

**Procreation
Of Men
And
The War
Of
Ages**

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Having written about earthly marriages, it is also needful to discuss subject on procreation of children in the context of marriage. There are some Christians who believe that they should have as many children as possible because God has commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth. Furthermore, Christians should live by faith in God to provide for them. However, there are also other Christians who believe that God leaves the matter of having children for them to decide and plan their own family according to their own circumstances. Unfortunately, there are even some who think that Christian couples who refuse to have children are being selfish or couples who are incapable of having children are regarded as a sign of God's judgment upon them. All such frivolous arguments actually miss out on a much greater aspect concerning human procreation in the context of the on going war of all ages.

Procreation of Men has been on going for several thousand years. Many people have been born into this world and have gone off the scene. Many more will come into this world and exit the world having passed their time of probation on this earth to be judged whether they could continue to live in the presence of God or die an everlasting death in hell fire. Human procreation takes place naturally but the act of procreation has often been abused outside of the context of marriage. The Holy Bible reveals the history of procreation of mankind as mandated from above that comes with a blessing for men to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth. The purpose of procreation of mankind is to populate planet Earth. One more important aspect of human procreation is to provide foot soldiers to continue this war of ages between God and Satan and between good and evil. The ultimate purpose of human procreation is to obtain a race of people who will obey the God of Creation, love Him, worship Him and serve Him for all eternity.

Hence, this book is to study God's command and expectation from men, especially from His people, with regards to having children in the family. It is important to start from the first to the last book of the Bible to see what God has to say about having children in marriage. As such, this book is written to examine the purpose of procreation of mankind in God's overall plan when dealing with men and angels to bring in an eternity of spirit beings and redeemed people to serve God, worship Him and glorify Him. Procreation for mankind from above has a more important mandate than just for couples to be fulfilled with joy of having children in their marriage. May the Lord bless the study of His perfect and inspired words!

When the Lord God who finally created man, the crown creation of all creatures upon the earth, the first man and woman were given a blessing and a commission to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth.

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 moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)

Adam was made in the image of God. Adam and Eve were told to multiply and have dominion over all other creatures on earth. In reality, Adam was a king over God's creation with Eve as his helpmeet to rule over everything on earth. So Adam was a king on earth and Eve his queen. Only the human race was created in the image of God and not animals or plant life. While God created the sun to rule the day and the moon and the stars to rule the night, Adam's dominion was over the earth and not the entire creation and the host of heaven. Adam could not have dominion over the constellations and influence the course of the stars. He was given a commission to replenish the earth with his own race of people. He could not reproduce without a woman and so Eve was the vessel made for the man to bring forth children to populate planet Earth. So this is the very first commandment from the Lord God for man to reproduce a race of people on earth. There was no record of angelic race reproducing angelic race of beings to populate heaven or replenish any domain in God's vast universe. Spirit beings are not commanded to reproduce for they are created by God as a spirit race being the offspring of God also known as the sons of God. It was God who created them and they could not create or produce after their own kind. Procreation is the exclusive commission given to man and not angels.

Notwithstanding, Adam was also a son of God but of a different category. Adam was made from the dust having a different constitution of a body that is earthly and capable of reproducing via the vessel of a woman. There are no mention of female angelic beings meant for male angels so that they could reproduce on their own. As such, nowhere in the Holy Bible angels appear as females and spirit beings are called sons of God. Angels always appear as men and they have names that are men. So God did not commission the angelic race to reproduce but the human race. The human race originally was to populate earth and rule over all other creatures on earth. So reproducing children on earth is God's perfect will for Adam and

Eve and for their descendants. Moreover, this commission comes with God's blessing upon the first man and woman to be fruitful.

It would be interesting to speculate what it would be like had Adam and Eve reproduced children before the fall. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were sinless. Being sinless did not mean they were incapable of sinning. This truth applies to angels as well. Living in a perfect environment free from sin, Adam and Eve were in the best state to reproduce. Childbearing would be very different from what we know to be true today. Before the fall, Adam and Eve would not die but it did not mean they could not die. The moment they disobey God and partake of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, death becomes their reality and permanent possession. So being sinless does not mean incapable of sinning and no death does not mean death cannot become a reality. Hence before the fall, had Adam and Eve reproduced children, their children would be like them for God had set in place a natural law for His creatures on earth to reproduce after their own kinds. Evolution from animals to men is indeed a fairy tale for adults. Had Adam and Eve brought forth children before the fall, they would be alive today if they had not eaten of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. These children cannot be guilty of death in their sinless state and they live on in innocence without the knowledge of good and evil and thus incapable of doing good and evil.

Childbearing before the fall would be a joy and a bliss without pain and sorrow. In that perfect world without sin, men and women multiplying and populating the earth would be a very different scenario with the human race ruling over all creatures on earth. This was God's perfect will for man. However, death could still be possible as the tree of knowledge of good and evil was still present. Those who had obeyed God and avoided the tree of knowledge of good and evil would one day have eaten of the tree of life and live forever. This was their reward for their obedience to God and that was how eternal life would have been granted to sinless men. Death could come from a tree and likewise eternal life could also be obtained from a tree. This was the setup back then.

With such a sinless race of man possessing eternal life, the fallen race of angels led by Satan would be put in a very bad light for rebelling against the Most High. Satan had fallen before the creation of man and as such, the commission was given to Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth. The earth now had a new owner and Satan had been

deposed of the former earth and former Eden he once ruled (Ezekiel 28). So the new human race having eternal life to populate earth in obedience to God and giving glory to God will demonstrate to Satan and his cohorts the folly of their rebellion and seal their impending judgment in hell created for them. For Satan had rebelled not content of his glorious status given by God. He wanted to be God: **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. (Isaiah 14:13&14)**

So this made it imperative for Satan to deal with man to avoid his own judgment to come. He was already judged having lost his name Lucifer and become Satan, the Devil. It would be wonderful had Adam and Eve produced children before the fall and speak with the enemies in the gate and rebuke Satan and his hosts. It would be even more marvelous had Adam and Eve partaken of the fruit from the tree of life and become partakers of eternal life. Had Adam and Eve become incapable of dying and then reproducing a new human race on earth after their kind of human beings having eternal life as well, Satan would be defeated and forever damned to hell fire. This would be a perfect plan to justify the damning of the devil and his cohorts via the obedience of man to replace these fallen angels. For men are created lower than angels and if weaker vessels can obey God, there will be no excuse for Satan's rebellion against the Most High.

