from broken and discouraged in regards to then Lord. One day, a brother tried to help me with regard to the bond which was holding me captive, but my spiritual husband fought against him (fighting with the demons, threats). My own mother and the night husband attacked me constantly. They made me believe that I was a man so that I could become homosexual. I got all kinds of oppression. I then decided to confess witchcraft and the Lord began to operate deliverance. Both of my children (demons) departed from me and then it was the turn of the husband (a demon) to leave. Another demon like his twin also left. However, as there were still shadow areas, the deliverance was not complete. I was still inhabited by three spirits, a snake and an owl at the stomach and another snake at the level of the neck.

Tired of doing evil, I decided to abandon everything and to confess my sin totally. I was then delivered totally by the Lord".

Testimony of a former Satanist

This young woman from the DRC is currently 23 years old and is studying at the University. At the age of 9, her grandmother initiated her into witchcraft through food (meat). One night, her grandmother came while she slept to claim her meat. The young girl replied that she had not the possibility to give it back, the old witch therefore proposed to her to go and see her master Satan in order to explain herself. In panic, she eventually accepted and found herself out of her body in the company of her grandmother. They then joined Satan in the astral world. Satan then asked her to pay her due. The child apologized saying she did not have the means, to which he replied that in his world, forgiveness did not exist and that she must mystically kill someone in her family in order to pay her debt. Back home, invested with the power she had just received from darkness, the girl began to destroy, bewitch and kill her relatives. The first person she sacrificed was a member of her family. Her entry into Satanism was then sealed when she drank the blood of her Victim in the company of other Satanists.

Satan made her a real siren of the air and waters and a Jezebel. He entrusted her with the mission to destroy men and in particular Christians. She got married in the second world where she sacrificed her virginity to Satan. She then became the mother of two demonic children. However, she was unable to have physical children because she had sacrificed her matrix to Satan.

She was involved in all areas of life: family, politics, and business and of course churches ... She even became a member of one of the assemblies of Kinshasa.

When someone told her his or her plans in life (marriage, travel, business ...), she did everything to make the plans fail in advance. She had no pity for her family that she had ruined financially, including paralyzing the affairs of her father, or for the young people around her whose studies she had blocked.

When she did not feel like going to school, she would bewitch the entire class and cause her classmates not to concentrate. By pure jealousy and the lack of power

to kill, she decided cause sterility in one of her friends because she was more beautiful than her.

Among her works of destruction, she confessed having caused the failure of three people for deputation. Moreover, with the group of Satanists with whom she worked, she tried in vain to provoke a war in the DRC at the time of the elections that took place in 2011. She provoked fatal accidents, caused pregnant women to abort mystically, and mystically sacrificed more than twenty people, initiated over thirteen children into witchcraft, two of whom were her cousins. Ten demons assisted her in her mission to destroy God's works. Whenever she went to churches, if the pastor was just and God-fearing, she kept her witchcraft outside. But if the pastor was not a man of integrity, she would destroy him and his assembly.

For 14 years, she fought against all Christians, especially those who prayed a lot. She better had achieved her mission if not; she would be beaten up by demons.

She then finally started asking herself questions about God and especially on the name of Yehoshua. She indeed noticed in the astral or demonic world, that everyone including Satan went on their knees every time this name was mentioned. This intrigued her greatly so why not serve this God who seemed to be stronger than him.

In the morning, when she woke up, she wanted to abandon witchcraft, but she did not know how. She found no one to whom she could confess her evil deeds. One day she went to a pastor to confess her sins and her desire to abandon it. But he had no better idea than to propose deliverance through sexual intercourse!

February 16, 2012, I went to Kinshasa for a two-week mission. During a prayer meeting, God gave me a word of knowledge that a person practicing witchcraft was in the assembly. So I invited them to come and see me at the end of the Meeting for deliverance. The young woman then grabbed the opportunity and confessed her sin. I prayed for her in the name of Yehoshua and God totally delivered her!

What are the goals of Satan and his demons?

Keep men in ignorance and sin So as to lead them to hell (Hosea 4:6), to be worshiped instead of God (Matthew 4:8-10), choke the spiritual life of Christian (John 10:10), possess men in order to Destroy them, push men to the practice occultism.

Since Satan and his demons are spirits, the battle which is to be conducted by wheat (saints) is necessarily spiritual (Ephesians 6:12).

4) A spiritual warfare

First of all it is important to know that there are three heavens: the one we see with the naked eye, the astral heaven, there we see the stars and planets; and finally the heaven where the throne of God is. *“Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?”* Isaiah 66:1

“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven” 2Corinthians 12:2.

It is in the third heaven where Satan lost the battle against Angel Michael (Revelation 12).The devil therefore established himself on earth, in the waters and in

the second heavens (astral heaven) a place where all the Satanist find themselves when they leave their bodies through astral projection.

Satan has placed demons in the first two heavens, on the earth, in the waters and under the earth (Philippians 2:10), that is why the whole world is under his authority and domination (Revelation 12).

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” Ephesians 6:12.

This passage reveals the four categories of demons that constitute the government of Satan; spiritual wickedness in high places, the rulers of the darkness of this world, principalities and powers.

Spiritual wickedness in high places

It is demons that are in the heavenly places and their aim is to block the prayers of Christians. Among the wicked spirits, are religious spirits which receive the prayers of sorcerers, magicians and sects. The Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 7:18; 44:15-30) or Diana of the Ephesians (Acts 19:23-40) are perfect examples of that. These two goddesses represent only one and the same entity. At the council of Ephesus in 431, the Catholic Church declared falsely that Mary was the Mother of God, making her the successor of the goddess Diana who was at Ephesus, also known in the Bible under the name of Astarte.

The Scriptures says that the children of God must make known to these spirits the wisdom of God:” *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of Go”* (Ephesians 3:10).

The rulers of the darkness of this world

“And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness” 1John 5:19.

The world is divided into several principalities over which are "territorial „demons. The angel God had sent to Daniel was detained for 21 days by one of these demons.” *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. **But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia”*** Daniel10:12-13.

"The prince of the kingdom of Persia" was a territorial demon. The word "leader" in this passage says "sar" in Hebrew and means "ruler" or "prince". Therefore the angel that God sent to answer the prayer of Daniel was blocked by an evil prince who had authority over all the inhabitants of the kingdom of Persia. It took the intervention of the archangel Michael to release the angel from this territorial spirit. Each country is headed by a territorial spirit.

The Lord Jesus Christ tells us about this in the Scriptures: *“When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils”* (Luke 11:21-22).

In this passage, the strong man is Satan and territorial demons; the house is the image of men and countries that Satan controls. Paul, the apostle of the Lord, had to deal with a territorial spirit of the city of Ephesus name Diana or Artemis.

Diana or Artemis (Mary, Mother of God for the Catholics): The territorial spirits are strong men who jealously guard their houses (country). Diana of the Ephesians was a territorial spirit of Asia Minor.

“For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. 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. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians” Acts 19:24-28.

Diana (Artemis for Greeks) is the daughter of Jupiter and Latona, the twin sister of Apollo, a virgin goddess of nature, and hunting, light and celestial space. Her name comes from Dios, linking her to the Moon. Her most famous temple was the incontestably one of Ephesus. Also the muse of fecundity and fertility, is a nourishing mother who breastfeeds humanity by her numerous engorged breasts with divine milk according to the Greeks.

At the Council of Ephesus (431 AD) a huge heresy was introduced into Christianity by the bishops. Indeed, the latter declared Mary as the Mother of God. However, Hebrews 7:3 says that Jesus, as God, is *"Without father, without mother, without genealogy."* It is this occasions that Nestorius, patriarch of Constantinople, refuted this idea, and was sentenced to death.

Borrowed from paganism, the cult of Mary inspired itself from the worship given to the great goddess Artemis or to the Goddess Diana of Ephesus, guardian of the city. The Israelites in the time of the prophet Jeremiah also worshiped this deity in the form of the Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 7). This new role given to Mary was only a religious and political maneuver to prevent the Ephesians leaving the Roman Catholic Church while satisfying their idolatrous proclivities. 1Timothy 2:5 shows us that one mediator, Jesus Christ, not Mary or the Catholics saints whose holiness was more than questionable.

We must not do a research in order to identify the territorial spirits in order to cast them away as suggested by some followers of the spiritual mapping. Those who want to respond to the missionary call must nevertheless ensure that it is indeed and well the Lord who is sending them. In effect, they must confront these territorial spirits as did Philip in Samaria (Acts 8), Paul at Ephesus (Acts 19) and many other ministers of God.

“But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand” 2Corinthians 10:13-16.

If a missionary is on adventure on a field that is outside the territory that the Lord has assigned, he will be exposed to the attacks of the territorial spirits because

he will not be covered by the anointing of the Lord for this field. A true missionary must always seek the will of the Lord before each mission or invitation.

Mission, is not tourism. Hence, everyone should know the limits of their mission field. Paul was prevented twice by Satan from traveling to Thessalonica.” *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; **but Satan hindered us***” Thessalonians 2:18.

And two other times, the Lord had forbidden him not to go in some cities.” *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not*” Acts 16:6-7.

Once, I was invited to Guadeloupe for a Christian conference in 2010 , organized by a pastor I myself had trained and prepared on site. But during the night I had a dream where the Lord said to me: “If you go, the anointing will not be with you.” So I declined the invitation of the missionary in Guadeloupe who was very frustrated. A month later, I received another invitation for another conference, still in Guadeloupe, from someone I did not even know. God told me to go there and He was glorified. Later, I learned the missionary who worked with me was involved in several scandals related to money and women. If I had accepted the invitation, I would have been associated with these scandals and dirt. We must understand that the fact that we carry the anointing does not mean that we are independent of the Lord. Spiritual warfare against principalities are real, hence there is the need of prayer to know the mind of the Lord.

Authorities and principalities

In Greek, the word "authority" is said "exousia" and means “power”, "rule" or "government". These categories of demons worked with some governments and inspire dictatorships.

All tyrants have been, and still are, possessed by these spirits (the Roman emperors, Hitler, Stalin, etc...). This demonic possession explains the reason why some of them have persecuted Christians that were faithful to the Bible. Jesus spoke of these tyrants to the apostles in saying: “*But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them*” Matthew 20:25.

"Domination" is said in Greek "ark" and means "Beginning", "first", "chief" or "function". So the demons of domination possess leaders who occupy important positions in a group, a country, etc...

Christians in the battle against Satan must also stand up against the fortresses, thoughts, high places, reasoning and family ties, that is to say the tares that Satan has planted in the world (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

Corinthians, who were Greeks, had received as Inheritance the philosophy and reasoning of philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and many others. They cogitated too as is now the case of good number of intellectuals who live the Christian faith in a rational way. However, we cannot approach God with wisdom of the world which is carnal and evil (1 Corinthians 1:21; Jacques 3:15).

Fortresses and reasoning

The word "fortress" is said "churoma" in Greek and means "Castle", "a prison." Many people are trapped in spiritual strongholds, ideological, doctrinal, dogmatic, etc...

As for "reasoning", it is always translated in Greek as "logismos" which means "calculation". Reasoning represents:

- **Rationalism** (300 millions of followers): Rationalism is a doctrine which believes that nothing that exists can find any explanation that is strange to that which the human reasoning can accept (as opposed to irrationalism). It is a philosophical system in which the phenomena of the universe are from an understandable causality and stable laws. Meanwhile the scripture says: *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?"* Romans 11:33-35.

Rationalism is also defined as a disposition of mind that gives value to the reason, and reasoning. Rationalism is a flow of thought which assumes that the world is ordered according to rules that human beings can understand because they are rational. The human spirit seeks to understand the world and discuss about understanding it. Understanding the world is no longer considered a gift from God to the wise. The Philosophy of education that Socrates and Plato are the representatives is based on this decision.

- **Humanism**: This term comes from the Latin word "humanitas" which refers to the human nature and culture; this term is derived from "homo" which means man.

Humanism is a movement of thought which developed in Italy during the Renaissance in reaction to the rigid dogmatism of the Middle Age. It proposes to renew with its values the, philosophy, literature and art of classical antiquity regarded as the foundation of knowledge.

The Renaissance humanists are scholars thirsty for knowledge. They affirm their faith in human beings whom they put at the center of their concerns and in which they seek fulfillment.

Meanwhile the Bible says: *"Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD! For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited* (Jeremiah 17:5-6), humanism proposes new values based on reason and free will. Through the invention of printing, it has developed in Europe and particularly given birth to Reformation.

The word "humanism appeared in the second half of the nineteenth century. Today, it refers to any movement of utopian thought and optimism that places man above all, whose goal is for his fulfillment and is confident in his ability to evolve positively. Man has to protect himself from all subjection and everything that impedes development of the spirit. He must be built independently of any supernatural reference. God is not at the center of their ideas and projects. Man has become God." *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil"* Genesis 3:4-5.

- **Agnosticism**: Agnosticism claims that the existence of God can neither be proved nor disproved and it is impossible to know whether God exists or not (550 million followers), while the Bible invites us to believe by faith that God exists (Hebrews 11:4-6). It tells us this context that the creation speaks of the greatness of God *"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse"* (Romans 1:19-20).

Looking at the complexity of the universe, we can only be amazed. "***Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth***" Isaiah 40:26.

In the book of Psalms chapter 19, David recounts that the firmament of heaven manifest the glory of God and the excellence of creation. According to scientists, we can observe only 10% of the universe; the remaining 90% are unobservable, even with the most powerful telescopes. In the 10% observed, we actually only have access to 4%. The invisible 96% of the 10% observed are black or dark matter (molecular gas, dead stars, brown dwarfs, black hole etc... holes). All galaxies (about 200 billion) seen in the sky are in the 4%.

Our galaxy is called the Milky Way and it contains 150 to 400 billion of stars. The speed of the sun takes 100 billion light years to cross our galaxy at 300 000 km per seconds. The earth revolves around the sun more than 107 000 kilometers per hour and around itself almost 10 000kilometers per hour. Yet we never feel dizzy! The planets never encounter each other, they never leave their orbits as they obey the laws of physics (mass, space, time, motion and gravitation) established by God: "Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season" Jeremiah 33:20 Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth" Jeremiah 33:25. The potter is more intelligent than all the scientist combined together, Hallelujah!

God being an excellent potter and architect provided the planet earth with a natural shield called "The magnetic field" to protect it from the solar wind. The magnetic field can be felt up to a very high altitude in an area called magnetosphere (superior to 1 000km altitude).

The magnetosphere protects the earth from the solar wind (very energetic particles emitted by the sun) since the solar radiation directed along the lines of the earth's magnetic field. The stop of solar particles is more effective at the equator than at the poles (as evidenced by the existence of polar auroras also called boreal auroras). The geomagnetic field thus serves as a natural shield to the Earth. The Potter's hands created the moon and placed it at 384,000 km from the Earth, an accurate distance that plays a stabilizing role in our weather and keeping the earth on its axis (23.5°). If it was not there, the axis would be tilted from 0° to 90; without the moon, the earth would be transformed into a crazy spinning top and all life on earth would disappear (Genesis 1:14-19).

The hands of the Creator created the planet Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system as a shield to protect the Earth from comets and Asteroids thereby preventing a fatal collision. There are hundreds and hundreds of billions of galaxies in which are billions and billions of stars which orbit around billions and billions of planets. These figures can make our heads spin, right?

In the book of Isaiah 40:12 God says "*Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?*".

And in Psalm 147 verse 4, it is said that God counts the number of stars and gives each a name!

The universe is like a grain of sand compared to the heaven of heavens, the Lord is so great that the heaven of heavens cannot contain his greatness (1 Kings 8:27). "***Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of***

God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” Hebrew 11:3.

Galileo an Italian physicist and astronomer of the seventeenth century had recognized the greatness of the Creator and said in his Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina of Lorraine: "The intention of the Holy Spirit is to teach us how to go to heaven, and not how heaven is doing".

- **Atheism** (200 million followers): Atheism is traditionally defined as the non-belief in the existence of God. As such, atheism involves an active rejection of this idea. The king and prophet David said on this subject: "To the Chief Musician. David. " *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one*" (Psalms 14:1-3).

In fact all human beings are believers because they all believe in something, either in men or in love, etc... So when people say they are atheists in the face of a catastrophic situation, it is God they invoke! René Descartes said:

"God exists because, as a perfect being, if he did not exist, He would not be perfect. He therefore exists ".

"I am an imperfect being; there is a notion of perfection in my mind. Who else but God Himself was able to give me this notion of perfection? "

"The existence proper to each man does not maintain the man himself since he would be created perfect and thus would be God. It can only therefore be attributed to God, the perfect being".

High places

"Hupsoma" in Greek means "barrier". This is human pride that rises against the Word of God. This pride is reflected in all sorts of philosophies, ideologies such as humanism, agnosticism, atheism, rationalism ... All these philosophies stand against God and God's children. That is why the Lord has equipped Christians with powerful weapons with which these human reasoning can be pulled down.

When a man receives the revelation of who God is, he simultaneously receives the revelation of who he is (a very wonderful creature full of sin and unable to save itself), and can then be converted.

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" Psalms 139:14.

Man, the most beautiful creature that God has created, has a brain that contains nearly 100 billion neurons (cells). Each neuron gets 1 000-10 000 synaptic contacts from other neurons, equivalent, an average of, one million billion connections. The information circulates at the speed of 100 m/s.

But one of the most marvelous things that the Lord did is that in creating us, He put in us the DNA which is nothing else but His signature.

"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them" Psalms 139:16.

This mass "informed" is "an embryo", "a fetus". All embryos possess the DNA, signature and writing of the Creator.

The deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is the carrier of genetic information (color of eyes, hair, skin, etc.) which is specific to each human being. If we unroll and place the edges of the strands of the DNA contained in our body, we could roughly go 5

million times around the Earth or even thousand earth and sun round-trips, knowing that the sun is 150 million kilometers from the earth. In fact, each human being has between 50,000 and 100,000 billions of cells and each of these cells contains approximately 2 meters of DNA.

DNA is like a book which contains all the information concerning each living being. This is the signature of the potter, Master of Heaven and earth.

Family bonds:

Family heritage or family tree

Everyone has a genealogy, even the Lord Jesus Christ was one (Matthew 1, Luke 3). The genealogy of people was necessary to the Hebrews for the service in the temple (the Levites and descendants of Aaron) for marriages, etc.

Genealogy is a family inheritance. There are two kinds of inheritance we have received from our parents: physical and spiritual inheritance.

- **The physical heritage:** Regarding Physical heritage received from our parents, it is important to know that every human being has a DNA in his or her cell proper to each one of them.

According to scientists, the DNA is our genetics heritage. It contains a construction plan that will allow each one of us to be different. But this inheritance is directly influenced by that of our Parents: this is called "heredity"!

Indeed, genetic heritage is contained in all cells, such as sperm and ovule. When an ovule and a sperm unite to create a new living being, the genetic characters in each of the two cells combine to create a new list of genetic characteristics. Half of this heritage comes from the father and the mother, which explains the physical and moral resemblance of children in regard to their parents (character traits and inherited diseases).

For example, some people suffer from the same physical ailments as their parents (cardiovascular problem diabetes, cholesterol, etc.).

- **The spiritual heritage:** There are several passages in the Bible that tell us about the spiritual heritage of our parents. " *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned*" Romans 5.12.

It is said that all men are out of the same blood: " *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*" (Acts 17:26).

But in Scriptures, blood represents life or the soul (Leviticus 17:11-14).

So Adam, by sinning, transmitted to us all death because his blood was polluted and this blood still flows now in our veins.

Spiritual heritage concerns all spiritual disease and behavior that we have received from our parents (anger, polygamy, lies, etc). Peter calls this heritage "a bad way to live" (1 Peter 1:18). All those who have a dissolute life are heirs of Adam and of their parents. For example, a child whose parents are wizards is predisposed to be a sorcerer one day because he carries the seed of witchcraft in him since the dogs are not cats: " *Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter. Thou art thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother was an Hittite, and your father an Amorite. And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister that dwelleth at thy right hand is Sodom and her daughters. Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their*

abominations: but, as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways (Ezekiel 16:44-47).

Jezebel is an example of family and spiritual heritage. She was a Princess from Zidon and the wife of Ahab. She was a great worshiper of Baal, the god of the rain. Zidon, the founder of the city bearing his name, was the eldest son of Canaan, grandson of Noah. But Noah cursed Canaan and this curse also fell on Zidon who was the first-born thereof. **“And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn...”** 1 Chronicles 1:13.

According to Scriptures, the firstborn receives a double portion of the inheritance of their fathers (Deuteronomy 9:15-17). Zidon, the firstborn of Canaan had received the double portion of the curse of his father. Jezebel therefore came from a country whose ancestor was cursed by Noah.

You may be asking yourself if Christians still have bonds or are still bound. In order to answer this question asked by thousands of Christians, we must meditate Colossians 2:12-14: *“... Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross”*.

The Lord makes an analogy between physical birth and spiritual birth in John chapter 3.

*“Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit”* John 3:4-8.

At the birth of a baby, the umbilical cord is cut off so as to enable the child to be independent. In the womb his mother the child breathed and fed through the umbilical cord. Right out of the womb, the baby is detached physically of his mother because he can now use his lungs to breathe and feed orally. The cry at birth is the evidence that the baby can breathe on its own because his lungs are filled with oxygen.

Similarly, with the new birth, Christians are automatically delivered from all familiar and ancestral bonds, cut off from the naturally wild olive tree and grafted into the olive tree, Christ (1 Peter 1:18, Romans 11:24).

“For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?” Romans 11:24.

The wild olive is the ungodly world. Family bonds are cut off because they are part of this world.

But Satan will try to reconnect these Christians back to their bonds so as to control them again (1 Peter 5:8, 2 Peter 2:1-21).

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”. 1Peter 5:8.

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation” Matthew 12:43-45.

“ For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, then, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

When a Christian sins, it gives access to Satan again in their lives. (Ephesians 4:26-27). Thus, the Christian that sin must quickly confess his sin to Lord and also to the brethren in order to receive prayer and deliverance.

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” James 5.16.

The wheat is delivered spiritual family ties but must not open the door to sin. For that they must engage in a perpetual struggle. Concerning the field, that is to say the world, it cannot be delivered from familiar bonds unless it accepts the one that removes curses: Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:14-15).

5) Resist Satan!

“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” 1Peter 5:8-9.

“Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” Ephesians 6:11-17.

The apostles Peter and Paul ask Christians to "Resist" Satan and demons. This resistance must be done by faith because without this virtue, one easily falls into depression and discouragement (Romans 1:17). Faith comes from the Word of God, and the Word tells us that Yehoshua defeated Satan. So anyone who engages in spiritual warfare must seize this victory by faith and oppose the enemy by reminding him of the Scriptures. Resist "Antistemi" in Greek, means "to oppose" the enemy. This verb is used several times in the Scriptures.

Jannes and Jambres: these two magicians **opposed** Moses. *“Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.” 2Timothy 3.8.* Moses had a direct

confrontation with the servants of Satan. He was opposed to them in view of the liberation of the people of God. Moses had to engage in a spiritual war against the occult powers.

Yehoshua: The Lord Jesus, the Messiah, had undergone several oppositions. *"For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."* Hebrews 12:3. Throughout his earthly life, the Lord opposed demonic powers and the religious. He directly confronted Satan and his acolytes.

Paul and Barnabas: Bar-Jesus or Elymas, false prophet and servant of Satan, opposed Paul and Barnabas in order to prevent the conversion of the proconsul Sergius Paulus who led the island of Paphos. Alexander the coppersmith equally opposed the teaching of Paul (2 Timothy 4:14-17).

Spiritual warfare is a reality that every Christian has to know about. In fact, from conversion, Christians enters into opposition against the kingdom of darkness. There are two parties that exist in the world; that of the Lord Jesus Christ which will reign on earth soon and that of Satan which currently governs the world (1 John 5:19). The Lifetime of a Christian is a set of warfare and opposition against sin, the flesh, Satan and his demons, men, religious, impure thoughts...

Satan seeks to enlist Christians in his army, he never gets tired. Christians must absolutely realize that they are called to oppose the enemy in their lives." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7.

In this passage, the verb "resist" also means "Oppose". We must oppose Satan by submitting to the word of life.

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To understand a little bit of the struggle we are waging against the satanic powers, we must look at how the world functions.

When a political party is in power, the opposition party constantly attacks it in order to make it fall (in the public polls) and thus take its place. Satan acts in the same way against the kingdom of God. He presently reigns as god and prince of this world (John 14:30, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Ephesians 2:1-2). He is preparing the nations to receive the Beast of Revelation 13. Meanwhile Christians will reign with Jesus on earth for a thousand years after He has destroyed the kingdoms of this world led by Satan (Daniel 2).

The apostle Paul uses the verb "fight" to talk to us about the war Christians engage in against the kingdom of Satan. This Greek word literally means "a fight between two individuals in which everyone tries to overthrow the other and victory being gained by the retention of the opponent to the ground, and in him putting his hand on the neck". This struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, authorities, powers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places.

These demons, against which we struggle, use all kinds of artifices deceive and destroy men. They also use their human agents to reach children of God.

There are several people in the scriptures that have been at the service of the Evil One, sown in the field (the world) to destroy the wheat (Christians).

Cain: is the first man to have committed a fratricide. He is the founder of the religion that persecutes believers. Demons use his example to arouse people who call themselves servants of God but actually fight the saints. These false prophets persecute the true ministers of the Lord. Cain, in choosing to kill his brother Abel sealed his fate since by doing so, he became the seed of the Serpent (1 John 3:12). As for his brother Abel, he belonged to the Seed of the Woman. Cain is an image of the apostate church fighting against the true disciples of Jesus Christ who walk by the Spirit.

Note that in these later days demons operate with a great determination because they are pressed knowing that they have very little time left.

In the past, they possessed humans and caused them to do those things contrary to the will of God. Among them, we find Cain, Nimrod, Korah, Balaam, Jezebel etc. Nowadays, the demons pursue their action against Men by manifesting themselves in several ways : in the shape of the water sirens (spirit of sexual seduction) of night husbands and wives, religious spirits (Cain ,Balaam , Jezebel Nicolaitans), spirits of witchcraft and control (Jezebel) , spirits of domination (Pharaoh , the Nicolaitans), spirits of rebellion and pride (the spirit of Nimrod , Korah , Absalom and Diotrefes), warrior spirits and murderer spirits (crime, wars, violence) spirit of treachery and theft (the spirit of Judas), spirits of luxury, spirits of lust, prosperity and materialism (mind Gehazi or Balaam: greed ;2 Kings 5) , spirits division (racism and tribalism) spirits of fornication and adultery (divorce and remarriage) spirits of gluttony (Esau) , spirits of death and suicide, spirits which lead to the love of the world and apostasy:”*For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia* (2 timothy 4:10).

Many spirits are also at the origin of Many diseases in humans such epilepsy (Matthew 17), insanity (Mark 5:1-20), infertility, hemorrhage (Luke 8:43-48), AIDS, cancer, paralysis, blindness...

Spiritual slumber

“But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way”. Matthew 13:25.

The devil loves working while Christians are asleep. He sows disorder through tares (his agents, sin, false doctrines etc.) during the night. Note that the enemy also called the thief; sows tares while the servants of the master of the field slept. It is interesting to note that in ancient times, sleep was called the "twin brother of death."

Sleeping is therefore the image of death but also of spiritual laziness. Instead of watching with the Lord in the crucial moments of his transfiguration on the mountain and in the garden of Gethsemane, the disciples Peter, James and John were heavy with sleep. *“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak”* Matthew 26:40-41.

In Matthew 13:25; 24:42-43, the servants of the owner of the field slept during the night and this gave the enemy an opportunity to sow the tares.

In the Scriptures, the night represents the kingdom of darkness or sin.

*“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, **behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:** but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee”* Isaiah 60:1-2.

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation” 1Thessalonians 5:4-8.

The Night is the period when work stops, the time of death, sin and shame, the time of moral stupidity and darkness. This is also the time when those who are tired sleep *“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up”* Matthew 24:42-43.

It is almost midnight in the clock of Lord. Darkness (sin, apostasy, demons) covers nations. The ten virgins are asleep (Matthew 25). *“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. **The night is far spent, the day is at hand:** let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof”* Romans 13:11-14.

In this passage, the Lord teaches us that night (apostasy, sin and demonic activity) is far spent. Sin Indeed has reached its climax in our generation (2012).

According to the parable in Matthew 25:1-13, the ten virgins were drowsy and sleepy because the bridegroom tarried to return. This sleep represents spiritual death, lack of vigilance or apostasy.

The sleep of the ten virgins corresponds to the spiritual state the church of Sardis and unfortunately the majority of our churches today.

“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” Revelations 3:1-6.

This church seemed alive, but in reality her works were dead mean while she had received the Word of God. Unfortunately, this word could not produce expected fruits due to negligence. The current state and apostasy in the churches confirm that

it is almost midnight in God's clock. But it is at midnight that the sleep becomes deeper. This is the image of the climax sin in nations and in many churches.

The Lord is shouting in the ears of His children throughout the world that they may wake up from their sleep and realize that the days are evil.

God's children must watch even during moments of darkness and apostasy because the lack of vigilance gives access to Satan who likes to work at night with his followers (Matthew 24:45, 1 Peter 5:8, John 9:4). While Christians sleep, Satan sows tares (false doctrines and sin) in our assemblies: spiritual dryness, scandals, divisions, apostasy.

III. TARES, SOURCE OF DRUNKENNESS AND DISCORD

The word "tares" in Latin is "ebriacus", which gives "Intoxicated" in English. One of the roles of the tares is to intoxicate the wheat (children of God). In the Scriptures, intoxication is synonymous with spiritual or physical debauchery.

The tare is a grass like the wheat. It grows in middle of the harvest in all kinds of climates. If the stem and spikelets differentiate the ear of corn in the harvesting, it is not so as regards the grass growth, or for seed. They merge with other grain at harvest. Their mixed with good grain qualities communicates harmful to the flour because the seeds have a toxic principle, acting on an alkaloid system nervous and digestive systems.

The most known alkaloids are morphine, colchicines, atropine, curare, caffeine, theine, the cocaine, mescaline, lysergic acid and aconitine. In botany, tares are an annual herb of the family of Poaceae. It is a bad weed that resembles the ryegrass of Italy, mainly dreaded in the cereal fields (messicole plant) because its seeds, which have a size close to that of wheat grain, are often infested by fungus and therefore contains alkaloids including loline narcotic properties. Previously, there have even been cases of poisoning in man when wheat flour was contaminated with ryegrass seeds, seed cursed. As the thorns ryegrass was used by the patriarch Job as a figure of the curse (Job 31:40).

Spiritually, the tares represents bad companies (1 Corinthians 15:33). The Bible gives us several examples of bad companies.

1) Beware of bad company!

First of all there was the bunch of people who came out Egypt with the Hebrews: *"And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And **a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle**"* (Exodus 12:37-38).

This mixture of people of all species was the cause of covetousness and division among the Hebrews.

*"**And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting:** and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes"* Numbers 11:4-6.

The Hebrews had concluded an alliance with a bunch of people and this caused problems.

A covenant is an agreement contracted between several parties or persons. Satan knows that YHWH is the God of alliances, so he strives to conclude cunning alliances with the children of God so as to destroy them.

There are several types of alliances that the devil tries to conclude in order to introduce the tares.

- **Hospitality:** the Gibeonites were cunningly infiltrated among the people of Israel and were able to conclude an alliance which finally cost the Hebrews alot (Joshua 9). Indeed, they only brought disorder in Israel (2 Samuel 21:1 - 14). Moreover, their presence in the center of Canaan encouraged the schism between

the tribes of northern and southern under the reign of Rehoboam (1 Kings 12). **The** Hebrews concluded a covenant with the Gibeonites by offering them hospitality without consulting God. You do not need to open your home to a stranger without consulting the Lord because you may take in the tares. My wife and I took in a woman for over a year without asking the Lord's will. The latter did not hesitate to come and see me at night in my living room where I was meditating to tell me that she was my wife meanwhile I am married! Other people we have hosted caused us many troubles to the point where we still constantly suffer a large and numerous oppressions and attacks of the enemy.

- A second form of alliance is **marrying the wrong person**. That of Ahab and Jezebel is a perfect example. Marriage according to the Scriptures is covenant which is inviolable and indissoluble. You do not have to go this path without truly seeking the Lord's will. *"Yet ye say, wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously"* Malachi 2:14-16.

By marrying Jezebel, Ahab opened a door to demons and pagan cults in Israel without realizing it. Jezebel a Sidonian princess was originally a descendant of Sidon who had inherited the curse of her grandfather, Canaan. She should have been the slave of the descendants of Shem, that is to say the Jews. Instead of being a

Hebrew slave, according to the prophecy of Noah, her marriage with Ahab gave her the legal right to be Princess and the ruler of the Jews. She monopolized power and completely dominated her husband Ahab. She initiated him to occult practices and officially introduced in Israel the cult of Baal and Astarte. She is best known for having abolished the worship of YHWH to replace the worship of Baal and Astarte, killed the prophets of the Lord, fought Elijah, took the lead of the country of Israel and organized the murder of Naboth to seize his inheritance and then give it to Ahab (1 Kings 21:1-22).

Solomon and the pagan princesses are another example of this type of marriage (1 Kings 11:1-13).

- A third form of alliance is that of **collaboration**. Just like Zerubbabel we must refuse collaborating with the enemy.

"Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel; Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia" Ezra 4:1-5.

The tares also symbolize physical drunkenness or debauchery.

2) The wine of debauchery.

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” Ephesians 5:18. The story of Noah and Lot and his daughters is a beautiful illustration of debauchery associated with drunkenness. Noah was the first drunk in biblical history.

“And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant” Genesis 9:20-27.

Ham, son of Noah, discovered the nakedness of his father and did not care to cover it. Instead, he laughed at him. Or discovering the nakedness of his father is just like he is lying with him or with his mother.

“And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them” Leviticus 20:11.

The sin of Ham therefore led him to a curse.

*“And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: **Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him**, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day”*

Drunkenness was a source of sin for Lot and Noah.

Spiritual debauchery

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” Ephesians 5:18.

In order to make Christians drunk with the wine of debauchery, Satan uses many devices. As master in terms of disguise and imitation (2 Corinthians 11:13-15), he therefore imitated the Lord's table by proposing to men royal food and the wine debauchery (Daniel 1).

Similarly, Jezebel invited her 850 prophets to her table so as to divert them from the vision of heaven (1 Kings 6:19).

The apostle John received great revelations on this subject while he was in prison on the island of Patmos. *“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration”* Revelations 17:1-6.

The angel that the Lord had sent to him told him that the woman was the "mother", "meter" in Greek, that is to say "the source "of impurities and abominations of the earth.

In short, Jezebel or Babylon is the basis of all sects, religions, false prophets, sins, idolatry that this world has known, etc...

To understand why many churches and ministries, though initially called by God, have become drunk, we have to go to the source, that is to say Babylon. We need to address the problems from the roots and not at the surface.

The woman of Revelation 17 is a religious entity represented by the big city who reigns over the kings of the earth, that is to say, the Vatican or the Roman Church. The Bible says she was able to make all the kings of the earth drunk.

To seduce the servants of God, this woman has made them drink of the wine of debauchery from her golden cup.

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” Revelations 17:1-2.

This cup is the cup of demons that Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 10:20-22. Satan via this entity uses the wine of debauchery to get Christian assemblies in his depths.

This wine intoxicates the servants of God and blinds them completely to the point of causing them to depart from the Lord. It represents false doctrines, love of the world, the attraction to material goods, is the sin that is now found in most churches. One who is drunk with the wine of the debauchery will minimize the teaching on the cross (the denial of the love of the world and death to oneself) and

will introduce a humanistic gospel where man is at the center of everything. All teachings based on faith in God, holiness, love for the truth or repentance is rejected.