Hence, the coming of the human race on earth set the stage to settle the controversy of Satan's rebellion and impending final damnation. God wanted to prove that there would be worthy beings who would love God and obey God to rule over planet Earth giving glory to God. Thus, with the entrance of the human race, a race that is distinctly different from that of spirit beings, this is to deal with Satan and his cohorts and seal their damnation. Unlike spirit beings who could only recruit, this new race of human beings is capable of reproducing after his kind. This new capability put Satan and his host to fright. For Satan and his cohorts were finite in number that had rebelled against the Most High but this new race of people could reproduce infinitely and especially if this race of people had acquired eternal life, they would greatly outnumber the forces of darkness. This exponential growth of a race of sinless people possessing eternal life poses a serious threat to Satan and his cohorts. So a plan must be set in place to deal with man to nib the problem in the bud and God allowed man to be tested

that way to see who Adam would choose. So childbearing is part of warfare between God and Satan and between good and evil.

Some would be curious and would like to speculate why Adam and Eve had not reproduced before the fall. Though a commission given with God's blessing for Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply, it appeared that Adam and Eve were not in a hurry to reproduce. It could not be that they had not discovered their capability of reproducing for they were commanded to do so. Furthermore, Adam was created perfect in wisdom and knowledge for he was responsible for naming all the animals created by the Lord God. So reproducing was not a priority to them when death was absent. What was the hurry when there was no death? Where was fleshly gratification where there was innocence? For how long Adam and Eve remained childless until the fall, no one could tell. Though they did not know they were naked before the fall, childbearing certainly was not a problem and such knowledge was not hidden from them. Being fertile and fruitful in a perfect sinless environment, they could have reproduced had they wanted to. Unless, God deliberately closed up the womb of Eve before the fall to prevent them from reproducing after their kind still capable of dying if these children eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, there was no reason why they could not reproduce. It was highly unlikely God prevented them from reproducing because it was God who blessed them and told them to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth. So their failure to reproduce was not God's fault for they had not carried out God's commandment and commission with zeal. But then it was a very different world back then and to understand their reason why childbearing was not a priority would be rather difficult. So interestingly, the apostle Paul wrote about salvation from childbearing for Adam and Eve after the fall of man: **Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. (1 Timothy 2:15)**

Perhaps, Satan was more urgent in preventing Adam and Eve from having children than Adam and Eve having the desire to have children. It seemed Satan was wasting no time to scheme the fall of man by tempting Eve. But what was time when there was no death. In the absence of death, there would be no reckoning of time. Though the sinless human race had possessed planet Earth, the presence of gods was not unusual. So when Satan propositioned to Eve to become like gods knowing good and evil, there was no question from her as to the identities and personalities of these gods on earth. For she was familiar with them and their presence was not

unusual in the fact that Eve could hold a conversation with one of them. During those days, the Lord God fellowshiped with them intimately speaking to them face to face. They saw God and they did not die. For they were sinless and they could approach the Light where no fallen men after the fall could approach and see. So gods were no strangers to man before the fall and man was already in a state of warfare, which was obviously to Eve. She wanted to become like gods knowing good and evil and she was deceived into transgressing against God.

The day when Adam transgressed against God willfully, sin entered the world. It affected the environment in which they lived. Life no longer could be the same. Fellowship with the Lord God was no longer possible like in time past. Sin separates man from God and God from man. The ground was cursed as a result of the fall of Adam. Adam and Eve were no longer allowed to live in Eden where the tree of life was. Moreover, they were prevented from partaking the fruit from the tree of life to live forever. When sin enters, death enters and they died and would die physically some nine hundred years later. Adam lost his right to be king over all the earth and Satan entered the world by default because of Adam's transgression. Hence, Satan is known as the god of this world who could offer the world to Christ during the temptation of Christ. The human race would become susceptible not only to the devil and his influence but his own sinful nature acquired for transgressing against God. This state is now irreversible. Death is present and life is now temporary. Moreover, childbearing now comes with a curse instead of a blessing: **Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. (Genesis 3:16)**

Therefore, the nature of childbearing has changed diametrically. The ease of childbearing before the fall has now come with sorrows for this God ordained commission for the human race to replenish the earth. The warfare for the human race to replace the fallen race of angels who joined Satan in rebellion has now taken on to a new level. The original intention for a sinless human race possessing eternal life to populate earth has to be realigned. It is no longer possible for men to live forever and rule over all creatures on earth. The status of men has changed and childbearing becomes an issue. Since men must now die, self-propagation becomes needful and urgent apart from the gratification of the flesh. Flesh joining flesh becomes the central issue in a marriage where Satan could now tempt a man or a woman to

fornicate and commit adultery if either one party in a marital union refuses to render due benevolence to the other party. Before the fall, incontinency was unheard of but it has become a present reality: **Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. (1 Corinthians 7:5)** Even on such matter of the body of a person in marital union, permission has to be sought from the spouse and fasting and prayer are not even the grounds for separation from the marriage bed.

The nature of procreation of the human race to replace the fallen angelic race has to take on a different dimension. When this new reality of death set in, man could no longer live as though there was no death. With the arrival of this new era of fallen men, the human race can only produce after his kind that has an expiry date. Man has inherited a sin nature where death is part of the product of procreation. Thus, man can no longer challenge the dominion of Satan as a result because of death. Unlike spirit beings, human beings only have temporary earthly life. So the plan to defeat Satan and his schemes has to change. While the fallen human race is allowed to procreate and multiply, it is no longer a threat to Satan and his kingdom. In fact, the fallen human race can now be manipulated and recruited for the cause of the Devil to thwart God's plan for his eventual doom. So while God also allowed fallen men to reproduce to replenish the earth, the purpose to replace Satan and his cohort has to be altered from its original plan. In the fallen state, the human race is not suitable to replace Satan and his devils and reign as kings on earth. For they are also subject to evil and devilish influence from the forces of darkness and as such cannot be trusted with the dominion of planet Earth. Eventually, this fallen human race will fail and fail miserably because of the inborn sin nature acquired as well as an eternal diabolical factor from the forces of darkness.

A completely new and unheard of plan has to be implemented to rescue a race of people from among the fallen human race still destined to challenge the dominion of Satan and his cohorts. Without such a plan, God would have to exterminate the fallen human race completely and create another race of beings to glorify Him on earth for planet Earth is the center of the universe. This new plan called upon the Son of God to manifest in the flesh in the future as a Second Adam from above to raise up a new race of human beings given the free gift of eternal life without having to eat from the tree of life. Such a plan for the redemption of Adam's fallen race is also

the subject of the curious minds of angels executing God's divine will assisting in the intervention of the human affairs from time to time.

So the procreation of the human race has a much greater and grander theme than just for family having children for personal enjoyment or security. It is part of a greater warfare that commenced before time and history of mankind to ultimately end according to God's directive will of having a race of people to have dominion over His creation to adore, worship and glorify Him. Meanwhile after the fall of man, procreation of the human race began and multiplied exponentially but not according to the original design of peace on earth and goodwill towards man from above. For this fallen human race degenerated quickly while they multiplied rapidly in a matter of one thousand five hundred years to be ready for God to completely destroy them from the face of the earth. For the Lord God found Adam's race totally beyond redemption except only one family and in His own words, God denounced the fallen race of man in no uncertain terms: **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 6:5-7)**

Instead of having dominion over all creatures on earth reigning as kings over God's creatures on earth, the human race becomes slaves to the enemies of all righteousness. They came under the dominion of evil and with Satan and his cohorts corrupting the seeds of men mingling with the sons of God, all life forms on earth had to be destroyed. The procreation of the human race had become corrupt. Strange flesh of the sons of God entered the picture using the vessels of the daughters of men to bring forth giants in those days: **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. (Genesis 6:1-4)** This had altered the

equation of procreation of man. Procreation no longer was the exclusive domain of the human race. While the sons of God cannot reproduce among themselves, the daughters of men facilitated such an adventure and wickedness on earth was great. As such, the issue of procreation was no small matter. When procreation was meant for men to multiply to replenish the earth, it had become an avenue for Satan and his cohorts to make use of fallen men to further their own cause to challenge the Most High. Though it seemed like the forces of darkness was succeeding in their evil enterprise, there was still one family that stood for God: **But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (Genesis 6:8)** Indeed when sin abound, grace did much more abound.

Satan's scheme to force God to destroy the entire human race did not succeed. God still had a faithful witness on earth testifying of His goodness, mercy and grace as well as judgment to come. Noah tried to stand in the gap but in the end, only he and his family were delivered from the cosmic judgment unleashed on earth. This closed the chapter on the procreation of the human race originally intended to reign on earth having been rewarded with eternal life. But because of the fall of man under the instigation of Satan, a different plan is set in place to redeem a race of people albeit from the weak and fallen race of Adam to ultimately triumph over Satan and his devils. This new race to be rescued from among Adam's descendants will be those who have passed the probation of God's test and become recipients of God's gift of salvation by grace through faith. The criteria of obedience required from these people may be different from time to time as the Most High works through time and history as the drama of redemption of mankind unfolds even as we speak of now. Hence, the commission to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth went ahead in spite of the fall of man. A new episode was dawning after the destruction of the race of people whose average life span was over nine hundred years old.

When the Lord God had wiped the slate clean on planet Earth, the commission with blessings to procreate was once again issued. This time, the commission was not given to a newly created creature but to creatures from the old world without the gift of eternal life promised through partaking from the tree of life. **And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. (Genesis 9:1)** The tree of life once guarded from fallen men was no longer present after the flood. The Lord God continued with this race that He rescued from the previous world to procreate and populate this renovated earth where its environment would be very different from the previous earth. Human life span no longer mirrors those in the past of over nine hundred years. Mortality rate has gone up while the call to reproduce is again given. Unlike Adam and Eve having no urgency on childbearing before the fall, this time, the survivors of the old world lost no time to multiply and replenish the earth.

While the corruption of the human race through spirit beings did not take place on a mass scale like the previous world as those fallen angels involved were then kept in chains of darkness awaiting judgment (2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 1:6), fallen men continued their downward spiral and failed God all the time. They rebelled against God by gathering together to build a tower to reach heaven and make a name for themselves. They were explicitly told to replenish the earth but they refused to populate the face of the earth. God then intervened by confusing man's speech and language and they had no choice but to scatter throughout the earth. Rebellion again took on a different form. This time it was the worship of Satan through idolatry. So God patiently dealt with men and would not wipe them off on a massive scale in spite of their disobedience.

As the human race continued to procreate and multiply, God singled out one man, Abraham, to give him a promise concerning his own race to bring forth blessing upon the whole earth.

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Genesis 12:1-3)

This promise for Abraham concerns his descendants. It was with regards to a piece of land on earth that was allocated to him and his descendants by promise. It was through his seed will all families on earth be blessed. This was also concerning the rescue of Adam's fallen race when Adam was confronted with his transgression that the Seed of a woman would ultimately enable the fallen human race to revitalize and triumph over Satan and his cohorts. As for this man Abraham, he was not given a commission to be fruitful and multiply. He was given a promise that God will bless him. Moreover, his descendants after him will be guaranteed an indestructible race to dwell on a piece of land on earth. The focus originally was over the whole earth but this time, it was narrowed down to a piece of land in the middle of the earth. Procreation for Abraham was given by a promise and so it would be certain and sure as well as independent of the frailty of fallen man.