Despite the king's command, Daniel stood firm and refused to drink the wine of Nebuchadnezzar because he feared the Lord more than men. Daniel did not accept this wine because drinking it; he would have been defiled by worshipping false gods or even demons.

“And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself” Daniel 1:5-8.

This wine can also represent materialism that seduces more and more Christian leaders. The love of beautiful things of this world loses a lot of pastors. Materialism is a general attitude or behavior of one who fastens himself with enjoyment to goods, values and material pleasures.

If Satan has planted tares among the wheat it is for several reasons. The tares as well as the Wheat, is a seed: "Sperma" in Greek which gives 'sperm' in English. All seeds have one or more objectives. The tares seeks to absolutely destroy the wheat, and to achieve this, several means are used:

- **Drunkenness:** As we have seen above, the tares intoxicates (Daniel 1; Ephesians 5:18; Revelation 17). Drunkenness in Scripture is compared to debauchery. One of the roles of the tares is to push the servants of God into physical and spiritual debauchery.

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” Ephesians 5:18.

The wine of debauchery represents seduction, sin and false doctrines.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron” 1Timothy 4:1-2.

Here are some false doctrines that have proliferated the Evangelical circle: ecumenism, syncretism with new age, the gospel of prosperity, the mixture of politics with the Word of God, the doctrine of spiritual covering assimilation of man to God, the doctrine of replacement (the Church is Israel), the negation of the divinity of Yehoshua, double predestination (God has destined some people to salvation and others to damnation) etc...

- **Discord:** In Greek tares is said "zizanon" which gives in French "zizanie" and in English "discord". *“And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” Matthew 12:25.*

Division is the work of tares in the churches which seeks to create sects or parties.” *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you*

saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.

"For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man" 1 Corinthians 3:4-5.

Satan, by means of the tares pushes Christians to division to the point where some create denominations.

Moreover, the Corinthians were so divided that they created many: those of Paul, Cephas, Apollos Christ... Subsequently, different movements were engendered from the division caused by the tares:

- Catholicism (born in 325 at the Council of Nicaea)
- Orthodoxy, Protestantism (birth in the sixteenth century)
- The Baptism (born in the nineteenth century)
- Anabaptism or Mennonist with 1.3 million people mainly in the USA, Belize and Yucatan, Paraguay
- Anglicanism (born under Henry VIII)
- Methodism
- Revival Churches
- Pentecostalism
- The assemblies of brothers or Darby
- Independent Churches
- Adventism
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Mormonism with 13 million followers mainly in Canada and the USA (especially in Utah)
- Messianic Jews
- The Free Evangelical Churches
- Kimbanguism
- Harrism
- The Amish, Mennonites very close, which are about 200,000 mainly in the northeastern USA...

Remove the wheat from the real vision of God's Kingdom

To achieve this end, the tares puts on the garment of the sheep meanwhile it is a wolf (Matthew 7:15-20). It inculcates Christians to false doctrines in order to lead them to apostasy.

The tares also represents the heathen, the agents of the devil, demons, sin, false doctrines, etc..

The tares are in constant battle with the wheat, the seed God (the saints) who aspires to the Kingdom of heaven and eternal life.

The field or the world

The word "field" in Matthew 13:24 comes from the Greek word "Agros" which also means "land" (Mark 10:30); "countryside" (Luke 8:34).

The Hebrews were an agricultural people, they were deeply attached to their land and depended totally on two rainy seasons (Jeremiah 5:24).

- First, the latter rain of the season ("maigowsh" in Hebrew, which means spring rain), was made up of heavy showers, popular because it fell just before harvest and long droughts of the summer months.

- Secondly, the rain of the first season (late October, in the fall), "morech" in Hebrew, which means "Torrential". This opened the agricultural year by softening the soil hardened by the summer drought and preparing the cultivable land for seed.

The field represents the world, the earth or nations. Several terms have been used by writers of the New Testament to speak of the world.

The first is "Kosmos": *"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness"* (1John 5:19).

In this passage, the word "world" is called "kosmos" Greek term that has several meanings. First, it refers to a skillful and harmonious arrangement of a constitution, an order of a government.

Then it comes to the multitude without God, the mass men separated from God, those who are hostile to Christ.

Then it comes to world affairs, the mass of earthly things, all earthly goods, riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow, fragile and fugitive, pushing to desires, away from God and are obstacles to the cause Christ.

In short, Satan controls the governments of this world, material wealth as well as the heathen.

The second term is "Thalassa" *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy"* Revelations 13:1. Here, the word "sea" comes from "Thalassa", a Greek word meaning "place of chaos." in the Bible, the sea represents disorganized nations without God (Isaiah 57:20-21).

In Hebrew, the word "sea" is called "yam". This is the name of the Levantine god of chaos and stormy seas of Semitic origin. According to the Word of God, the four beasts of Daniel 7 (Babylon, Medes and Persia, Greece and Rome) took momentum after the judgment that the Lord had sent to Jerusalem. In fact a chaos was installed in Judah because of the punishment of the Lord. Jerusalem was destroyed while Babylon was at its peak.

The Chaos occurs each time after the judgment of God, when men refuse to believe in Him and to repent of their sins. However, men are can also cause chaos in order to sit their domination. This principle is that of l'ordo a chao, a Latin phrase meaning "order from disorder".

This term specifically used by philosophers close to Karl Marx and Friedrich Hegel, has been taken and appropriated by those who govern our society. Thus, certain disorders (wars, famines, diseases, various crises) are created by every means so as to propose evil solutions and thereby sit down a new order. For example, the current global economic crisis (2008-2012) is a chaos that will prepare nations for a World government. This world government will be led by the Antichrist who is a personified tare.

In short, Satan controls the governments of this world and material wealth in order to divert human the truth and the true God. He established religion (tares) based on the mass of earthly things, the advantages and hollow pleasures, sensations, etc...

Religion

In the New Testament, the Greek word for religion is "thrêskeia." The adjective "thrêskos refers to the term "religious."

These words appear only in three texts of the New Testament: Acts 26:5, Colossians 2:16-18 and James 1:26-27. In the Epistle of James, the author does not recommend "religion" but addresses all those who seek how to serve God and do His will. He proposes a holy conduct, particularly in words, assisting the poor, the widows and orphans as apostle John did (1 John 3:17 - 18).

Yehoshua did not come to earth to build Christianity but the Ekklesia (Matthew 16:18-19). Christianity is a religion founded by men.

Like other religions, Christianity has cathedrals or temples with priests, ordained pastors who constitute the clergy, liturgies, priestly garments, and feast days, one day for the church service, a salary or tithes for the pastors, etc.

Yehoshua did not build a physical temple and did not wear a priestly garment. Search in the entire Bible, you will NEVER find the word "Christianity."

It is Satan who sowed this bad seed in the spirit of many people, making them believe that God wants us to build physical temples for Him, let a day of worship be observed, that men are ordained to ministry, let pastors collect tithes from Christians as bailiffs etc...

Of course, the devil is also responsible for all religions, sects and philosophies of the world which are all paths of perdition in which millions of people rush to.

MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD



The following numbers are for use with caution because they change rapidly and are sometimes based on estimates. The world's population is as follows:

2.2 billion Christians, including:

1.1 billion Roman Catholics
 450 million Protestants (375) and Anglicans
 250 million Orthodox and Oriental
 400 million independent

1.3 billion Muslims, including:

Almost 1 billion belonging to the Sunni stream
 170 million Shiites
 2 million Kharijites
 13 million belonging to dissident currents

910 million non-religious, including:

760 million agnostics
 150 million atheists

850 million Hindus, including:

570 million Vaishnava
 230 million Saiva
 25 million followers of Shakti
 22 million neo-Hindu
 400million Chinese Universalists (religion Popular and Traditional Chinese)

370 million Buddhists, including:

210 million for the Mahayana (Buddhism large vehicle)
 140 million for the Theravada path (Buddhism small vehicle)
 22 million for the Vajrayana (Tantric Buddhism)

250 million Animists**25 million Sikhs**

15 million Jews, including:
 11 million Ashkenazi rites
 4 million Sephardic

Others:

Spiritualist: 12000000
 Baha'is: 7500000
 Confucian: 6500000
 Jainism: 4.5 million
 Shinto: 2700000
 Taoist: 2700000
 Zoroastrians: 2500000

(Source: space-citoyen.be)

It is not surprising that with so many religions, men are confused and wonder where the truth is.

Satan has managed to stir up trouble in the hearts of people.

According to the Scriptures, a syncretistic religion will be put in place and will be led by the false prophet of Revelation 13:11-18.

And indeed, many Christians are seduced by the idea of bringing all religions into one global entity.



This picture was taken Oct. 27, 1986, at the meeting of the representatives of many religions: Catholicism, Protestantism, Orthodoxy, Anglicanism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, Islam, Judaism and African traditional religions and many other Christian paganized delegations as well as the delegation of WCRP, World Conference of Religions for Peace.

Many heads of state were also associated with this event (Revelations 17 and 18). Several countries were at war and in response to the call of Pope John Paul II; they marked their interest in this meeting by a truce of weapons.

The chosen venue for the meeting was not Rome but Assisi, an Italian city whose name is associated with St. François.

It was about raising a global movement of Prayer for Peace, "in the spirit of the International Year peace, "declared by the United Nations. But the real purpose of these meetings is the establishment of the New Age.

New Age

To establish the domination of the apostate church, Satan sowed the tares, that is to say, the philosophy of the New Age (New Age). He also established a seductive but dangerous doctrine. It is a vast amalgam of related groups between them in the manner of a network, and all work for the establishment of a global unity based on experiences and religious beliefs rooted in Eastern mysticism.

The roots of the New Age movement, dates back to the founding of Theosophical Society in New York, 1875 by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky a Russian.

One of the fundamental doctrines of Theosophy says that all religions contain "common truths", which transcend all differences.

Alice Bailey (1880-1949), an English immigrant in the United States, the true founder of the movement New Age who is considered the great priestess. As a spiritualistic medium, she received messages from a so-called "Master of Wisdom", the Tibetan Djwhal Khul.

The New Age movement is one of the largest seductions that the Church has ever met. This is the religion of the godless man, the beast of the Revelations 13. Even if some leaders reject this appellation, it is not less true that this evil philosophy profoundly influences their practices.

One day the Lord gave me a vision in which I saw a man's head spinning on itself in vacuum. Above it was the head of a lion and below it was an inscription: "New Age." a voice told me that it was the man of sin and his religion was the New Age.

This movement is infiltrating all religions with the goal of uniting them to form one religion, that which will give rise to the false church (Revelations 13) which will be led by the false prophet spoken of in Revelations 13:11-18, 16:13-15 and 19:20.

According to secret instructions, the movement was to remain completely secret until 1975. From this date, the "Plan" New World Order and its nature should be made public.

Insights from a "new era" had now been disseminated globally by all possible media. The arrival of a "Christ of the New Age" should be proclaimed and that is what is happening. The initial tactic was to strive to win a large audience of sympathizers, through pacifists and anti-militarists activities.

The next step was to destroy Christianity that preaches the resurrection of the dead. Programs of the New Age groups are widespread in the business environment and in all strata of society, including Christians. Behind a facade of apparently harmless themes, such as advice which leads to a healthy living, these programs mostly contains practices that are basically variations of occult techniques such as Transcendental Meditation, yoga, relaxation therapy, hypnosis, supernatural methods of healing, the visualization technique, and that which is called "positive thinking" (a practice that uses Bible verses!). The latter two techniques are based on the assertion that man can, by the power of suggestion, create and accomplish everything he thinks he is capable of. Yet the Bible teaches us that a prayer is answered only if it conforms to the will of God (1 John 5:14).

The New Age movement has managed to popularize itself by always offering something new with the goal of systematically infiltrating our society. These last years, it has used for this purpose "holistic" or "Full" education and all the shades of meditation "psycho training, "holistic " medicine, selling of dietary and organic products, ecology, protection of the environment and the animal world.

This philosophy has also infiltrated the campaigns of military disarmament, new teachings on management with special courses for executives industry and the economy, projects to fight against famine and other beneficial actions.

The breakthrough of the New Age thinking and its popularization are largely due to the work of Marilyn Ferguson: "Children of Aquarius." This book can be considered a "sacred" book for the New Age Movement; it exalts the "Promised Land" of the New Age and projects of its "altered states of consciousness."

Children and adolescents are particularly influenced by New Age ideas, including the wave of "fantastic" in the form of movies, DVDs, cassettes, comics, books, games and toys.

The New Age is therefore at the origin of many works (books, films, etc.) which are the means by which it carries his philosophy. Indeed, books and movies are flooding the market on the subject of vampires, avatars, demons, etc., thereby making the spiritual world darkness visible to everyone. In almost all these media, a form of occultism, witchcraft, Satanism, vampirism, communication with the dead, conjuration of spirits, clairvoyance, telepathy, moving objects by thought (or telekinesis), etc.. Wizards, witches, wizards and demons play an important role. A belt, swords, brooms, magic potions and talismans is presented and permeates the world of the young generation. Libraries have occult books grouped within "Esotericism." We find practical advice to enter into communication with supernatural powers. And in the "Psycho centers", which are more numerous in our cities, we can practice the "Travel to the other world "under the guidance of instructors. This is nothing else but witchcraft, an abominable practice forbidden by God (Deuteronomy 18).

The music is also one of the ways of the New Age to influence the masses. According to Alice Bailey, the "music therapy" should be part of the preparation for the New Age. As a new musical style, the special music of the New Age, with its sounds which appear to be from another world, has already conquered the disk market and the number of its fans has not stop increasing.

Several first ranking personalities are actively engaged in spreading the ideology of the New Age. But the art of this movement is to hide elements and mechanics of the network and to infiltrate all areas of society to become unassailable.

How can the issue of the New Age be interesting for the Church? The objective of the New Age philosophy is reconcile all contradictions: science and the occult are in the same plan, all moral values crumble, good and evil do not exist, everything is the same. This explains the search for a synthesis of all religions.

The "Plan" transmitted to Alice Bailey by the means of a medium includes the following elements: establishment of a New World Order through a government and one world religion. The main political objective of the movement is the dominance of world. Thus, it openly proclaims the necessity to destroy some states in the interest of "peace" and the preservation of humanity.

To achieve this domination of the world, a large number of intermediate objectives have been defined in terms political, economic and social:

- A universal system of credit cards,
- A world central food distribution control throughout the supply humanity food,
- A single global tax system,
- Compulsory military service worldwide (despite the pacifist ideas of the movement!)
- The building of a global economic system (G20)
- The replacement of private property by a system global direction for everything that concerns credit, transport and production of goods of high consumption,
- Acceptance of the need to submit to a test Global some biological problems, such as population growth and health,
- Arianism, that is to say, the domination of races Western, associated with anti-Semitism, as was the case with Hitler,
- Initiation of the mass on planetary level (the dedication to Satan, called "Luciferian initiation")
- Recourse to abortion and artificial insemination,
- Mandatory limit on the number of children per family
- Genetic manipulation,
- Control of death by making it a cult, a happy event, a transition to a form of existence always new ...

The New Age movement claims to present its own Christ to the world. Jesus Christ said to the Pharisees in John 5:43: *"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive"*.

This is obviously the man of sin or the Antichrist who will make a covenant with the Jews (Daniel 9:27).

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

The key figure in the World Government project and universal religion is "Maitreya", which is nothing but the Antichrist.

On 25 April 1982, the New Age movement wanted to submit it to the headlines of many countries.

"Christ is now telling us how to come out of our current crisis ... He does not come to judge but to help and inspire..."

"The teacher of the world, the lord Maitreya, known by Christians in the name of Christ ... and, like Christians await the Second Coming, the Jews are also waiting for the Messiah, the Buddhists for the fifth Buddha, the Muslim Imam Mahdi, and the Hindus the coming of Krishna, a multitude of names for a single individual according

to them. His presence in the world assures us that there will be no Third World War. With his help, we will rebuild a new world. "

In reality, what is expected when Maitreya has taken power is that he will take over the world government as a character named this place by Satan. A global monitoring system will therefore be established, because only those which controls the supply means can dominate the world. To be allowed to trade and do business in the "New Age", one will have to be committed to be loyal to Maitreya that is to say to Satan. Every inhabitant of the earth will receive and be obliged to use it in any financial transaction, even purchases of less importance, thanks to a universal credit card. Any currency whatsoever will be abolished (Revelation 13:16-18).

This Maitreya, falsely called Christ, is actually an anti-Christian character that will seek to implement a universal religion. His aims are to transform Christianity, which means that Bible Christianity will no longer have the right to exist. In his messages, he affirms to be the head of the hierarchy of "gods and masters, "Jesus would be one of his disciples, inferior to him and guided by him. Among the masters of all time, Jesus will be one of the least, while Maitreya would have reached the highest rank, the seventh. All those who refuse to accept Maitreya as "Christ" will be destined for the sword.

So the Jews and Christians, who do not accept collaborating with Maitreya and the new universal religion, will face violence and extermination.

The New Age movement categorically rejects Christian faith and the Jewish faith because Christians and Jews believe in one God who is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Such a system of faith would cause divisions, as the New Agers believe that the world must get rid of "these negative ways thinking". According to them, the solution is the elimination of Christianity with all its roots.

New Age will participate in the establishment of the fourth empire and the establishment of the apostate church through ecumenism and syncretism.

Organized religion cannot bring deliverance or give eternal life. Yehoshua does not dwell within a religion established and organized by men. The ekklesia of the Messiah has nothing to do with church organizations. You can not join as one adheres to a political party. You enter through the baptism of the Spirit (1Corinthiens12:13-28). Organized religion can provide doctrines, dogmas, advice, but it cannot give life.

3) The increase of sin

The Scriptures say that sin will increase at the end time, and the men move away from morality. "***And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold***" Matthew 24:12.