God was going to raise up a race of people through this man Abraham to temporarily be God's representatives on earth to show forth God's praise, goodness and mercy towards Adam's fallen race. It was only this man Abraham that God unconditionally promised him that his name would be great and from him would proceed a great nation. God's blessings also would be poured forth on those who would bless him and his descendants as well as God's curse would be upon those who curse him and his people. This was a completely different way God was then dealing with the fallen human race. No such promise was ever given to the people of the former world as well as to the ancestors of Abraham. At this point of the procreation of the human race, a different race from among the vast fallen humanity, a single man was then singled out to procreate a race of people whom God would accept and bless as well as called to be His own people vis-à-vis the other people in this world in general.

This is a new level of procreation of the human race and the playing field becomes uneven. Abraham is only one man from among millions of fallen men chosen to bring forth a race to be representatives of Almighty God on earth. From the very beginning, Abraham and his people would be numerically vastly outnumbered. While the rest of the people in this world were not completely incorrigible and sworn enemies of Almighty God for all humanity had become enemies of God since the fall of Adam, God was going to leave the dealing of these people and focus on dealing with a race of people through Abraham. This does not imply that only the descendants of Abraham know God and are redeemed for the rest of fallen men outside

of Abraham are also capable of knowing God and seek after Him. It is just that God has commenced a new way in dealing with two different peoples as part of His divine plan to redeem all of Adam's fallen race. So the program to redeem fallen men has entered a different phase.

With the rest of the human race procreating on their own, God promised Abraham a race of people with numerical superiority: **For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. (Genesis 13:15&16, 15:5)** Human activity on procreation of the human race was then separated into two groups. One group was from the rest of the world while the other group was from Abraham, chosen by God whose race was a chosen race of a chosen people. This race was guaranteed to multiply and become superior in numbers and was given a land to be a nation of people. Moreover, Abraham was given circumcision as a sign that was exclusively his where his people were the people of God. Abraham's descendants were to be separated from the people of this world. This race of people was further narrowed down to Isaac and then Jacob where the blessing was transferred and guaranteed with a promise, which was unconditional. Procreation of this race had taken on a new twist where a nation was to develop and the Seed of the woman, the second Adam from above was coming right on schedule.

Later through Moses, this race of people via Abraham was gathered as a nation where they were given laws to set them apart from the people in this world. They were the children of Israel as a light in this world raised to be a kingdom of priests to the Gentile nations in this world: **And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. (Exodus 19:6)** While the development of the histories and events for all the people of the world continues with God still dealing with the nations, the focus is now centred on Israel where the Holy Bible recorded the particular history of this nation and God working through this nation vis-à-vis her neighbouring nations. Procreation of the human race continues but for the children of Israel, it has an added dimension that is different from the rest of the people in this world. Procreation for Israel serves a very important function in their society and culture.

Women are expected to be fruitful and multiply for the children of Israel are promised a nation on a piece of real estate in the Middle-East. Hence, a population is required to occupy the Promised Land for which they can call their own as a nation. Such a mindset is inculcated especially with Jehovah God assisting them in this endeavour to occupy the Promised Land. God very clearly told the children of Israel how they might inhabit this piece of land promised to them: **I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. (Exodus 23:29)** The Canaanites living in that land had to be exterminated for gross iniquity that reached maturity after four hundred years of grace: **But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. (Genesis 15:16)** However, their removal would not be executed over night. The balance of human lives and animal lives were factors to be considered in this exercise to replenish Canaan Land. Replenishment of a land was already commissioned twice, once given to Adam and next given to Noah and his family over the whole earth. This time round, replenishment was not implemented on a global scale but on a very much smaller piece of land as far as the whole earth was concerned to manifest God's light to the world. The Lord was going to build a model nation for the Gentile nations to know His righteousness and His laws.

This repopulation exercise through Abraham's descendants via Isaac and then Jacob set the stage for a new round of warfare to be fought on earth between God and Satan and good against evil. Procreation was the means to enact this war of ages in time and history of fallen men where the children of Israel were God's chosen people ruled by God under a theocracy while the rest of the people in this world though still under the influence of God working in them to look to Israel for salvation were placed on a lower level of priority. The ultimate triumph of all good over evil with the promised Messiah to come unto the scene was on course as the children of Israel and the Gentiles nations continued to multiply and recruited both by God and Satan to fight out a war on earth. Fallen men born into this world whether they were called to be Jews or Gentiles were given a free will to respond to God's dealing with them for God had given them enough light to come to the knowledge of the true and living God. No one was disadvantaged in anyway though God was then dealing with Israel to bring forth the Seed of the woman into this fallen world.

For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. (Romans 2:11-16)

For many who were born as Abraham's descendants, being children of Israel, turned out to be enemies of Jehovah God and perished in their rebellion against Almighty God. Though the Gentiles were left to be guided by a conscience given by God instead of an oral and written law to a chosen people, many had also obtained the true knowledge of this thrice holy God. So procreation of the human race continued to supply the foot soldiers in this spiritual warfare fought on earth and some were pawns of Satan while others were servants of the true and living God. The Holy Bible recorded numerous numbers of such battles as Israel battled to conquer the Promised Land and tried to stay united as a nation under the rule and guidance of Jehovah God. This warfare was insidious where often times, the forces of darkness managed to infiltrate the hearts and minds of many children of Israel and hijacked them to sin against God forcing God to threaten to destroy them completely.