The word "iniquity" in this passage is said "anomia" in Greek and means iniquity, malice, contempt and violation of divine law. However, we can notice that our generation has far exceeded the iniquity of ancient civilizations, Sodom and Gomorrah, Egypt, Babylon, etc...

Testimony of Sonia, 24 years, delivered debauchery

Fatherless at the age of 9, Sonia lived with her mother who was a Catholic. The latter occasionally subjected her to purification rituals (bathing). She lived with her mother and brothers until the day her mother died. Sonia was then only 13 years old.

First placed in a foster home, she then found herself in a boarding school at the age of 16. This was the beginning of a life without brake. She began to attend parties organized in school; she drank alcohol occasionally and had a boyfriend. During one of these alcoholic nights, she met a girl with whom she spent the night.

At 20, after completing her Advanced Level degree, she started her studies at the university. Night parties, excesses, and boy's followed. To be able to get to sleep, she needed a strong dose of alcohol and tobacco. During this chaotic period of her life, Sonia aborted six times.

She also developed hatred towards men, God, her brothers and her mother, whom she accused of having abandoned her.

Then she wanted to have a child (it did not matter with whom) because motherhood seemed to be a kind of escape from despair. But despite all her efforts, she did not get pregnant. She continued to drink more and more.

One night, while returning from a party completely drunk, she was assaulted and raped by a taxi driver. Destroyed, she stopped going to class. She still pulled herself together toward her exams, and then she began to "pray" (rosaries) so as to pass these tests successfully.

Later, she met a young man with whom she hoped to build a serious relationship. She settled down with him in Douala and finally became pregnant. She became disenchanted however very quickly after learning that this man was unfaithful to her. After this short lull, she started up again her life of debauchery. However, as she had decided to keep her baby, she decided to quit alcohol and the cigarette.

One day, one of her brothers who had become a Christian spoke to her about the love of Jesus and invited her to attend a worship service organized by Shora in Douala.

The second night of the program, she talked with this man of God, confessed her sins before the Lord and expressed a desire to change her life. She also confessed publicly her life of debauchery and brought out everything to the light (John 3:20-21).

The Lord delivered her and she was baptized.

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And here are some very meaningful figures on the level of sin in this century.

Divorce: The overall divorce rate is about 45% in France, equivalent to nearly one marriage in three. Every year for the past 15 years, the number of divorces in France is between 110,000 and 120,000.

Homosexuality: According to Jerome Fouquet, assistant director of the Department views of the French Institute of public opinion (FIFG), the number that seems most close to reality would be "5% to 10%" of homosexuals France in 2009. These figures were obtained by recuting data collected on "further studies."

An older source estimates 6-7% of the French population.

While homosexuality has long been condemned and regarded as a perversion or as a mental illness, today it is often justified by a genetic predisposition. In other

words one can be born homosexual ... However; those who have been delivered from homosexuality confirm biblical scriptures. According to the Bible, homosexuality is a sin and we can be delivered from it in the name of Jesus Christ.

Murder: Every day, 541 murders are officially registered in the world, or 197,333 per year (2009). Countries where a great number of murders are committed are in this order: India, Russia, Colombia, South Africa and the United States.

Abortion is the most common worldwide murder: about one in five pregnancies are aborted.

According to the World Health Organization, forty two million abortions are officially reported each year! Abortions are primarily the result of licentious and immoral lives. Over the past fifteen years, more than half of the children born in Western countries are born to unmarried mothers. The porn industry earns 2,500 Euros per second in the Western countries. Every second, about 28,000 regular users visit pornographic websites and are potential sexual and murderers. Each year the porn industry earns more than € 80 billion!

Sin is the transgression of God's law, it is the fact of missing the point, and it affects many men. According to 2 Timothy 3, in the latter days, the world (the field) and some so-called Christians will be selfish, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient, unthankful, unholy, unloving,, slanderers , incontinent, fierce, despisers of good, traitors, heady, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:1-7).

Whoever wants to please the Lord must fight against sin behind which are demons. The only way we give access to demons in our lives is through sin.

“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil” Ephesians 4:26-27.

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Immorality has always caused the fall spiritual leaders. It seems the attacks against the family and marital relations have intensely redoubled. The world condones adultery, fornication, idolatry and homosexuality, sins that have caused the decline of nations and civilizations are now exalted and commonplace in the name of freedom. All this increases the pressure on Christians and makes them particularly vulnerable to temptations.

The devil does everything to seduce God's children so as to keep them away from the truth. Thus, his war against Christians is also manifested by the various temptations and the pressure of sin exerted in the thought. But behind every sin there is a demon, that is why the Church must remain in the presence of God in order to be able to resist the devil (Matthew 26:41; James 4:7).

Sin can be likened to gangrene. It affects any part of the body, especially the heart because it is from it that all things proceed (Proverbs 4:23). This is the reason why the tare produces much bitterness because it is an evil that gnaws at the heart. Once the heart is touched, sin affects the body, soul and finally the spirit, like a gangrene it goes up to producing disorder, spiritual and sometimes even physical death.

Gangrene

Gangrene is defined as a necrosis which destroys the tissues in the human body. It develops when the blood supply to a part of the body is interrupted by various factors such as infections, vascular disease or trauma. Gangrene can involve any part of the body, but the most affected areas are the extremities (feet, arms, legs, hands). False teachings such as: man is god, the pastor is a spiritual covering, the doctrine of replacement (Israel is replaced by the ekklesia), the mixing of the Word of God with politics, the theology of prosperity (Yehoshua died on the cross to us make materially and financially rich), etc., are like gangrene that affects many Christians today. These demonic teachings (1Timothy 4:1) are a true leaven that leavens the dough.

4) The bitterness of the leaven

The Hebrew roots of the word "leaven" means "Bitterness."

The tares or leaven thus produce bitterness in churches and in the hearts of the saints.

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" Hebrews 12:15.

Bitterness is resentment (memories which provoke bitterness and desire for revenge) caused by regret or disappointment. The state of a person who is affected gradually degrades.

The person will begin by cocooned and refuse any fellowship. Then, he or she will start to neglect personal prayer and daily meditation the Word of God, thus depriving gradually of His grace. Eventually, if the problem is not resolved, this can lead to apostasy.

Within the ministry the roots of bitterness will produce offspring such as debauchery, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, rivalries, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, sects, envy, drunkenness and orgies spoken of in Galatians 5:19-21.

They can also develop a profane spirit as Esau, that is to say the fact of preferring worldly things than spiritual blessings (Hebrews 12:16-17).

*"Husbands, love your wives, and be not **bitter** against them"* Colossians 3:19.

In the context of marital relationships, bitterness can break a marriage even if it is Christian.

Once bitterness has taken place in our hearts, we are often betrayed by our own words.

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire

*the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and **bitter**? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield **salt water** and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have **bitter envying** and **strife** in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, **there is confusion and every evil work**" James 3:5-15.*

The apostle James uses in this passage the Greek adjective "Pikros" for the word "bitter". In verse 11, it is first used literally and refers to non-potable water, a bad taste, or salted as seawater. In verses 14 and 16, it is used in a metaphorical form to translate the zeal inspired by jealousy and competitive spirit.

The causes of bitterness include:

- Lack of recognition from people you helped. Several people you have rendered enormous services certainly disappointed you by their lack of recognition. Remember that even the Lord has been through this. He healed ten lepers but only one returned to honor him (Luke 17:11-19). You will therefore be often disappointed by those closest to you. Continue to do good to people and do not expect any recognition in return. The Lord will reward you in due time.
- False accusations. If you do not watch over your heart, you may develop hatred towards those who slander you.
- Your own suffering. You can also develop bitterness against God because He allows an illness or the death of a loved one. *"Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips"* Job 2:9-10.
- A sin not abandoned or a wound not healed because of unwillingness to forgive. *"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"* Ephesians 4:31-32.
- The slander against your person by your loved ones.
- The whispers uttered against you by your friends and your enemies.
- The betrayal which you have been subjected to by your husband /wife, your children, your parents, friends, colleagues etc.

The best remedy against bitterness is forgiveness. The Bible asks us to forgive our enemies pray for those who mistreat us and bless those who curse us (Luke 6:27-36). If you refuse to forgive those who insult you, you will destroy your call and your life. You will sow disorder wherever you go and will have difficulties living a blossomed relationship with others. You must therefore ask the Lord the strength to forgive your enemies with all your heart because untreated bitterness leads to sin and all kinds of immorality.

IV. THE TARES IN CHURCHES

As we have seen, the tares and the yeast are closely related. Satan uses his evil leaven so as to dirty the Christian assemblies.

1) The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

*“Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the fivethousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? **Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees**” Matthew 16:6-12.*

In this passage, the leaven is an image of the teachings taught by the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- The teaching of the Pharisees

The word "Pharisee" means "separated." Pharisaism was a sect who appeared, apparently, by reaction against the adhesion of some Jewish into the custom of Hellenists. The Pharisees demanded tithing rigorously and ranged from an ethical point of view, probably higher than most other Jews. Their condemnation through Jesus, which reproaches them for their unbelief, shall be considered in this angle. They were, somehow, the theologians of the time of the early church. They liked the first seats, titles and offerings and did not hesitate to execute those who opposed to how they interpreted the law.

Indeed, they were the most rigid sect of Judaism during the time of Jesus Christ (Acts 26:4-5).

The Pharisees defended the doctrine of predestination, believed in immortality of the soul, in rewards and sanctions in the afterlife. They succeeded in dominating the spiritual life of the Jews in bringing Judaism into observation instead of the law and the conformation to ordinances. But their godliness became a formality; the outward appearance became more and more important than the disposition of the heart.

The leaven of the Pharisees represents:

Hypocrisy: In the early days, the Pharisees were distinguished by their righteousness and courage. But the moral and intellectual level of their successors gradually went down to the point that Jean-Baptist called them "brood of vipers" and that Jesus described them as children of Satan and hypocrites (John 8:44).

In Greek, the word "hypocrite" means someone who meets, that answers, who replicates a performer, an actor, a theater player, one who simulates, a pretender.

Thousands of pastors play roles, they have the appearance of godliness in front of their members, but in their homes, they are completely different.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” 2Timothy 3:5.

Similarly, many Christians seem just and holy in their church buildings, but in everyday life, they are no different from pagans.

“Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye” Mark 7:1-13.

Legalism: Legalism is the desire to respect scrupulously the letter of the law and the forms it prescribes, without the heart being truly transformed. It leads to the observing of certain commandments of the Word of God, by separating them from their moral significance; we therefore neglect love and mercy:

“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” (Matthew 23:23).

Legalism has several aspects. It replaces the gift of God, i.e. grace, salvation and faith by the works of man (Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-9).

But the salvation of the soul cannot be acquired through obedience to the commandments of God; it is a gift of God. Good Works comes from faith but does not give faith

In the Christian life, legalism replaces piety and communion with God through rules intended to relieve the conscience. True Christian freedom is replaced by the fear of God and men, that is to say, pastors.

The legalistic Christian expects God's favor by works (fasting, donations, offerings, tithes, good deeds) rather than enjoying his grace that keeps us in humility. A guilty conscience submits to legal rules in order to be justified in one's own eyes and in the eyes of others.

“And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I

possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted „Luke 18:9-14.

Thousands of Christians believe they are acceptable to God because of their life of prayer, fasting, or because they give a lot of money to their church. We are acceptable to the Lord through the sacrifice of His Son Yehoshua, then by obedience to His Word.

Paul said: *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing”* (1Corinthians 13:1-3).

How is that possible that a person who gives all his goods to the poor, who agrees to die for others is nothing before God? The answer is simple, without CHARITY, that is to say the grace of God or Yehoshua (for God is love according to 1John 4:8), there is no salvation. Humanism, kindness, will never save anyone, because only Yehoshua saves!

In front of spiritual death, legalistic seek to implementing ordinances and laws of human rather than preach the true Word and grace, Jesus Christ crucified (Ephesians 5:14, 1 Corinthians 2:2).

How Legalism is introducing itself in the churches?

- By the erroneous teachings that are added to the work of the cross one or more cross observances in order to obtain salvation.

“And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved” Acts 15:1.

Here we have an example of a false teaching which those who practiced Judaism had introduced in the churches of the first century. They added circumcision to the work of the cross.

- Through intimidation, legalistic go to the point of spying out the liberty Christians have in Christ (Galatians 2:1-19). The legalist is so hypocritical that they impose to others things that they themselves do not observe, thereby maintaining Christians in slavery (1 Corinthians 7:23, Galatians 5:1).

Of course, legalism has consequences for Christians and the churches. On an individual level, the freedom in Christ produced by the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:17) is lost, the joy in Yehoshua gives way to doubt and confusion. The false humility of legalism leads inexorably to the spirit of superiority, judgment and condemnation of others. On a collective level, legalism leads to quarrels, competition between brothers, jealousy, and promotes the spirit of sect or party.

“Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also

heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you” 1corinthians 11:17-19.

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves” Philippians 2:3.

Unfortunately, many Christians today stand for those who sin and refuse to correct them according to the word with the pretext that they are their spiritual fathers or their friends.

Formalism: from Latin "forma", "form", it is the excessive attachment to rules, rites, customs and traditions. The focus is more on the rules to be observed than on the inner and spiritual life.

The external forms of formalism are:

- A "sacred" place for worship (temples, cathedrals places pilgrimages, etc...).
- Observation of holy days (Sunday and Sabbath).
- Rituals that allow the believer to experience God and to enter into a blessed life (circumcision, ordination, marriage benediction, presentation of children to God by the Pastor ...).
- A special way to dress (gown, cassock, clerical collar, veil, suit / tie, a special diet, etc.). To understand better, meditate Matthew 6:1-8.

Judaism prescribed animal sacrifices, the centralization of worship in Jerusalem, special days (Sabbaths), special religious moments (3 prayers a day with a prayer book, the patah Eliahou), special diets (kosher: no pork, no blood, no seafood, etc).

The New Testament teaches that everything became obsolete when Christ came. These things were shadows of things to come that are no longer needed because the reality appeared.

At the birth of the Ekklesia, there was no physical temple built by Christians, nor ordained priests and sacrifices of animals or priestly garments. The early Christians understood that they were themselves the temples (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19), the priests (Hebrews 5:3-6, 1 Peter 2:9; Revelations 1:4-6 and 5:8 - 10) and sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2).

What matters now is the personal and direct relationship with God, and not the fact of moving in a specific place to meet and worship the Lord. We certainly need fellowship, but it can be done everywhere. Rituals, liturgies, masses or worship on Saturday or Sunday are not essential things! The most important is the state of our personal relationship with God.

Christianity today is modeled on the system and the worship of the Old Testament:

- A sacred place: pastors are struggling to build large temples supposedly for God (Isaiah 66:1)
- An altar: for some people, the communion is a form of sacrifice, such as during the Catholic mass.

- Priests and pastors are ordained, establishing thereby clericalism and sacerdotalism (human mediation). But the New Testament is clear: the sovereign priest Aaron and his descendants were replaced by Yehoshua who is now the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). In addition, according to 1 Peter 2:9, all believers are priests.
- A liturgy which establishes a specific order of mass or sermon, praise, offering, announcements. The idea of an organized religious office is completely foreign to New Testament. It is a mixture of the Jewish liturgy and pagan cults.

Solomon's Temple and the system of the Law of Moses or the Old Testament were images to teach the realities of heavenly things. Judaism was established temporarily while waiting for the Messiah. These things had been instituted as a mark of separation between man and God and harbinger of how God would go about solving the problem of man, namely the death of Yehoshua the Messiah for our sins.

"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified"
Hebrews 10:14.

"Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away"
Hebrews 8:5-13.

The current Christianity did not destroy paganism, but rather adopted it to generate religion.

- The teaching of the Sadducees

The word "Sadducee" refers to Zadok which comes from the Hebrew tzaddik, that is to say "just." Zadok was a priest of the Alliance.

In 2 Samuel, Zadok was associated with the priest Abiathar: *"And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests"* (2Samuel 8:17). Due to their loyalty to King David, Zadok and his descendants were the most important priestly family. This is the family that was chosen high priests until the time of the Maccabees (circa 150 B.C.). In the sixth century BC, the prophet Ezekiel saw the same members of the priestly caste as the only legitimate priests: *"... the LORD to minister unto him. These are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to"* (Ezekiel 40:46).

The Sadducees, descendants of Zadok were therefore priests who devoted themselves to the service of the Temple.

Later on, towards the second century BC, the Sadducees were a well organized group. Mainly from wealthy families, they formed a priestly party. The influence of the Sadducees was remarkable especially in the worship and liturgy. It was also them who were in control of the Temple of Jerusalem.

However, after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, the party of the Sadducees crumbled and disappeared.

With regard to their beliefs, the Sadducees considered only the written law (the first five books of the Bible) as normative for their faith. In this case, they differed from the Pharisees who were putting the oral on the same path as the written law.

This discrepancy was the basis of the great rivalry between the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Thus, the Sadducees refused to observe the many rules of purification elaborated by the Pharisees. In addition, they rejected several doctrines of the Pharisees, such as resurrection, immortality of the soul; the existence of angels ... The Sadducees did not adhere to these doctrines because they remain without support in the Law of Moses.

The leaven of the Sadducees was then questioned the resurrection of the dead (foundation of faith and the gospel, 1 Corinthians 15), the non-existence of angels, and no life after death.

The leaven of Herod

The son of Herod the Great died in 4 BC. Herod Antipas, named the Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea, ruled from 4 BC until 39 AD. John the Baptist and Jesus Christ exercised their ministries under his reign, and Galilee being part of its jurisdiction.

Herod Antipas had married a Nabatean princess, daughter of King Aretas IV. But he divorced to marry Herodias. The latter was the daughter of Aristobulus IV, his own brother. So she was his niece. But having married another Herod Philip, she was at the same time his sister in law!

“And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she

came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb" Mark 6:14-29.