This strategy seemed to work to taint the reputation of Jehovah God who promised Abraham a posterity through Isaac and Jacob and then forcing God to destroy them altogether making God's promise to Abraham to appear as a fraudulent promise. It also shows God incapability to keep His promise to fallen men and this in some way justify Satan's rebellion against God in the very beginning painting God as a cruel and unjust dictator thirsty to exact vengeance to salvage a personal lost pride. Moses aptly pointed out this reasoning to God whenever God was on the verge to wipe out the children of Israel for their constant rebellion against Him. **Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated**

them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm. (Deuteronomy 9:27-29)

Notwithstanding, the children of Israel were painfully aware of their calling as God's chosen people. In fact, they took so much pride in this fact that they became self-righteous in their dealings with the Gentile nations. Over time, the Gentiles were reckoned as dogs and even the Lord Jesus Christ used such a term when dealing with a Syrophenician woman whose daughter was possessed of devil. They believed the promise of the fathers how God visited them and promised them a nation and a people under God where God's protection and provision were guaranteed as long as they kept their promise to keep God's covenant with them. So they procreated and sought to live out God's calling for them. The children of Israel longed to be a vessel to build up the house of Israel and words of blessings in this endeavour were commonly expressed to potential mothers to be in Israel. **And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman. (Ruth 4:11&12)** In fact, such a blessing was also given to Rebekah before she left to be the wife of Isaac: **And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. (Genesis 24:59&60)**

Such words of blessing uttered carried a very important message. It shows the reality in this fallen world where men born into this world are to prepare for war. Procreation of the human race is to supply men for the on going war. It is also to provide manpower to inhabit lands and guard the gates to prevent enemies from overrunning their cities and territories. There is this constant hatred in the hearts of fallen men since the fall of man with Cain murdering his brother Abel in the beginning. So procreation serves a very important function for self-preservation but in the case of Israel, they have a mandate from God to occupy a land to be their nation and live their lives according to the laws given to them from above. With such a mandate from heaven, every woman in Israel is expected to be fruitful and multiply to

inherit the land of Israel. This is not only a family duty to bring forth children, it is a national duty at large to provide security to the nation to ensure their national survival. For the children of Israel are surrounded by enemies who hate them and childbearing is a serious business. In fact, the State of Israel is established by wars by dispossessing the enemies with a charge from Jehovah God. Failure to carry out this commandment from God to destroy their enemies means snarls and troubles on every side.

So bareness of the womb is frowned upon and regarded as a curse and a punishment from heaven for some perceived sins as the main cause that is holding back the woman from having children. It is a terrible embarrassment for the woman who is childless. It is not only a frustration but a vexation of the spirit as well. A childless woman is willing to do anything to conceive. Rachel believed so much that Reuben's mandrakes would be useful to aid her to obtain children that she traded Jacob to Leah for a night. The second best option would be to use the womb of a handmaid as a surrogate mother to bear children on her behalf. Hence Jacob had to take on the two maids from Leah and Rachel as well. One can only imagine his conjugal duties under such a family setup. In fact, such a practice was already in place when Abraham could not have children through Sarah where God actually had promised to make a nation via Abraham. When Sarah could not conceive, she made the tragic mistake to suggest Abraham have children from Hagar, her Egyptian maid instead. Procreation in the family is such an important matter that people make terrible mistakes when couples could not have children of their own in marriage. This was especially the case when God promised this family who would become a great nation. When no children come along after many years, human understanding is relied upon to help God out. The result is tragic, as the chosen people of God have to engage with an unnecessary enemy, Ishmael, for many generations.

Since the nation of Israel is established by war, this nation has to engage in war with her neighbours until rest from above is given. Peace cannot be secured with appeasement. Peace has to be acquired through military might. Of course, blessings from above are paramount in acquiring peace when the children of Israel live in obedience to Jehovah God. To achieve peace, the children of Israel have to prepare for war all the times. As such, manpower is required to achieve this objective. Therefore, it is obvious that procreation for the Jewish race is absolutely necessary. As such, polygamy is also widely practised and accepted by the Jewish people under such a circumstance. **And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of**

Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men. And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men: for they had many wives and sons. (1 Chronicles 7:3&4) These children of Israel multiplied fruitfully through their many wives and this was one of the ways in which numerical superiority was achieved in a relatively short time. That was why Rebekah was blessed when she went to marry Isaac: **And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. (Genesis 24:60)** The children of Israel, being God's chosen people, are painfully aware of the fact that their enemies are many and these enemies hate them and would push them into the Mediterranean Sea, if they have the means.

As the children of Israel have a mandate from heaven to establish their homeland in Israel, God promised to watch over them, bless them and prosper them on the condition that they keep the law God has given to them: **Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. (Deuteronomy 7:14)** Procreation of the Jewish race has God's mark of approval for a specific purpose to establish them as a kingdom of priests eventually to bring forth the Seed of the woman, the Messiah, the Saviour of all mankind. So as far as the family structure of the Jewish people is concerned, God's promise of blessing is upon the family when the children of Israel are right with God. Though their enemies are many, God promises to build up the house of Israel and acts as a watchman over them. This is very clearly expressed by the Psalmist.

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. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127:1-5)

Without God's help and blessing, the children of Israel cannot hope to have security. It is useless though they try to defend themselves with their human understanding and arm themselves with the arms of flesh. God

promised to reward them with the fruit of the womb according to the promise given to Abraham where his children would be like the stars above and the sand beneath. Children are God's heritage and are likened as arrows. These arrows are to be sharp and straight and they come into this world to prepare for war. They are there to speak with the enemies in the gate and inflict serious injury to the enemies. No doubt happy is the man who has his quiver full of such arrows from the Lord. They will not be ashamed to speak with the enemies having to negotiate peace and pay tribute to their enemies for their own barrenness of the womb. The children of the youth would do great exploits for Jehovah God to maintain their status as a kingdom of priests upon the earth during this time of God dealing with the nations.

Because of this fact that God is watching over Israel, God is actively intervening in the family affairs of the children of Israel. God answered the prayers of Isaac praying for his wife: **And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. (Genesis 25:21)** Moreover, when God saw the unfair treatment for Leah by Jacob, God blessed her with fruitfulness and punished Rachel with barrenness: **And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. (Genesis 29:31)** So barrenness is often looked upon as a punishment from above. When God saw the affliction of the children of Israel, God opened the womb of a barren woman to bring forth a judge to deliver Israel from bondage: **And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. (Judges 13:1-3)**

Since the children of Israel are God's chosen people, God is jealously watching over them: **For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. (Zechariah 2:8)** When the children of Israel please the Lord, God bless them with fruitfulness. **He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. (Psalms**

113:9, 128:3&6) The end result is the prosperity of the family and peace on every side: **A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just. Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers. (Proverbs 13:22, 17:6)** So it is natural for fallen men, especially the children of Israel to propagate and preserve their posterity: **The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. (Proverbs 30:15&16)** Hence, a childless woman is a very unhappy and frustrating woman. As many view barrenness of the womb as a judgment from above, women who cannot bear children are usually mocked, especially by wicked men who step into the throne of God to mete out unrighteous judgment: **He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow. (Job 24:21)** But God is gracious to those who suffer unjustly under the hands of hypocrites thinking that they are holier than those poor women who cannot bear children: **He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 113:9)** So women do find fulfillment in having children and raising them up as arrows to speak with the enemies at the gate.

It is common for fallen men to preserve a name after them and they expect a son to keep the family name after their decease. So if a wife cannot bear children, especially to bear a male child, the man very often takes another wife under the pressure from the his parents to carry the family name alive. One can understand the trials and tribulations of Hannah who was mocked by the other wife. Hence, the Jews have laws to govern their family procreation structure in case a man dies without having a son to succeed him, his brother or next of kin is to marry his widow to raise up a seed for him.

If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel. And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up

unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her; Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house. And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed. (Deuteronomy 25:5-10)

This law is to preserve the inheritance given to the children of Israel on a piece of real estate in the Middle East. Procreation is very important to the children of Israel. They need manpower to occupy this piece of land given to them by promise to ensure they remain as a viable and thriving nation. When birthrate of a nation declines, national survival is threatened. This translates into fear and uncertainty of the future. It signifies a judgment from above. Very often whenever the children of Israel sin against God, they become desolate. Then they cry to God for deliverance from their cruel bondage from their enemies. Barrenness is sign of God's judgment upon the nation. Such barrenness can be felt but God will preserve the nation of Israel because of the promise to their fathers: **Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. (Isaiah 54:1)**

With God separating the children of Israel from the Gentiles in the human activity of procreation after the flood, humanity finally reached the crossroad of history at the cross of Calvary. The purpose of setting aside Israel from the Gentiles was to bring forth the Seed of a woman, the King of Israel, the Messiah of the whole world so that blessings would come upon all the families on earth. For generations, women in Israel hoped to be the chosen woman as a vessel who would bring forth the Messiah. No woman in Israel would look upon barrenness with joy. When Christ Jesus finally as God manifests in the flesh as the second Adam from above, procreation of the human race has taken up to yet another level. Procreation of the human race has entered a completely different phase where this ongoing warfare of ages is no longer fought on earth. Since the beginning, men have been supplying the seeds for this warfare, where both God and Satan have been actively recruiting men in this unseen combat in the spiritual realm. While God is rescuing a race of people from Adam's fallen race to worship Him and glorify Him for all eternity, Satan is damning the rest to be punished with him forever in hell.

For the first time in history, fallen men can become born again. Never in the history of mankind where a person can be born twice and this is absolutely mind-boggling. This is something totally new; a concept so revolutionary that even a rabbi, a master in Israel, could not even fathom how such procreation could be possible. **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? (John 3:4)** Here was a man schooled in the oracles of God given to this chosen race of people, apparently familiar with the written Scriptures and the traditions of the fathers, yet could not make out what was about to come to pass during his lifetime. His reasoning was very simple like every fallen man would likewise inquire. It is simply impossible to be born twice physically in this natural world. Human reasoning is not capable of understanding this mystery of the spiritual birth that accompanies the natural birth where a person is saved by grace through faith. Earthly senses just cannot perceive the turning point on this war of ages where a new birth is soon becoming a reality.

Since the beginning of procreation of mankind, there is only one type of birth men are familiar with. It is the birth by water. A baby is enclosed in a water bag in its mother's womb. When the water bag bursts, the baby must come into this world or die in the womb. There is no other way for a man to be born into this world other than through the water bag in the womb of a

woman. Hence, some explanation is in order as far as being born again is concerned. No fallen man in this world is qualified to teach on this subject. It requires someone out of this world to expound this mystery of the second birth. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of the Universe, is about to fill Nicodemus in with some missing education where formal theological training does not avail.

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. (John 3:5-7)

So the Lord gave distinctions between the two births. The first is the birth by water from a water bag in a woman's womb. The second is unheard of where a man can be born of the Spirit. The first birth is of the flesh where man produces after his kind whereby flesh reproduces flesh. The second birth is by the Spirit that quickens the spirit of fallen man to become born again. The first birth results in man being born dead in trespasses and sin. As such, a quickening is required so that a man might be born again: **And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (Ephesians 2:1)** without which entrance into the Kingdom is forbidden. There is no other way for fallen men to enter the Kingdom of God than to become born again via the Spirit. Obviously, such revolutionary truth is not easy to digest for fallen men have been so used to discerning truths using earthly senses. It must be something demonstrable through visual or audible means in order for fallen men to accept as truths. But how can such spiritual truths be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the curious fallen mind? The Lord has said that the spiritual birth is something that cannot be seen with the eyes of flesh: **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. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? (John 3:8&9)**