The leaven of Herod Antipas represents incest because he married his niece and wife of his brother Philip, sin, pride and murder (the murder of John the Baptist).

The leaven of Herod is also the image of the teaching or the grip of politicians on churches. How many politicians today do control the prophets of the LORD?

On like some politicians who do not hesitate to sleep with their own children to have more occult powers, many pastors maintain adulterous relationships with their brothers and sisters in Christ (see the book "The Spirit of Jezebel").

The word leaven comes from the Latin term "levare" which means "arise": *"Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"*(1 Corinthians 5:6).

Leaven was authorized during the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost to evoke in advance the closing of the ever-present evil in the churches. The Feast of Pentecost prefigured the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and revival. The presence of yeast, in turn, reflected the infiltration of evil whose goal is to choke the Christians.

The role of the leaven is to cause the dough to rise which represents here the Christians or the wheat:" *Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" 1Corinthians 5:7.*

Beware of words such as "Oh, brother you are more anointed than other pastors" or "There are no men of God as powerful as you" because they make the dough to rise, generate pride and division and thus kill many ministries.

2) Appearances are deceptive

The tares or leaven is also manifested in the form of false teachings conveyed by false brethren.

Their teachings are like gangrene.

"But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some" 2Timothy 216-18.

*"But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: And that because of **false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus**, that they might*

bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you” Galatians 2:3-5.

“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ”
Jude 1:4.

False brethren or false servants are many in churches today. They disguise themselves as Christians and imitate the way of preaching and worship of Christians in order to destroy them.

Disguise, the fatal weapon of the Tares

Remember that the wheat and tares are so much alike that it's only at the ripening of their fruit that you can see the difference between the two plants.

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20).

Note that it is not the gifts of the Spirit that enables us to distinguish between the two but the fruit of the Spirit which is spoken of in Galatians 5:22.

The assemblies of Corinth were filled with false brethren and false apostles: ***“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works”*** (2Corinthians 11:13-15).

Disguising and imitation are the specialties of Satan and his ministers. It is therefore not surprising that at first, false brethren are considered by Christians as true brothers and sisters.

We have a beautiful illustration of the art of disguise of enemy in the book of Job.

“Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown” Job2:1-7.

Do you ever wondered how it was possible that none of the son of God noticed the presence of Satan when he was in their midst? The reason is simple; he used his fatal and favorite weapon, disguise and imitation. Only God who knows the hearts could unmask him.

The sons of God referred to here were men who had gathered to worship the Lord. Satan had infiltrated among them taking their appearance as well as all their external signs of piety. He therefore had an effective and perfect camouflage.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” 2Timothy 3:5.

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” Matthew 7:15.

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon” Revelation 13:11.

In these passages, false prophets (tares) present themselves to men with the appearance of the lamb, but inside they are ravening wolves. The false prophet of Revelation 13:11 have the appearance of a lamb, but his voice is that of the dragon, that is to say Satan. The two horns of the lamb tells us about the authority of the anointing of miracles (Daniel 8:20-22 and Deuteronomy 33:17).

False prophets operate in the authority of Satan to perform miracles in order to deceive the elect:

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect” Matthew 24:24.

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” Thessalonians 2:9-12.

At the time of the apostles, there were several false brethren who sowed discord among the children of God. They are Alexander the coppersmith (1 Timothy 1:18-20), Hymenaeus (1 Timothy 1:18-20) Philetus (2 Timothy 2:16-18), the Judaizers (Acts 15, Galatians 2), Diotrephes (3 John).

False brethren are seducers.

Seducers

“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist” 2 John 1:7. The Greek word used by John to talk about these seducers is "planos" which means vagabond, wandering, misleading or causing someone to error. The apostle makes us know these deceivers are many on earth (field).

These deceivers have a form of godliness that hides behind religion, kindness, emotions, outfits, eloquence or even rhetoric.

Rhetoric is defined as the art or technique of persuasion through language or the art of speaking well. The spirit that animated the false prophets mastered rhetoric and uses it to seduce the children of God. Speeches concerning genealogies, crazy discussions are a form of rhetoric.

“But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes” 2Timothy 2:23.

“But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain” Titus 3:9.

Seducers love to debate a lot on the Word of God, history, religion, etc...

Paul encouraged Titus to reprove with the Word of God talkers who taught law.

“For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith” Titus 1:10-13.

Today, there are many deceivers who post videos on the internet and seduce many people with false teachings. They use a lot of rhetoric to attract and capture their victims (***Meditate: 2 Peter 14-22***).

There are three concepts in rhetoric:

- **Logos**: logic, reasoning, construction of the argument (introduction, principal subject and conclusion): it is the sermon.

*“For when they speak **great swelling words of vanity**, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error”* 2Peter 2:18.

“And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not” 2Peter 2:3.

Greek speakers raised crowds to frenzy just by their speech based on the sophism and yet they did not have the Spirit of God. Among the great speakers was John Chrysostom (344/349-407), one of the fathers of the Church, whose name means "golden mouth". An old sophist perfectly mastering rhetoric, he harangued the multitudes. It is related in history that one day, while he preached, people interrupted him by their cheers. He then asked the crowd to stop applauding so as to let him speak, but in the end people still applauded. That is to say how eloquent he was.

If you are not spiritual and lack discernment, you can easily be seduced through the words of false prophets.

- **Pathos**: the means of persuasion using the emotions of the listeners (music, crying, beautiful words, love, mercy, etc...).

- **Ethos**: the staging of the moral quality of the speaker. This is the style that the speaker must use to capture the attention and gain the trust of listeners in order to make it credible (outfits, beautiful hairstyles, gestures, words used are well chosen, etc ...).

*“And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in **long clothing**, and love salutations in the marketplaces”* Mark 12:38.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” 2Timothy 3:5.

All this is nothing but communication. Notice that in the New Testament; the word "hypocrite" was used for the Pharisees more (18 times) than anyone else. In Greek, the word hypocrite means someone who plays a role in a theater. False brethren are skilled imitators, they can, like a parrot, imitate the true servants of God. They generally have a good knowledge of the Word of God and can imitate the anointing of the Holy Spirit without having the life of the message they preach. Thus, they can denounce things they practice themselves. True knowledge is not intellectual (the letter), but spiritual (John 6:63-65). Often these false brethren impress people by their religiosity and their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. But despite the knowledge they have, their works are in total disagreement with the Word of God. *"They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate"* Titus 1:16.

According to Bible prophecy, many Christians will be seduced by these seducers.

*"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils**. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron"* 1 Timothy 4:1-2.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not" 2 Peter 2:1-3.

These deceivers are operative in most Christian assemblies and are motivated by money (1 Timothy 6). They bring people not firmed to apostasy.

3) Beware of apostasy!

The word apostasy comes from the Greek "apostasia" which means "**abandonment, defection**" (composed of "apo" away from and "stenai" stand). The church of Thyatira is an apostate church because she blends with sin, it is also an ecumenist church (Revelation 2:18-29).

*"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away** first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"* 2 Thessalonian 2:3.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" Matthew 24:24.

The Greek word "**planao**" which most of the French versions translate "seduce" has the following meaning: "stray, to deceive, to mislead, separated from the truth, away from the truth". In other words, be on your guard because those who lead you can get lost themselves and cause you to get away from the truth. Those who will be seduced are not pagans, because Satan has deceived them already, but it is rather Christians and all those who seek God. The very elect will be deceived if possible (Matthew 24:24).

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many” Matthew 24:11.

Verses 11 and 24 of Matthew 24 speak of the awakening of false prophets and false christs and 2 Peter 2 speaks of false teachers.

The verb rise in Greek is "**egeiro**" which means "**awakening**." The Bible announces a worldwide revival of false prophets and false teachers, an apostate awakening.

There are at least three categories of apostate persons.

- The first category: This is the **set of all those who have served God faithfully but fell into compromise**. It is important to note that they were previously good prophets and good doctors. They were redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ, but somehow, something was perverted in their character and they ran their loss into apostasy.

When the message of the cross is obscured, the seduction begins. These people refuse to repent and continue to exercise public ministry, organize programs in order to deprive Christians.

They are sometimes persuaded to be in the right way meanwhile God is no longer with them.

Others know that the Lord is not with them but they seek to build their PLLC (Private Limited Liability Company).

*“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not” 2Peter2:1-3. “Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man’s voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; **and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire**” 2Peter 2:14-22.*

“Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm” 1Timothy 1:5-7.

“This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have

made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme” 1 Timothy 1:18-20.

“But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some” 2 Timothy 2:16-18.

Alexander, Hymenaeus and Philetus were genuine Christians, but they had gone astray. In this verse, the word "astray" comes from the Greek "ektrepo." This verb is used in a medical sense to speak of dislocated limbs. These men taught that the resurrection had already taken place and thereby brought down the faith of many Christians. How many men and women called by God have departed from the way of truth to teach false doctrines and destroy the lives of many? They love money so much to the point of prostituting themselves with religion (Revelation 17) for money.

- The second category: She represents **a set of all those who are chosen and sent by Satan to deceive the children of God.** They invent their religions and seduce thousands of people.

“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist...” 1 John 4:2-3.

“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also” 1 John 2:22-23.

Some religions founded by false prophets and false teachers do not recognize Yehoshua the Messiah as the Son of God, neither his death and resurrection, nor the salvation which is obtained by His name; Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).

These religions have their Christ, *“for there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets”* said Jesus in Matthew 24:24. There are so many religions today that people are wondering which to choose.

No religion can save, nor bring peace to the soul. Jesus Christ alone saves. *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” 1 Timothy 4:1.*

These doctrines of demons are taught in Christian assemblies by false prophets and false teachers.

- In the third category, we have **all those who had accepted the Lord Yehoshua as their Lord and Savior and who did not stand firm against temptations and returned in the world.** These people do not want to deal with God, nor have anything to do with Christians.

There are several examples in the Scriptures concerning this category of persons including Demas, collaborator of the apostle Paul.

“Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia” 2 Timothy 4:9-10.

This man abandoned Paul because of his love for the world and his love for material things.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is

of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” 1 John 2:15-17.

Many Christians are going back into the world because they have allowed Satan to steal the Word that Jesus has sown in their hearts: *“Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts lest they should believe and be saved” (Luke 8:12).*

The two sources of apostasy

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them” Acts 20:29-30.

According to this passage, there are two movements which are at the basis of apostasy in the Christian assemblies.

The first source comes from outside and concerns the **cruel wolves**.

Grievous wolves come from outside the Christian assemblies in order to devour the sheep. These cruel wolves are actually fake workers who do not serve God but their belly.

“For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things” Phillipians 3:18-19.

The wolf is a wild animal with precise instincts allowing him to excel in wildlife. Wolves live in packs organized according to a strict hierarchy headed by a pair of wolves. The pack is led by an alpha male and alpha female sometimes.

So false workers come or work in a team with other false brethren to attack the Lord's sheep. They make alliances with fake workers to rob the children of God.

They have several characteristic:

- *Speed*: The gray wolf is a good swimmer and also a fast runner; its speed is about 40 to 50 km / h and it can travel an average of 60 km overnight. This is the most terrestrial carnivore with endurance in racing. Wolves (false brethren) run after their victims (sheep or wheat) till they catch them. They do not get tired as long as they do not reach their targets. To hunt, they continue to chase their prey on several kilometers, till it is exhausted. When a wolf (false brethren) decides to devour you, he would often call you on the phone or visit you from time to time in order to grab or monopolize you.
- A powerful *sense of smell*: The sense of smell of the gray wolf is powerful and allows it to detect an animal at 270 m against the wind. Its viewing angle is 250 ° to 180 ° against humans. With such a sense of smell, false brethren easily identify those who have the financial means so as to rip them off.
- Formidable *fangs*: The adult teeth of the wolf are 42. The young have 32 teeth; permanent teeth appear at 7 months. The fangs of wolves can be measured up to 6 to 7 cm, 2 cm embedded in the gum. The jaw muscles are powerful. They are used to grind bones or to grab the prey. The jaw of a Grey Wolf can exert pressure of 150kg/cm² against 60 65kg/cm² in a normal dog. With such powerful fangs, wolves (false brethren) do not easily let go of their victims.

Equipped with such features, wolves (false brethren) do terrible damages to the Christian assemblies. The purpose of the false workers, these "grievous wolves", is to strip the Lord's sheep.

These false workers are also called “dogs”, “bad workers” and “uncircumcised”:

*“Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. **Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision**”* Philippians 3:1-2.

Paul addresses these false teachers "dogs" because they often return to the things they have vomited.

*“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, **the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire**”* 2 Peter 2:20-22.

According to the Old Testament, dogs were considered as unclean beasts. The price of a dog should not be brought into the house of the Lord (Deuteronomy 23: 18).

The second source comes from within: **false doctors (Teachers)**.

These are ambitious people who teach heresies in order to cause the sheep (wheat) to go after them. *“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. **They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us**”* 1John 2:18-19.

These false teachers whom John calls "antichrists" were among the wheat (the sheep), but they came out of assemblies and led with them many people in the sole purpose of starting their own small businesses. They create cults and reign as true entrepreneurs. The methods they use to recruit souls for the smooth running of their businesses are to send by mail video links of their teachings, calling people via Skype, MSN or facebook, sending text messages to brethren or their phone numbers and email addresses, etc..., in order to create bonds.

*“**They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them**”* Galatians 4:17.

These false teachers denigrate the true servants of God to those who work with them in order to stir up trouble in their hearts and take hold of it. They sometimes treat their fathers in the faith as wizards, gurus and liars. They do so because in reality, they have not properly managed the churches entrusted to them leaving behind huge debts, disorders and injured souls.

If you ever come across such people who spend their time criticizing others, ask them to show you their own fruit. Some of them like to denounce true servants when they themselves have never led if only two or three people. These troublemakers should be taken seriously with the Word of God and removed from the midst of the disciples: *“I would they were even cut off which trouble you”* (Galatians 5:12).

Because the wheat (sheep) is in the midst of wolves, it is and will be the subject of several verbal and even physical attacks.

In the passage of 2 Corinthians 6:4-10, Paul tells us *“By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true...”*

As a child of God, if you persevere in truth, expect to be treated as a guru, a mythomaniac, a liar, a sorcerer, and shameless ... because you will be like Paul in the middle of good and bad reputation.

In the book of Acts (24:5), Paul was treated as one causing division among the Jews and as leader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

Fortunately all these outrages and all these provocations are only evidence of the presence and manifestation of the glory of God in our lives.

“If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified” 1 Peter 4:14.

The mission field of the sheep of the Lord is filled with cruel hungry wolves.

“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” Matthew 10:16.

Two characteristics of the Messiah are required to take against attacks from wolves:

- **The wisdom of the serpent:** Wisdom urges us to be careful. Let us be like the five wise virgins who took oil in their lamps as reserve as it is written in the parable of Matthew 25. The Snake is an animal that inspires so much fear that almost everyone tries to kill it. Therefore, Christians should know that the demons and wicked ones amongst which they are established, continually seeking to destroy them.

- **The simplicity of the dove:** In this passage, the word "simple" comes from the Greek "akeraios," which means not mixed, pure; that is to say, unmixed with evil, without artifice, innocent, simple. Seduction of worldly things has gripped many Christians who have succumbed to greed. They abandoned the simple life required by the Lord to his servants to run after perishable riches of this world.

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” 2 Corinthians 11:3.

The dove is a bird so beautiful that everyone wants to catch it. The beauty of the Messiah in us draws demons and the ungodly. All types of tries to approach us.

We have to engage daily in a fight in order to stand firm in the faith and pull out the tares from amongst us.

The characteristics of these false teachers are described in the Scriptures, particularly in 2 Timothy 3.

(Meditate: Jeremiah 23!)

Chapter II: UPROOT THE TARES

It is important to note that even if we cannot pull off the tares in the world, because only the angels will do that at the end of time, however, we have the right, as Christians, to remove the tares from our churches.

I. TRY, SEPARATE AND FIGHT

1) Test the spirits and separate

To avoid falling into the trap of false brethren, we need to test the spirits:

*“Beloved, believe not every spirit, **but try the spirits whether they are of God**: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”* (1 John 4:1).

The word "try" in this passage means to test, examine. The image used is that of the test metals. We need to pass the gold through fire so as to try it or make it pure. Once you've tried a person, you have to separate yourself from them when you know they are not of the Lord.

“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person” 1Corinthians 5:1-13.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you” 2 Corinthians 6:17.

2) Separate

In scriptures, separation is presented in several aspects:

- The separation from all that is contrary to the mind of God (philosophies, religions, ideologies ...).
- Separation from evil (sin). Separation from evil does not necessarily imply the total absence of contact with evil because we still live in the world (1 Corinthians 5:9-10), but the total refusal of any complicity or conformity with it.
- Separation from bad company:

“But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person” 1 Corinthians 5:11-13.

“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen” 1 Corinthians 15:13.

Paul told Titus: *“A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself”* Titus 3:10-11.

Paul said to the Romans: *“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple”* Romans 16:17-18.

John goes further to say that we should not greet or receive such a one into our homes who denigrate through their words and behavior the doctrine of the Lord: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us”* 1 John 1:9-11.

From the beginning of creation, God separated the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:4). Many Christians know that the people they hang around with who claim to be of God are in sin, but they have difficulties separating themselves from them because of feelings. Abraham had to separate from his nephew Lot, whose name means "veil" to return to his inheritance (Genesis 13).

The separation can be painful because it is sometimes several years of close cooperation which must end.

“For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household” Matthew 10:35-36.

If you agree to separate yourself from bad company, these will certainly become your enemy but it is better to obey the Lord than men.

Whenever God asked me to separate myself from some of my collaborators, the Ministry experienced an exponential growth. I realized some people who work with us can become real hindrances, or like Lot to prevent us from entering into our inheritance.

Paul had to separate himself from Barnabas who was sentimentally attached to his cousin John Mark (Acts 15:36-41).

If you want to achieve the purposes for which God has called you, do not walk by feelings and allow the Word of God as a sword to separate your spirit from your soul (Hebrews 4:12) and separate yourself from bad companies.