Hence, for a natural man, it is not a truth that is readily acceptable. It is not something he could grasp with the mind of a fallen man through eyes of flesh. This drama of redemption of fallen men is something that even angels desire to look into (1 Peter 1:12). If angels are not even absolutely sure what is going on, how can the fallen mind of sinners understand the new birth? A natural birth is something could be observed and demonstrated

down through ages how a child is born into this world. As for the spiritual birth of a man, it is something that cannot be seen just like the wind but the effect of the wind could be felt. The spiritual birth is not observable through fleshly eyes but the effect of this birth could be felt by all around. Of course Nicodemus is not about to accept such a truth quickly during this round of consultation. His reservation earns a mild rebuke from this greatest Teacher, who is also the Creator of the heaven and the earth: **Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (John 3:10)**

So the two births where a man is capable of acquiring is a spiritual fact as taught by none other than the great Creator Himself. It is a spiritual operation by the Spirit of God and not the work of the flesh by man. The question then is who can be born again? It can then as easily be answered. All fallen men are candidates for this second birth, a spiritual birth. But what must a sinner do in order to be born again by the Spirit of God? Human speculation has no place in such an important question. When a man is born in the flesh, he is a son. When a man in the flesh is born again, he must also be some kind of a son. Hence, Scriptures must be the final appeal to such an important question of how a man can become born again.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:9-13)

In the past when God separated the children of Israel to be His chosen people, they were supposed to be a light to the Gentile nations. Now the true Light that gives every man light has come into this world. This true Light, the Lord Jesus Christ, made the world but the world did not know Him. The Lord came to His own chosen people, the children of Israel, they did not receive Him to be their Messiah and King and rejected Him to be crucified on the cross of Calvary. Notwithstanding, all was not lost. But as many as received Him, to then gave he power to become the sons of God. So how may one receive this King of the Jews? Throughout the gospels and the epistles, receiving Christ is to believe in Him and trust Him to be the Saviour, the Son of God, sent by God the Father, to redeem fallen men to be

with God to live with Him forever. There is no other way to receive the Lord Jesus Christ other than by faith. No sacraments, no baptisms, no church memberships, no attending Bible courses can earn one merits in receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. No amount of work done in the name of Christ qualifies one to receive the Lord so that he might become the son of God: **For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26)** To become children of God, nothing can be of any use other than by faith in Christ Jesus. This is what it means to receive Him to be given power to become the sons of God.

The distinction between the first earthly birth by water and the second birth by the Spirit is once again evident. The first birth of man is by blood and the will of the flesh where a child comes into this world by water. The child gets his blood from his parents. It is the will of the flesh to conjugate to produce after the same kind. The child comes into this world by the will of man to have children and to provide security to family, stability of society and survival of the nation. The second birth has no such earthly ideals in mind. It is the operation of God. Such a birth causes the born again man to become a son of God. This born again man is now a son to a different parent, and this man's Father is God: **And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. (Galatians 4:6)** This second birth is the result of the Spirit entering a sinner right into his heart and enabling him to cry out to God, calling out to God Abba, Father. A child born into this world naturally call his earthly father, father. So a born again child of God likewise calls out to God naturally as his Father, Abba, Father. Such intimacy of the relationship is only possible via this spiritual birth, a new birth apart from the flesh and will of man.

This new birth is also likened as an adoption where the sinner, having been born again by the Spirit, is now adopted into the family of God, as a legitimate son of God: **For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (Romans 8:15)** That is why a born again child of God addresses God calling Him Father, together with the Lord Jesus Christ, being joint-heir with Christ for he is now accepted in the beloved: **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (Ephesians 1:5&6)** This new birth is something unheard of in the past. Apart from Adam, the first man created by God was called the son of God,

no man born after the fall of Adam was ever called a son of God. Sons of God are the offspring of God created directly by God as spirit beings. They are created sinless and perfect but this does not imply they are infallible. These sons of God made their appearances in the Old Testament and some of them fell when they cohabited with the daughters of men to corrupt the seeds of men on earth thereby inviting the judgment from God to wipe out the entire world except Noah and his family (Genesis 6). On the other hand, men born in Adam are not sons of God as they are not a direct creation of God created perfect and sinless. They are born dead in trespasses and sin and they cannot claim to be sons of God. Men born into this world are by the will of men and act of the flesh. As such, no man since the fall until the cross has been called a son of God.

Notwithstanding, the term “son of God” is also applied to a corporate body, the nation of Israel. **And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn. (Exodus 4:22&23)** As a nation, Israel is God’s son, even the firstborn son of God. This however, does not imply that every one of the children of Israel is saved. In fact, many of them rebelled and perished. Only Israel as a nation is referred to as God’s son but not individuals in the Old Testament. However, from this corporate body of Israel, the term “Son of God” is further given to a particular person from this nation: **I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (Psalm 2:7)** This verse refers to the Son of God who would one day be manifested in the flesh via the virgin birth not tainted by the sinful nature of fallen man born in Adam. This Son of God is also known as the Son of David when He showed up on earth which even King David acknowledged Him to be his Lord: **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Psalm 110:1)**

This Son of God did not obtain his blood from fallen men but from God: **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (Acts 20:28)** His blood is unique and it is only through His blood that the Church is purchased: **Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes**

of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. (Hebrews 9:12-14, 13:12)** Only His blood is ever efficacious to wash away the sins of sinners whereby the blood from animal sacrifices serves only as types and shadows of this perfect sacrifice of the perfect Lamb of God. Furthermore, redemption is only made possible by the precious blood of Christ: **Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (1 Peter 1:18&19)** No only that, it is by His blood that sinners are made nigh to God: **But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)** Moreover, it is only through His precious blood that sinners can be made kings and priests unto God: **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:5&6)** No blood from Adam however royal can ever accomplish this for fallen men!