3) Put on the armor of a combatant

What to do in order not to be seduced by the tares and not to end up in the lake of fire?

Every Christian has to develop an individual relationship with the heavenly Father and wear his armor.

“Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak” Isaiah 59:15-17.

The verb "to intercede" in Hebrew means "hit" (1 Samuel 22:18), "adversaries" (Job 36:32), "in front" Isaiah 64:5.

To get in front of the army of God, attack His enemies or hitting his adversaries, you definitely have to put on the armor of a combatant.

Since the battle in which Christians are engaged in is not carnal and the enemy against whom they are at war is a spirit, the spiritual weapons are needed to resist him effectively.

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” Ephesians 6.11-17.

- The belt of truth kidney

We have two kidneys which have the form of two large flattened beans of 100 to 150 grams each and are mounted on either side of the vertebral column under chest and back of the abdominal organs.

They have two main functions: purge the body of waste and toxins (image of sin) through urine and produce hormones.

Spiritually, the kidney represents the area where the power of reproduction is manifested that is to say the seed or sperm.

“And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham” Hebrews 7:5.

“And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him” Hebrews 7.9-10.

According to these passages, the sons of Levi were in the loins of Abraham. These verses show us clearly that the kidneys are really the place of procreation. The truth must be within the Christian who wants to resist Satan. This truth must produce life in him and should not be an intellectual knowledge. The inner life of Christian combatant must be holy.

“And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen” Exodus 28:8.

The history of the belt started with the sovereign priest Aaron. This belt was gold and had many colors: gold, purple and crimson that represent royalty, blue and linen symbolized purity and justice.

This belt is worn by the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:13). Aaron's belt had to support the ephod or tunic which is an image of justice. The belt on the loins talks about the life of purity of the heart that a Christian must live if he wants to get to the end his mission. The Lord Jesus said that the prince of this world is coming and he had nothing in him (John 14:30).

Many Christians adorn their outward appearance more than their heart. Meanwhile we are fighting against an enemy who sees our spiritual state than we do. This weapon talks about the sincerity of heart, and of our conscience that must be blameless.

- The breastplate of righteousness

The word "breastplate" is called "thorax" in Greek. It is about a corset which has two parts which protect the body from the neck to the abdomen.

Note that this part of the armor protects several vital organs like the heart - it should be well protected so it is not affected by bad thoughts (Mark 7) - and the kidney: a symbol of our intimacy.

It is justice that serves as a shield against evil thoughts of the enemy.

The word "justice" comes from the Greek "dikaiosune" which means "Integrity, purity of life, thoughts and correct actions, all which is right, equitable, consistent, and honorable". In the justice, we see holiness, sanctification, and the fear God.

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" Romans 6:11-22.

When we enter the Kingdom of God, we receive the righteousness of God which works in us holiness.

"If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him" 1 John 2:29.

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin;

for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother” 1 John 3:7-10.

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It is impossible and unnecessary to pretend to belong to the kingdom of God and beat his wife or children, driving without a license, living in adultery or fornication, watch pornographic films, not paying tax and defrauding in various ways.

We have to conform to the Word of God and never make exceptions to this rule, even to help someone. For example, taking ones ID to a stranger, even those of our family or even they that are Christian, to help them settle down in a foreign country, is an offense.

The Bible calls us to respect authorities that is to say, the police, judges, etc... (Romans 13).

It also teaches us to respect our parents and obey them (Ephesians 6).

Holiness, righteousness and sanctification cannot be obtained by good works; we are not justified by works but only by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Grace gives us the means and the power to live in righteousness. Good works are the result of the new life in Christ that was prepared by God for us before our conversion.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” Ephesians 2:10.

- The shield of faith

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked” Ephesians 6:16.

Faith is necessary for salvation; it is the basis of life in Yehoshua. Scripture describes three kinds of faith:

Faith as a gift of the Spirit or of power: 1 Corinthians 12:9.

Faith as the fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22. This faith, all Christians have received because it is necessary to salvation (Romans 10:9-10). This is the faith spoken of in Hebrews 11 and without which we cannot be pleasing to God.

Faith or the Gospel: Galatians 3:18-24; Jude 3. This is all biblical truth.

In Ephesians 6:16, it is about faith that represents the gospel and faith the fruit of the Spirit. The gift of faith from the Spirit or power is not given to everyone. It is necessary that the Christian who experience spiritual battle should understand that the Word of God is alive; he must equally put his faith in the work of the cross so as to remind Satan of his defeat two thousand years ago.

The Roman shield (scutum) was rectangular, with a height of approximately 1.10 to 1.20 m for 65 to 70 cm wide. It consisted of two layers of wood glued to a "perpendicular rope" whose thickness ranged from 20 to 13 mm from the center outwards. Metal straps around it protect the shield from shots.

Its function was to extinguish the fiery darts of the enemy or darts. *“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked” Ephesians 6:16.*

A dart is a weapon of an ancient throw, consisting of an iron point supported by a wooden shaft, which is thrown by hand to tear or crack. A dart is a kind of artificière baguette topped with reversed barbs or teeth. It is intended to be launched by a gun in the sails of an enemy's building, to hang and burn. It is also a sharp hollow member and connected to the venom producing glands and some animal species with which pierce their antagonists and inject venom.

The enemy sends us darts, flaming arrows, prods or darts to ignite us. These darts are thoughts, words (Jeremiah 18: 18), physical suffering. *"And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were **stings** in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months"* (Revelation 9:10).

The grasshoppers that came out of the abyss had prods or darts in their tails to hurt men which had the mark of the Beast (sin).

Thoughts of anger, hatred, suicide, are sent to us by the enemy. For example, if Satan wants to destroy a Christian, he will first seek to destroy the armor that protects his heart, by sending him a bad thought like lust (see David in 2 Samuel 11). In James 1:13-15, the apostle makes a comparison between the attacks of Satan and the process of a woman's pregnancy. Indeed, there are:

- First of all, lust which represents an intimate relationship: a person who covets sin in his heart, secretly. *"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart"* Matthew 5:28. Lust is the yearning for that which is forbidden. Coveting a man or a woman in his heart according to Scriptures means to commit sexual sin in the spirit. As this is a hidden sin, the person who is affected can keep the appearance of piety for years. *"He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass"* Proverbs 16:30.

- Then, conception which corresponds to pregnancy. A pregnancy lasts nine months but it is not visible in the first weeks. Moreover, when a woman is pregnant she does not know right away that she is pregnant. Similarly, when sin has been conceived, we do not necessarily realize that our inner man is pregnant of its leaven. Many Christians are "pregnant" of all kinds of bad things that make them heavier and unfruitful (the life of prayer and meditation is affected).

- Finally, childbirth or birth, it is the realization of sin (to perform the act). David found himself in this situation: he first coveted Bathsheba; he slept with her, she conceived and then the death of the child born of this adulterous union (2 Samuel 11 and 12). The consequences of the act of David are immense: his son Amnon raped his own sister Tamar; his other son Absalom rebelled against him and slept with thirty of his father's concubines. David had to hurriedly leave power after the putsch of Absalom, who eventually died. Sin never goes unpunished.

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" Ecclesiastes 8:11.

As long as our shield remains intact, arrows and fiery darts of the enemy will bounce above and will not cause us any harm. God gave us the shield of faith which source is the word (Romans 10:17). As a Christian, walk according to the Word of God and the enemy cannot destroy you. We have a good example in the book of Numbers chapters 22 and 23. Three times Balaam and Balak tried to curse Israel but it was unsuccessful because the people then walked according to the Torah.

"He (God) hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them" Numbers 23:21.

Indeed, the Word says: *“As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come”* Proverbs 26:2.

However, the enemy seeing that he could not reach Israel through a curse because of his shield, he used the Word of God prohibiting covetousness (Exodus 20) to create a motif of curse and destroyed Israel. Balaam proposed to Balak that he should send their women to cause the Israelites fall into fornication (Num. 31:16).

Unfortunately, the Jews fell into this trap (Numbers 25:1-3), and God struck 24,000 people with death (Numbers 25:9).

We must understand that Satan works as bailiff. He can only achieve that if we have something that belongs to him (John 14:30), that is when we break the law of God (1 Peter 5:8).

- Shoes or zeal of the gospel

“And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” Ephesians 6:15.

The feet represent the authority and power of God: *“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you”* Luke 10:19. This power comes from the gospel of Yehoshua.

- The helmet of the hope of salvation

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” Ephesians 6:17.

The helmet of salvation protects us from evil thoughts that Satan sends in order to distract or draw us away from the Lord. The battlefield of this war is in the mind.

For example, the Lord puts in your heart to pray and a thought comes into your spirit and pushes you to watch television. If you do not arm yourself with the helmet of salvation, you might allow yourself to be carried away by this distraction.

“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation” 1 Thessalonians 5.8.

- The sword

This is the only offensive weapon (Hebrews 4:12). The sword (gladius) was a typical weapon of the legionary. The blade was broad, double-edged and short (about 60 cm). It allowed the soldier to hit size, setbacks and thrusting.

Christians should know that they are waging a war against their own flesh, sin, demons, etc., but the victory has already been won, by the Lord Jesus 2,000 years ago on the cross! Hallelujah!!!

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” Colossians 1:12-14.

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it” Colossians 2:14-15.

“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death” Revelations 1:18.

“And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” Matthew 16:18-19.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death” Revelations 12:11.

HE IS COMING BACK SOON, my brothers and sisters.
Let us prepare ourselves to receive Him!

II. THE HARVEST OR THE END OF THE WORLD

The wheat and tares will continue to grow together until the end of the world. This is why it is really important that children of God remain attached to God so as not to be seduced by the tares. The fight is tough and it is going to be more and more.

*“Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear”* Matthew 13:36-43.

Yehoshua, owner of the field in which are the wheat and tares, will return to separate these two plants to establish His earthly government. This glorious return is highly expected and often called in the Bible "the day of the Lord".

1) The day of the Lord and the judgment of the wicked

The expression "the day of the Lord " refers to the time when God will intervene openly and visibly in human affairs.

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” 2 Peter 3:10.

This day will begin with the rapture of the church and will lead to the White Throne Judgment (Joel 1:15). Zephaniah 1:14-18 describes it as a day of wrath, distress, anxiety, devastation, destruction, darkness, darkness, clouds, mist, sounding trumpets and cries of war against the fortified cities and against the high towers.

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3.

The visible return of the Lord will take place in Israel on the Mount of Olives, the mountain from which He was also ascended into heaven (Matthew 28:11, Acts 1:9-13). This event will be visible to all men on the planet.

“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south” Zechariah 14.4.

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen” Revelation 1:7.

“And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” Matthew 24:1-3.

The word "coming", "parousia" in Greek, has another Greek word "pareimi" which means presence.

In the Roman Empire, when a sovereign was to visit one of the conquered provinces, the residents of this region to prepare themselves months in advance to receive him. Likewise, Christians must prepare for the return of the Lord and welcome Him as they should.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” Revelation 19, 11-16

Several people are based on Matthew 24:36 saying that Jesus Christ doesn't know the date of his return. They forget that on earth, Jesus Christ was 100% man and 100% God. He totally and deliberately stripped himself of his glory by the renouncing of omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience, as confirmed in Philippians 2:5-8. But being God He knows all things (John 4:29- 30). Zechariah 14:3-7 tells us that the Lord will appear and fight against the nations and will lay his feet on the Mount of Olives.

In verse 7, it is specified that: *“But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light” Zechariah 14:7.*

Jesus is indeed the Lord and knows the day of his return, when He will exercise his judgment on the wicked man and Babylon: *“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only” Matthew 24:36.* Jesus Christ is Lord.

During the visible return of the Lord, the beast and the kings of the earth and all their hosts will point their guns at Jesus and His Church (Revelation 19:17-21), it will be the war of Armageddon. But this will be in vain because these weapons have no effect, bullets and missiles will bounce and cannot cause any harm. Then will these words be fulfilled: *“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD” (Isaiah 54:17).*

“A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee” Psalms 91:7.

End of the Armageddon

And judgment of the wicked and the false prophet

"But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked" Isaiah 11:4.

According to this passage, the Lord Yehoshua on his return will hit the wicked with the breath of his mouth, "rasha" in Hebrew, meaning godless. This verse takes us back to 2 Thessalonians 2:8: *And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming.*

The beast and the false prophets are then taken and thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulfur (Revelations 19:20) while other high ranking military and soldiers will be killed by the sword that proceeds from the mouth of Lord and the birds of the air will be filled with their flesh. *"For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together"* Matthew 24:28.

The Lord is calling the great, the rich, the stars, top models of the world who trust in their own strength, wealth and beauty to repent of their sins because the coming days will be terrible.

Satan bound for a thousand years

"And I saw an angel come down from Heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season" Revelations 20:1-3.

The Lord will command an angel to bind Satan for a thousand years so that he can no longer deceive the inhabitants of the earth during the entire period of the millennium.

Notice that the Lord does not even bother himself to take care of Satan but leaves this task to an angel. Here we have a beautiful demonstration of the sovereignty of the Lord who sends this hateful and evil and all his demons in prison. There will thus be no more sin on earth.

After putting the devil off, He will then destroy all political bodies in the world.

The current political system, Babylon will be destroyed: *"How the hammer of the whole earth is cut asunder and broken! How Babylon hath become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware; thou art found and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD."* (Jeremiah 50:23).

"Thus saith the LORD: "Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against Me, a destroying wind. And will send unto Babylon winnowers that shall fan her, and shall empty her land; for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine; and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. Thus the slain shall fall in

the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets” Jeremiah 51:1-4.

“And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight,” saith the LORD. “Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain,” saith the LORD, who destroyest all the earth; “and I will stretch out Mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. And they shall not take from thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever,” saith the LORD” Jeremiah 51:24-26.

“And after these things, I saw another angel come down from Heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened by his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication; and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich through the abundance of her indulgences pleasures” Revelations 18:1-3.

“And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, shall bewail her and lament for her when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas! Alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour has thy judgment come!’ Revelations 18:9-10.

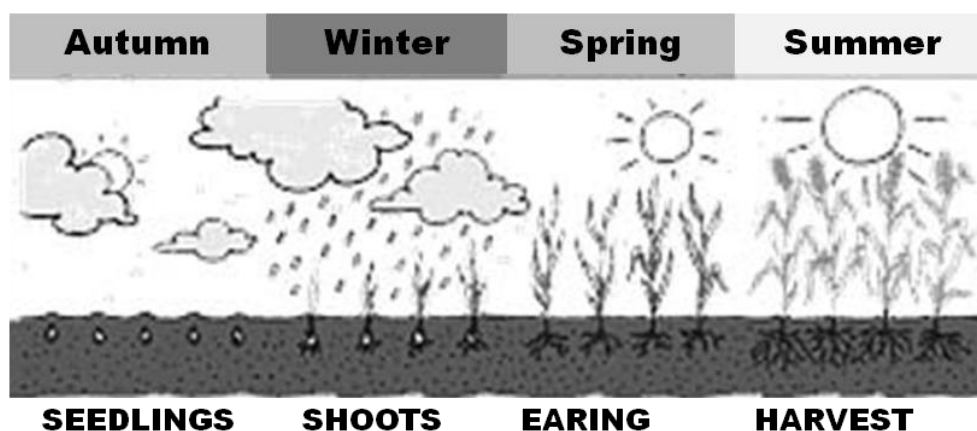
Judgment of the nations: the harvest

Harvest is the reaping of seed plants particularly cereals.

This term is mostly used for small grains (wheat, barley, oats, and rye).

It also refers to the period of harvest and the product of the harvest that is to say in summer. Harvest has been made in a manual way for long now, in using scythe, sickle or erodes. This method is less used in areas which are equipped technologically. The manual harvest consisted of separating the grain from the straw.

There are at least four stages corresponding to four seasons in the development of the wheat.



- Wheat grains are sown in autumn around October: they are seedlings. The germ content in seeds develops when in contact with the humidity (image of the Word of God) of the earth. Without the Word of God, the wheat can never develop

properly. Thanks to the presence of humidity (Word of God) a radicle emerges to anchor in the ground and form roots while another part of the germ moves towards the surface: this is the opening.

*“For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and **maketh it bring forth and bud**, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it”* Isaiah 55:10-11.

- During winter, small shoots appear and form small tufts. Even during the winter that is to say apostasy, the wheat fed by the water of the Word continues to grow.

- After a period of growth, the spike springs out of its sheath: it is called earing.

“But when the blades had sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also” Matthew 13:26.

This is the maturation of fruits; this period corresponds to spiritual revival. The tares in turn also experience a revival. It was at this time that the servants of the Master of the field notice the presence of tares.

- In summer, during the month of June, the grains of the ear grow to reach its maturity in July, the period of harvest.

*“Let both grow together **until the harvest**, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn”* Matthew 13:30.

*“He answered and said unto them, “He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the Kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that sowed them is the devil, **the harvest is the end of the world**, and the reapers are the angels”* Matthew 13:37-39.

The original Greek word for "harvest" is "Thero" which is translated as "heat" or "summer."

*“Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that **summer** is nigh”* Matthew 24:32.

In this passage, the Lord speaks of His visible return to separate the wheat (the saints of the great tribulation and not the ekklesia) from the tares.

The instrument that the angels are going to use for the harvest is the sickle.

*“And I looked, and behold, a white cloud; and upon the cloud sat one like unto the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown and in his hand **a sharp sickle**. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, “**Thrust in thy sickle and reap; for the time has come for thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.**” And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in Heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in thy sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” **And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth**, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the wine press, even unto the horse bridles, for the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs”* Revelation 14:14-20.

Jesus Christ during His visible return will strike Babylon, the empire of the Beast (tares) and will judge her for her crimes and idolatry.

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, “Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all who are ungodly among them of all their godless deeds which they have godlessly committed, and of all the harsh speeches which godless sinners have spoken against Him” Jude 14-15.

“Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because He cometh to judge the earth” 1 Chronicles 16:33.

Enoch, the first prophet in biblical history is also the first to have announced the return of the Lord with His saints to judge the earth and to separate the tares from the wheat.

This judgment will take place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

The name of the valley of Jehoshaphat comes from the Hebrew word "yehôshâphât" which means "God judges".

Yehoshua is the Judge of the living and the dead according to Scriptures: “I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:1).

*“Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness is great!” Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the LORD is near **in the valley of decision**” Joel 3:12-14.*

The Messiah spoke of this judgment to the apostles before his death: *“When the Son of Man shall come in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered all nations, and He shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, ‘Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me; I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.’ Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when saw we Thee hungering and fed Thee, or thirsty and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger and took Thee in, or naked and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?’ And the King shall answer and say unto them, ‘Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.’”* *“Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I hungered, and ye gave Me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in; naked, and ye clothed Me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited Me not.’ Then shall they also answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when saw we Thee hungering or athirst or a stranger, or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee?’ Then shall He answer them, saying, ‘Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me.’ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal”* Matthew 25:31-46

Note that in this passage there are three categories of individuals. First of all the sheep or the wheat, which represents those who will be converted during the

great tribulation and not the saints of the Church, who have already been raptured seven years before the visible return of Christ (Revelation 7:9-17) . The goats, are those who do not have faith in Jesus, the worshipers of the man of sin and who bear the mark of the beast, also symbolized by the tares (Revelation 16:8-11). Finally, there are those whom Jesus called "the least of my brothers," that is to say the Jews, the physical descendants of Abraham, who will be cruelly persecuted by the armies of the beast and Christians (the wheat) will help as did the righteous among the nations towards the Jews who suffered the cruel persecution of Hitler.

In the parable of the wheat and the tares, the judgment of the nations is also called the "harvest". *"Another parable put He forth before them, saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blades had sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, 'Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath come the tares?' He said unto them, 'An enemy hath done this.' The servants said unto him, 'Wilt thou then have us go and gather them up?' But he said, 'Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn" Matthew 13:24-30.*

The judgment of the nations will be a time of separation between the wheat and tares, so to say, Christians and Jews converted to the Lord during the great tribulation will be separated with the pagan worshipers of the Beast. This separation does not concern the body of Christ that has been previously raptured and return to earth with Christ. The judgment of the nations shall be exercised by the saints of the Church who will return with Christ.

"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" 1 Corinthians 6:2.

*"But he said, 'Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "**Gather ye together first the tares**, and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn" Matthew 13:29-30.*

*"The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they **shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend and them that do iniquity**, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" Matthew 13:41-42.*

The angels will first gather the tares which represent sin, goats and all kinds of scandals. The words "gather" in this passage means "to pick". In fact, the fruit will be harvested when they are ripe, when the sins of the nations have reached its climax. *"But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full" Genesis 15:16.*

We believe that the sin of the nations has reached its climax. The angels will gather men from all nations for judgment. No man can avoid the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Some will try to hide in caves and the dust to escape the wrath of the LORD and the brightness of his majesty; but it will be an useless effort because the Lord's eyes see everything.

“And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold (which he made each one for himself to worship) to the moles and to the bats, to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth” Isaiah 2:19-21.

2) The lake of fire, the final dwelling of the tares

*“His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the garner; **but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire**”* Matthew 3:12.

Straw is the stem of wheat grain which was removed by threshing. It corresponds to the tares, the goats or unbelievers because they lack the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

*“Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, **Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn**”* Matthew 13:30.

*“**As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth**”* Matthew 13:40-42.

After having thrown the chaff into the fire, the saints of old alliance and the great tribulation will be resurrected.

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever” Daniel 12:1-3.

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” Revelations 20:4.

The twelve tribes of Israel will then be judged by twelve apostles of the Lamb. Indeed, during the first coming of the Messiah, Israel as a nation did not repent in order to be restored. On the contrary, the Messiah was rejected by His own (John 1:11, Luke 20:9-18). This repentance will only occur when Christ returns visibly with his wife, the Church.

“Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel” Luke 22:28-30.

“And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges” Matthew 12:27.

Repentance, deliverance and restoration of Israel will therefore take place after the Great Tribulation.

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See also Romans 11:26, Zechariah 12:10-14, Acts 1:6 and Acts 3:19-21.

After snatching the tares, the Lord can then establish the Millennium.

3) The garner or the Millennium

*“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, **and gather his wheat into the garner**; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire”* Matthew 3:11-12.

“He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear” Matthew 13:37-43.

*“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**”* Revelation 20:4.

The garner where the wheat will be piled up is the millennial kingdom promised to David and his descendants (2 Samuel 7:14 - 17). It was proclaimed by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-12), the Messiah (Matthew 4:17) and the apostles (Matthew 10) as being close.

Currently, the kingdom of God is manifested in the new and sanctified life of the saints in Christ (Luke 5:20, John 3:1-8, Romans 2:17). The kingdom of God does not appear visibly before the "harvest", that is to say, the judgment of the nations or the separation of wheat from tares (Matthew 13:39-43, 49-50). Indeed, it is only after this harvest that the kingdom will be installed here on earth, when the Messiah will restore the monarchy and the dynasty of David in his own person. He will bring the children of Israel scattered all over the earth and establish his dominion over her for a thousand years. This kingdom will be presented to the Father through the Messiah after defeating the last enemy, that is to say, death (1 Corinthians 15:24-26). Therefore, no one will know death during the Millennium.

The prophet Daniel had received great revelations concerning the establishment of the messianic kingdom while he was in Babylon.

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure” Daniel 2:44-45.

In relation with other prophecies, this passage precisely speaks of the era of establishment of the millennial kingdom; it will be "The times of these kings" during the reign of the Beast of Revelations after the harvest that is to say the separation of the wheat from the tares. She will be assisted by ten horns or ten kings who did not exist at the first coming Lord Jesus Christ (Daniel 7:24-27).

These kings correspond to the ten toes of the statue of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2). During the era of the Roman Empire, the ten horns represented the ten Germanic tribes.

The Messiah will be invested for his millennial reign on earth with his saints.

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people...” Daniel 7:13-14.

“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem” Micah 4:1-8. (Also see Isaiah 2).

In the millennial kingdom, the Lord will restore the theocratic government in Israel.

“And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city” Isaiah 1:26.

As in the days of the Garden of Eden, all the animals shall eat grass and there will be no hostility between them:

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

All nations will come up every year to Jerusalem to worship the Lord and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles which will be equally restored (Zechariah 14).

Last revolt of Satan: the war of Gog and Magog

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever” Revelation 20:7-10.

At the end of the reign of a thousand years, Satan will be released from his prison and he will seduce many. He will prepare an army to attack the saints.

Unfortunately for him, he will be caught and thrown into the lake of fire.

Then the ungodly of all ages in their turn will be resurrected, judged and thrown into the lake of fire.

4) The last judgment and the lake of fire

This judgment does not concern any of the redeemed that have been raised before the Millennium, which is to say during the rapture of the Church.

The dead mentioned in the following passages are the ungodly (or tares) of all ages who will be judged according to their works. Even the cremated dead will be reconstituted at the resurrection to be judged. The book of life will be an unimpeachable witness to the fact that works cannot save.

“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom” 2 Timothy 4:1.

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” Revelation 20:11-15.

*“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, **ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**”* Matthew 25:41.

It is important to know that originally this place was not prepared for men, but because of their disobedience to the Word of God, millions and millions of them will be discarded.

This lake of fire is called fiery furnace, a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

I would like to make a clarification on "hell" and "the lake of fire" because there is confusion in the spirits of many Christians about these two terms. It is necessary that the saints understand that these are two distinct places.

Hell is a term that comes from the Greek "Hades." According to Greek mythology, Hades is the god of the underworld. It is the equivalent of the Roman god Orcus who gave the word "hell" in English. So Hades is hell. It is a place where the dead pagans stay temporarily pending the final judgment. Of course, this is a place of suffering and torment (Luke 16:19-31). In hell, the lost are fully aware and have all their intellectual faculties.

The lake of fire on the contrary is called the "second death", it is the final destination of all the wicked and Satan.

*"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death.** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"* Revelations 20:14-15.

After the final judgment, Hades (the god Hades or hell) will be thrown into the lake of fire.

"The second death" and "the lake of fire" mentioned in this verse are two terms that refer to the final destination of the wicked or the tares, demons and Satan. It is called the second death because it was preceded by physical death. This death is not annihilation, but a condition of eternal suffering. It is eternal separation from God.

Another term used in the Bible to describe the final destination of the wicked is "Gehenna". Hell takes its name from the Hebrew word "Gehenna", in other words the valley of Hinnom, which is in Israel (Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28, 18:9, 23:15,33, Mark 9:47, Luke 12:5, 3:6 James).

I had the opportunity in January 2011 to visit this place which is near Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built on Mount Zion and the Hinnom Valley (literally "place of fire"), which is a precipice below the mountain. The contrast is really striking: Jerusalem is in heaven in the hills and the lake of fire in the dark depths.

In the past, children were burned in honor of Molech (god of the Ammonites) in this place. Maybe due to the crimes that were committed (Jeremiah 32:35), its desecration by King Josiah (2 Kings 11:10), perhaps also because of the filth that was burnt there, the valley of Hinnom became a symbol of sin and affliction. Its name therefore designates a place of eternal punishment (Matthew 18:8-9, Mark 9:43-46).

Thus, the destination of those who refuse the gospel throughout their lives (weeds) will first be hell and then the lake of fire. They will suffer eternal destruction from the face of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10).

The lake of fire in addition to being an eternal fire (Matthew 25:41) is a second death (Revelations 20:6), is also described as a place of eternal opprobrium (Daniel 12:2) eternal shame (Daniel 12:2), eternal ruin or wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

CONCLUSION

As you have understood, the mysteries of the kingdom of God are reserved for the seed of Abraham: *“And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them”* Matthew 13:10-17.

The similarity between the wheat and the tares are so great that only the Lord can help us differentiate them. No Christian, pastor or leader, can say that he have has never been deceived by the appearances of piety manifested by the tares.

Our generation is certainly one that will see the rapture of the Ekklesia because there is definitely a revival of the tares in the majority of our Christian congregations.

Scandals (adultery, divorce and remarriage of many leaders, embezzlement, trafficking of all kinds in assemblies ...) have become commonplace to the point that most Christians do not even see sin in all that and remain perfectly indifferent.

The fear of God has almost completely disappeared in modern Christianity. The race for riches and personal wellbeing is increasingly encouraged to the detriment of renouncement and total dependence on the Lord. All those seduced by these teachings directly from hell are inexorably sinking into the depths of apostasy.

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold” Matthew 24:12.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” 1 Timothy 4:1.

On the political level, people are becoming more demanding vis-à-vis their leaders, forcing them to respond immediately after the elections to their expectations. Nations converge towards a one world government confirming the prophecies of Daniel 2 and 7.

You are aware that since 2008, an unprecedented economic crisis is shaking the nations preparing them to receive the man of sin, the tare by excellence.

All those who want to reign eternally with Yehoshua the Messiah must separate themselves spiritually with sin, lusts and physically with any bad company in order not to be affected.

Every Christian family should establish prayer meetings at home in order to get through this difficult period of instability and seduction which is coming over the nations.

Don not blindly follow men who want to recruit you into their personal businesses and carnal visions using the Bible to meet the desires of their belly. It is time that everyone develops a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.

No religion can save you from yourself, sin and hell, for under the heavens, there is only one name that is given to us by which we must be saved, and this name is the Messiah Yehoshua, the coming King.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE TARES

In February 1999, I started the work to which God has called me in my apartment in Longjumeau (France). At the time, I was surrounded by a small group of people and I had no idea that this little group had already been infiltrated with the tares. Very quickly, two pastors who prayed with us tried to dissuade me from the vision that God has given me in trying to impose on me their own vision of a community church. As I resisted and I remained faithful to what God asked me to do, they ended up leaving with their wives and criticizing me. According to them, my vision did not come from God and I would not go far with the Lord since I was very young.

Less than a year later, as the work was growing and others joined us, we found a room which could contain 100 people in Morangis. After six months there, the room was overflowing with wheat as with tares ... A couple who prayed with me introduced me to a prophetess who had many visions that seemed to come from God. Very subtly, they tried to force her me as a leader. In short: she was there to take the place of the Holy Spirit.

Once again, I held on and I refused their proposal because I realized that they had presented me this woman to have a hold on me. Although I discern their intentions, I did not react because I was young and naive. In fact, I thought these people would eventually end up changing. I was wrong, they never changed. The famous prophetess ended up leaving but the couple who presented her to me remained but continued to sow tares behind the scenes for years.

I later learned that the man was receiving tithes from a sister in secret.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" Colossians 2:8-9.

Long after, I found out that 98% of my collaborators at the time were from the tares. I was in the midst of wolves without knowing it. I trusted them blindly. I thought naively that all those who pronounced the name Lord were necessarily sincere.

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" Matthew 10:16.

A year later, as we no longer had enough room in Morangis, we then rented a place for 200 people in Evry. Naturally, God sent other people and the enemy too. Another pastoral belt was added to that which was with me. And again, I later saw that 95% of those who collaborated with me were false brothers and sisters.

Much later, I learned that these collaborators that I thought were sincere prevented people from approaching me through intimidation. In addition, many young preachers were living in fornication. I also felt that there were also tensions; a war for leadership took place behind the scenes.

One may wonder how it is that I saw nothing. As I said, I was young, inexperienced and especially very naive. Furthermore, God did not allow my eyes to be open completely from the beginning because I was not ready to bear such a disappointment. It would have hurt me badly and it would have discouraged me. Of course, I knew the words the Lord that warns us against the tares, the false brothers and sisters, but I was like blind.

However, God already told me at that time that my environment was not clean and He was going to clean and separate me from some people. However, he did not tell me right away who was concerned in this cleaning.

Even the apostles of the Lord had to deal with false brethren for years without realizing it. None of them had discerned what was in the heart of Judas.

"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us" 1 John 2:19.

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you" Galatians 2:4-5.

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" Jude 1:4.

"Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after" 1Timothy 5:24.

A year and a half later, in 2001, we rented premises that could contain up to 800 people Draveil. Hundreds of people flocked in to such a point that we lacked once more space. The pastoral belt further enlarged itself around me. The tares continued to intrude. Some leaders which I had trained, sent on mission and established at the head of some churches that I had implanted by the grace of God, allowed people to call them "spiritual fathers" so as to grab some souls. They introduced a sectarian spirit and bias. We have experienced what is narrated in 1 Corinthians 1 and 3: so and so was for Cephas, another for Paul and another for Christ...

Along with this, the city of Draveil kept attacking us to justice spurious. We were reproached for example for not having safety standards while we ensured strictly to follow all the regulations. We were also accused of disturbing the neighborhood meanwhile the hall was in an industrial area and no one worked in the area on Sunday. The mayor filed us six trials, we won five.

I did not understand right away, but the loss of the sixth trial was part of the Lord's plan. The Holy Spirit began to give me the message of going back to the Word: abolition of tithes, the ministry of Christians, the nuptial blessing unknown in biblical texts, the confusion between the Church and buildings ... God therefore had taken us out of these buildings in Draveil, which was my pride, to bring us to live his Word and see his glory.

Contrary to what some thought and expected, the loss of the premises in Draveil did not sounded the death knell of my ministry or blocked the work of God. In 2003 we were at the LSC European space at Saint-Denis. And despite the difficult context that we found on site (unhealthy, noise due to the presence of churches who "worshipped" God with loud music in worldly accents), people kept coming in hundreds.

It was then that God has asked me to implant assemblies near the places of residence of the members. So when we realized that dozens of people came from the city of Evry, an assembly was implanted there. This is the same logic as other churches have sprung up in other towns in the Paris region of France and elsewhere in the world.

Whenever a church became important numerically, it is spun off and another assembly was established.

The aim was to allow people to visit a place of worship closer to their home and to spiritually impact their city.

Brothers and sisters who had hitherto never preached or led a church, were trained and sent to take care of the management of these new assemblies .

But this was not the taste of many of my collaborators who saw with an evil eye all these young people they considered competitors.

It must be said that the message of back to the Word revealed the secret motivations of many of those around me. For example, the abolition of the tithe disillusioned some because their personal enrichment hopes flew away right before them.

Similarly, when the Lord called me to say that all Christians were worshipers and praise was not reserved for the elite who prevailed with a beautiful voice, this led to resentment and even hatred in the heart of some sisters who had big ambitions.

In this regard, one day, the husband of one of them called me to ask me why I said singers should not make video clips meanwhile I am being seen preaching on videos and TV2vie (TV4life).

My answer to her was, adoration or worship is destined to God, it is an intimate act done in secret as it is said: *“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly”* Matthew 6:6. Clips are inspired by the world and glorify the singer and not God.

Preaching is talking to man, so it is normal to see us because even the Lord Jesus stood high on the mountain when he taught, and everyone saw Him (John 6: 3). Moreover, the Lord said in Matthew 10:27: *“What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops”*.

Each new message calling for a return to the Word was followed by a wave of departures.

From 2003, some collaborators that were highly regarded went into rebellion, carrying along with them the souls of those who attended churches that the Lord had established through me.

*“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. **And many shall follow their pernicious ways;** by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not”* 2 Peter 2:1-3.

There are always unstable people who blindly follow rebels. One thing is certain; a work that begins in the rebellion always ends by destroying and affecting the faithful.

In December 2006, the Lord asked me to do a one year fast without telling me why.

In fact, many people I trained were to leave me. For example the case of two pastors who took care of an assembly of 150 people, one in Rouen and the other in Martinique. Today, both of them are in confusion and have lost the life of the Spirit. That of Martinique divorced his wife with whom he had three children.

Another asked that we pray for him to start his own vision and he went to plant a church that never took off until now, eight years after (2012).

Sometime later, another one departed insulting me and accusing me of ridiculous things (it seems my anointing impoverished people), I had just lost my father then.

Most of these people did not leave in peace. Instead of making efforts to win souls, since God had supposedly called them, they called the people behind the scenes to denigrate me, calling me all names (witch, Satanist, guru ...) in order to cast doubt in people's hearts and draw them into their personal SMEs. Fortunately, God gave each time (and still does) dreams, visions, prophecies, confirming His call on my life.

I would like to give an advice to all the children of God. If someone accuses a brother or sister of witchcraft or any other serious things, go and seek the face of the Lord to reveal to you the truth. Know that the Lord was treated as Beelzebub (or Baal: Lord of flies or lord of demons) in Matthew 12:24 and Paul was treated as a liar in 2 Corinthians 6:8.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!” Luke 13:34.

Remember that it is the religious who killed James, Stephen, Paul, Peter and others.

These words of Jeremiah are coming in my spirit that perfectly resumes what I am going through: *“For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him”* Jeremiah 20:10.

Strangely, those who have gone, instead of taking care of their own business and live their lives, they revolve around me. They watch me from afar, spy my actions for 9, 10 to 12 years now (1999 to 2012), watch me on TV2vie, Radio2vie (Radio4life) and videos hoping to find a loophole (Matt. 10:15). Indeed, as they went into rebellion, there is neither the life of God nor peace where they are.

Otherwise they would have already forgotten me. This is merely an illustration of Psalm 23:5: *“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over”*.

If you are going through the same thing just make sure you do not give up.

“But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten” Jeremiah 20:11.

I bless the Lord because I am experiencing the word of the Lord.

During that same time, God took me out of the pastoral office which I had exercised until the events of Draveil so as to get me into the apostolic office. I have traveled extensively and worldwide between 2003 and 2010. God in His faithfulness assisted me, saved souls, and performed many miracles and implanted many

assemblies in Europe, North America or Africa, about a hundred churches across these continents. So I was often absent and since I trusted people, I was far from suspecting what might happen behind my back.

In 2010, God asked me to stop traveling. That's when he began to open my eyes and the biggest abuse was revealed. Divisions, compromise, greed, fraud, sexual sins, and disastrous management of assemblies ... It was painful. God was ready to strike and he had already begun to do so in the lives of some leaders who had opened a huge door to Satan.

Some were sick and if not their children. We who had so denounced the sin of other churches, were now facing the judgment of God who, let us not forget, begins first in our own home (1 Peter 4:17).

Full of hardness, some of these leaders accused me of witchcraft and blamed me for what was happening to them and their families, which was their fault. It is so easy to accuse his father in the faith instead of examining himself and repent!

Thus, in August 15, 2012 while we were sharing the Word with about 150 young people in a park in Draveil, a former preacher came with eight men, backsliders like him having a criminal past. Some were drunk and one of them was armed with a knife. Moreover, the former preacher who uttered long death threats against me is often armed with a pistol. He came with his followers having an incoherent language. He accused me of having cursed his children who are ill and asked me among other accounts on this point. Yet he forgets what is written in the Word of God.

"As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come" (Proverbs 26:2).

But beware: *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting"* (Galatians 6:7-8)

How can their children then be struck when they claim to be God's servants? Can sorcerers curse the children of God-fearing Christians (Matthew 16:18)?

This former brother and his colleagues managed to interrupt the meeting forcing me to have a conversation with him and answer his foolish accusations. Thereafter, on the advice of brothers and sisters, I decided to take this case before the authorities since Romans 13:1-6 certify us that the authorities are established for our good.

You should know that, two days earlier our offices in Courcouronnes were burglarized. Details are important: the main door was not broken because the thieves went in by simply using a key. The burglars stole only the equipments of TV2vie estimated at the sum of 6,000Euro. In addition, the door of my office was vandalized meanwhile it was not locked. I have come to understand that the action was targeted. The message was clear: they wanted to silence me.

So I stopped traveling in 2010 after discovering all that dirt it disgusted me. My first reflex was to withdraw myself, leaving these meetings to hide somewhere and stay there, alone with my God. So I decided to give autonomy to the churches in June 2011 but the Lord prevented me. "If you now withdrawn, everything will collapse," he told me in a dream. So I had to face the situation. I followed the recommendations of the Word and after hearing the witnesses, I put under discipline those who had misbehaved. They were no more allowed to lead the assemblies, to preach or even to go on mission.

“And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless” 1Timothy 3:10.

*“Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. **Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after**” 1Timothy 5:19-24.*

I decided to give the autonomy to all churches on May 12, 2012. A large meeting was to be held with all the churches and the elders in which I would officially announce their autonomy.

However, a couple received of the Lord that I should not give autonomy to those who are good and to those who had done wrong at the same time. In effect, this would have led to a legitimacy they do not deserve. I applied Acts 20:17 -31 where we see Paul giving autonomy only to those elders whose lives were blameless. I canceled the meeting of the 12 of May and summoned the elders on the 21st of March 2012, and I gave the autonomy to those who had a good testimony or report. Fortunately I followed this spiritual advice because a pastor, who claimed to be my right arm, was preparing dirty trick. He had planned to come that day with several people who had gone into rebellion to accuse me of all sorts of things and disrupt the meeting. I'm talking about his case a little lower.

Strangely, many did not want this autonomy even though it was clear that I was an obstacle to the realization of their ventral vision. In fact, although some did not like me that much, I was nevertheless useful to them because they were using my name as an endorsement, advertising in order to gain a personal advantage. As soon as I started talking about the autonomy of churches, the man who had once tried to impose on me the famous prophetic, returned again. The tare is very tough! The latter came and presented me a nice chart and told me that I should not have given the autonomy but instead establish a pastor at the head of each church with a salary! I flatly refused! I did not see anywhere in the Bible salaried pastors. In addition, I knew better than him what I had to do.

As might have been expected, the application of this discipline was not the taste of everyone and there were other departures into rebellion. I have been accused of being wicked, of lacking love because I exposed their wicked deeds in the eyes of everyone. They, who had denounced the false pastors with me, did not want the same treatment to be applied on them.

The worst is that they have denounced things they practiced themselves!

I had to apply the Word of God. *“For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun” 1 Samuel 12:12.*

Sentimentalism and humanism are introduced in many assemblies. Because of this, many Christians refuse to rebuke those who fall into sin and this explains why there are so many sick churches.

Today when a Christian living in sin is rebuked, we are systematically accused of lack of love. Humanism and sentimentality are often confused with love. Eli the priest was struck by the Lord because of sentimentality towards his sons.

“Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation” 1 Samuel 2:22.

“And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not” 1 Samuel 3:11-13.

The sons of Eli served the Lord as priests without knowing Him personally. They stole the offerings destined to Yahweh and lay with the women who went to the tabernacle.

“And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken” 1 Samuel 4:17.

Eli could have saved the lives of his children by reproving them but his laxity and sentimentality indirectly caused their loss.

According to the Scripture, love is a Person that is to say God.” *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love”* 1 John 4:8.

The English language does not correctly explain the true definition of love like in Greek. In the New Testament two verbs were used to talk about love.

- *Agapao* (love deeply) alludes to love (charity) divine (John 15:13).

- *Phileo* (have affection towards others, his friends) expresses a weaker love than *agapao*.

A third word for sexual love used by the Greeks, is *Eros*, which gave the name eroticism (this term is unknown to the Bible). In Greek mythology, *Eros* is the god of love and creative power.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul gives further definitions of love (*agapao*). It teaches us that love is:

- Patient (love is persevering in trials)
- Full of goodness (love is good)
- Is not envious (Those who envy others are not walking in love)
- Does not boast (love attributes merits to God)
- Is not puffed up (love drives us to humility)
- It is not dishonest (how many Christians are dishonest?)
- It does seek its own (how many pastors do enrich themselves while their assemblies are in debt?)
- It is not easily provoked (love is not hateful)
- Love does not think or suspect evil (love does not judge by appearances).
- It does not rejoice in unrighteousness (how many Christians do close their eyes to the sin of their pastors, brothers and sisters?)
- Love rejoices in the truth (many Christians refuse to face the truth and condone the sin of their pastors)
- It bears all things (love forgives all if the confession is true)
- It believes everything (love believes all that is said in the Word of God)
- Love hopes all things (love arouses hope in God)
- It bears all things (love endures suffering associated with the call).

This definition given to us by the Bible has nothing to do with humanistic love found in many churches. There is no more than the following definitions:

“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love” John 15:13.

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" 1 John 5:3.

"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it" 2 John 1:5-6.

According to Scripture, love is to keep the commandments of God.

Here is a verse whose meaning is often distorted by Christians to justify their sin:

*"Hatred stirreth up strifes: **but love covereth all sins**" Proverbs 10:12.*

There are several Hebrew words in the Bible that speak of coverage but we see only two:

- **"Kacah"** which means to cover, hide, wrap, forgive, veil.

"Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle" Exodus 40:34.

"Kacah" is used to refer to the protection and clothing of the tabernacle, image of the Church.

- "Kaphar" which means atonement, expiation, propitiation, soothe, repurchase, redeem, forgive and remove. Expiation is the Hebrew verb translated "kaphar" which originally means covered.

Thus, in Genesis 6:14 the verb used for the construction of the ark is "kaphar": *"You shall overlay it with pitch."* This verb then takes the meaning to remove, delete, expiate. A sin atoned is a sin removed from the sight of God, that is to say covered. *"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" Psalm 32:1.*

The verb "kaphar" therefore had something in common with the atonement of sins. The verb Kaphar meaning "to cover" referred to in Proverbs 10:12 does not mean hiding of sin but atonement after sincere repentance *"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" Proverbs 28:13.*

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" 1 John 1:8-10.

For a sin to be covered (atoned) a confession, repentance and a sincere conversion is required.

The pastor who claimed to be my right arm, also complained about lack of love when I rebuked him. I entrusted to him the management of a large congregation in the region of Paris which had 400 members which he badly managed since the church was in depth owing 41,000€ to the owner of the premises! As for spiritual balance, it was just as disastrous as some of his closest collaborators who lived in debauchery and fornication similar to that of the churches of Corinth.

In addition, this pastor had fallen into greed: he turned the offerings for the work of God for his own benefit, he put pressure on the brothers and sisters for them give him money. He even went to take the offerings some beloved had made at a wedding when that money was intended for the newly wedded! While the Church was indebted he built a villa in Africa and bought a second house in the same period. Of course, this is not a problem that a pastor builds a house if the money used belongs to him which he has honestly earned. However, this was not the case.

Despite his eloquence and knowledge of the Scriptures, his whole life was a lie (fraud, trafficking in counterfeit papers, for the name he bears is not his ...). When I got a hint of his behavior, I called him and confronted him with witnesses, as the Word of God recommends us to. He wrote and signed a three-page document himself entitled "Repentance time" reporting the money he had taken from brothers and sisters.

"One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot" Deuteronomy 19:15-21.

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican" Matthew 18:15-17.

"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" 1 Timothy 5:19-20.

The pastor acknowledged his sin before his colleagues the elders, witnesses and the evidence that were produced. But behind the scenes, he called brothers and sisters to complain that he was falsely accused. He ended up leaving with his wife and a few close ones, remaining in his error.

Instead of repenting and humbling himself before God, he went and founded his own church and today accuses me of being a witch and a Satanist. Worse of all, he now denies the message back to the Word which he himself preached and goes to the point of attributing God's work to Satan. He now takes tithe!

"He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" Proverbs 29:1.

Like others, he thought himself indispensable, but it turns out that since he left the work is growing exponentially. About a year ago, an angel came to take me to heaven and he told me that this pastor was divorced from God. This is what many people have noticed.

New Vision

In February 2012, while I was preparing to give autonomy to the churches, I was taken to heaven in the holy of holies at the foot of the tree of life. There were many archangels wearing white robes and sandals. I spoke at length with the angel Gabriel, who, to my great surprise, was like a young man of 20-25 years old with bright eyes. He had a vessel filled with water which he made me drink. After that, I heard an angel who spoke in an unknown language on earth and I received the interpretation. He said: "Jesus is coming, it is a reality." The water that I drank was

nothing other than the new message on the person of Christ in all its aspects that I had to reveal to the nations.

The Lord told me twice in a vision: "Sounds the trumpet!"

The mixture between good and evil in the assemblies is such that we need prophets to shake us with a message based on repentance and sanctification. The majority of Christians have fallen asleep. The different trumpet sounds (prophets, pastors, apostles, teachers, evangelists) that sound in the evangelical milieu make confusing sounds (prosperity theology, tithing, mixing the gospel with politics, love of materialism, humanism, love of the world, once saved always saved, marketing, ecumenism, positive thinking, Pastor the new messiah ...) Christians do not realize that the Lord is coming.

*"And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? **For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?**" 1 Corinthians 14:7-8.*

The Lord asked Isaiah to scream like a trumpet at a time when good was called evil and evil good (Isaiah 5:20). *"Cry aloud, spare not, **lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins**"* Isaiah 58:1.

In Scripture, different Hebrew words mean wind instruments including the trumpet, "chazozerah" and the horn, "shofar."

These two instruments are often mentioned. The two silver trumpets that Moses was to make were to be used to call the congregation of Israel together and as a signal in other occasions (Numbers 10:1-10). The Israelites blew the trumpets to praise God (1 Chronicles 13:8; 15:24; 2 Chronicles 29:27-28). At the great day of atonement, they had to resound a "noisy sound" of Trumpets (Leviticus 25:9), as well as at the taking of Jericho (Joshua 6:4).

In this last passage, the trumpets are qualified for "sounding" a phrase found in Leviticus 25:10 in the word "jubilee" which means "the resounding sound of the horn."

The prophets often spoke of the sound of the trumpet to signal the beginning of battle or an important event (Isaiah 18:3, 27, 13, Jeremiah 4:5, 42:14).

In the New Testament, the word "trumpet" comes from the Greek word "salpinx." The trumpet is used exclusively by the apostles figuratively, namely as a feature of the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ as Judge (Revelations. 1:10; 4:1), as a sign of the coming of Christ for His bride (1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16) or as a signal for punishment determined on earth at the time of the great tribulation.

Paul combines the trumpet and the glorious hope in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. It is at the sound of the seventh and last trumpet that the saints will be raptured into the sky to meet the Lord for the marriage of the Lamb. This is the day of the Lord which the epistles of Paul talks about. It is a blessed period for the Church which will begin with the disappearance of all the saints in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

I will not stop screaming like a trumpet until the Lord returns: **REPENT FOR JESUS IS COMING BACK!**

God has put it in my heart to organize revival meetings in which the message is centered on the person of Yehoshua and this is what I have been doing since May 2012. Finally we now experience miracles described in the Word. We see legs grow

longer, the deaf hear, the blind see, conversions followed by mass baptisms, spectacular deliverances...

The Lord now attracts crowds from everywhere and especially the French for whom I have been praying for a long time now. At each meeting, the room is full beyond measure. Many come an hour or two before the beginning of the program in order to get a seat because the hall where I started this meeting is overflowing with people who really thirst for God. It is so touching to see all these people make tens of kilometers and sometimes even hundreds, to come and hear the Word of God in spite of the weather. I am the first to be surprised at what the Lord is doing. It is so beautiful! And this is only the beginning!

Meanwhile, those who have left, including the famous pastor, watching from afar and have realized that the earth has not stop turning after their departure and that the work of God, instead of collapsing as they certainly hoped, is expanding greatly. God confuses them who thought were indispensable.

Unfortunately, instead of repenting and humbling themselves, some have dared to commit the unpardonable sin by attributing all this miracles to Satan. They have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit.

“And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come” Matthew 12:32.

If all these miracles are the devil's work, they should do better; those who claim to serve God!

I suffered a lot from these betrayals because they are people I love. But I'm happy living the Word of God. I particularly think of Lamentations, Chapter 3, and certain passages of Jeremiah.

“Then said they, Come and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words” Jeremiah 18:18.

“O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me. For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten” Jeremiah 20:7-11.

All these experiences with the tares have taught me a lot about man. Do not trust in man, for his heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9) and appearances are so misleading.

“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD” Jeremiah 17:5.

Glory be to the Lord who comforts and gives me strength. The work continues to be done and is getting bigger. Thousands of souls are saved through revival meetings and the media that the Lord has inspired us to spread his Gospel: DVD, DIVX, various books, magazine “The Dokimos”, Radio2vie (Radio4life) and TV2vie

(Tv4life) and the center of discipleship Didasko (for free) which are birth this year (2012). If we are fought, we are encouraged by many who are supporting us in prayer and funding the work of God than ever before.

I bless my Lord Yehoshua because if some are gone, they are quickly replaced by people who truly seek God. I do know that the tares are never far away...

I finally understood that those who have left us did not bear the change and were desperate to stay in the Babylonian and religious function: tithing, ordination, commitment to church buildings, worship group (choir), wedding benediction, carnal honors related to the current pastoral office, clips, collaborating with unbelieving producers ... They accused me of not being the same, they think I'm in error.

I am deeply committed to God and His Word. If He tells me that a function does not conform to his word i, I do not hesitate to denounce and abandon it.

All those who are called to bring a reformation in churches, to defend the sound doctrine, must be prepared to undergo a fierce opposition from Satan, religious, pagan and false brothers (Hebrews 12:3-4).

The four people I brought to the Lord and with whom I started the ministry in 1999 are still with me. They are simple people who have no personal ambition.

Paul said that all those in Asia Minor had abandoned him (2 Timothy 1:15). Similarly, several disciples of the Lord had also abandoned Him due to the Word he was preaching (John 6:60-66). If Jesus who is God, could be abandoned by his disciples, what about us? Most men and women that God used in the Bible and in the history of the Church were solitary. This is my case. I will nevertheless do the Lord's work to the end. Outrages, insults and false accusations will never stop me.

I encourage you, who also fight for the faith which was transmitted to us once and for all, to stand firm (Matthew 5:10-12).

“For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving” Colossians 2:1-7.

I hope that this testimony will encourage you to certainly not give up because great rewards await the winners (Revelation 3:21).

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