So sons of God in the Old Testament are perfect, sinless spirit beings created directly by God and the Son of God is God the very God and in time and history of man, manifested in the flesh via the virgin birth whose Body flows the blood of God to be the perfect sacrifice for Adam's fallen race. But this time, the term "son of God" is given to those who received Christ and they are given power, not just a right, to become the sons of God. The implication is astounding. Sons of God are direct creation of God. Sons of men are direct reproduction of fallen men. So sons of God of saved men in Adam are now new creatures in Christ. This new creature is a direct creation of God for being born of the Spirit. God is directly involved in this new process of procreation of a new human race unknown in the past.

Procreation as far as human effort is concerned, has entered a new era, where God is personally involved in the process of procreating a new creature from sinners born in Adam: **Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are**

become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) This process of divine procreation has given birth to a new man in fallen men. This process of procreation from above concerning fallen men is the second birth the Lord was telling Nicodemus about. This is what it means to be born again. It is not a physical birth where a man gets back into the womb of his natural mother to be born the second time physically. It is a spiritual birth where he comes forth from the womb of the morning of the Creator God. **Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. (Psalm 110:3)** It is this people who shall be willing in the day of God's power to receive Christ and become born again. Sons of God are directly produced by God and they must come from a different womb and not the womb of women born in Adam via the seeds of fallen men.

It is a marvelous act and a miraculous birth. The Creator God is now personally involved in procreation of fallen men, directly creating them perfect and sinless just like spirit beings in the past. The difference with sons of God in the past is that this new man in a sinner is sinless and cannot sin: **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. (1 John 3:9)** This is not the case for those sons of God in the past though created perfect and sinless, including Adam, could sin. This is the true meaning of being born of God. Being born of Adam causes fallen man to inherit a sin nature. Being born of God gives the new man the power to acquire a divine nature: **Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4)** Divinity and sin do not go together. As such, those who possess the divine nature cannot sin. Only born again children of God can be partakers of the divine nature. The natural man in Adam is partaker of his fallen sin nature and that is why every man born in Adam must die: **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)** Because of Adam's transgression, all man born in Adam through a water birth from the womb of a woman must die. The disobedience of one man Adam causes sin and death to enter this world. However, the second Adam from above, by His obedience, God's righteousness is now given to repentant sinners. **Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made**

sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (Romans 5:18&19) So a sinner has to be born again by the Spirit via the womb of God in order to be given the free gift of righteousness and eternal life in Christ: **That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:21)** Only by a spiritual birth through the Spirit of God can offer hope to fallen men to become the sons of God.

In the past, national Israel, as a corporate body is called the firstborn son of God where the Son of God would one day come from this nation. This is a nation that is formed in the womb not of men but of God. **Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; (Isaiah 44:21-24)** It has to be remembered that not every single member from Israel is saved but only the nation of Israel is carried from the womb of God. **Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. (Isaiah 46:3&4)** This is a very different womb from the womb of woman born in Adam. This is the womb that brings forth the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son in which through this nation will come the Seed of the woman, the Son of God from Adam via a virgin birth. This is indeed a great mystery hidden for ages in which even angels desiring to inquire into how the God of Creation will fight this war of ages using the fallen sons of Adam.

After the flood, God separated the people in this world into two categories, the Jews and the Gentiles, in which Israel is God's firstborn son while the Gentiles are outsiders: **That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:**

(Ephesians 2:12) but now the situation has changed. In the past, God deals with the world through the nation of Israel, God's firstborn son, for salvation is of the Jews. Now God has changed the way in which He would deal with sinners in this world. Now that individual sinner can receive Christ and given the power to become sons of God, God is dealing with the world through these sons of God, being members of His Body, the Church. Born again sons of God are new creatures in Christ and the separation imposed upon the Jews from the Gentiles must now change: **For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. (Galatians 6:15)** In this age where sinners being born again in Christ, the distinction between the Jews and the Gentiles no longer applies: **But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. (Ephesians 2:13-18)** So the middle wall of partition has been broken down in Christ and all born again sons of God have equal access to God the Father without having to go through the priesthood from the nation of Israel, God's firstborn son, for they are now sons of God themselves.

In the past, the nation of Israel heralds the message of salvation through their laws to show forth the righteousness of God to the Gentile nations. Now the Church is given the commission to bear these glad tidings of the message of salvation to all mankind by the gospel of Christ. The warfare in the past carried out by Israel as mandated by God involved physical killing of the enemies of God and so procreation of the Jewish race serves towards this end. Now, with the change of the status of individual sinners being born again in Christ to become sons of God, the nature of the warfare has to change as well. Procreation of this race of sons of God is not accomplished by physical birth of having many children in the flesh. Procreation of these sons of God involves the Spirit of God where sinners receive Christ having heard the gospel message of salvation preach to them: **For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was**

**buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
(1 Corinthians 15:3&4)**

Hence, procreation of the human race has entered yet another new phase. A new era has dawned upon mankind on this war of ages where human activities in procreation serve to keep this war of God against Satan going till Satan and his cohorts are finally vanquished. In the beginning, God put His stake on a sinless perfect man, a son of God, in Eden on earth and Satan had to attack him and cause his fall to doom all mankind. Then God planted the nation of Israel and put His stake on a piece of land in the Middle East and claimed Jerusalem to put His Holy Name there. So Satan had to oppose Israel and caused the destruction of Israel. Satan's activities in engaging Israel was by instigating her neighbours to attack Israel and hence, the warfare was fought on earth where Israel and the other nations were engaged in war as proxies of God and Satan. So physical killing was part of the warfare back then to preserve the State of Israel and procreation of the Jewish race was a critical component in this war on earth. However, Satan, being the god of this world, also engaged his fifth column in Israel, to stir them to rebel against Jehovah God causing God to temporarily destroy Israel by removing them from the land promised to their fathers. When the Jews had served their predetermined seventy years of bondage in Babylon, they were allowed to return to their own homeland. However, when the Son of God came through this nation and when they had finally completely rejected Christ as their Messiah and King, the nation of Israel was then temporarily set aside and all its programs for this nation had to be put on the back burner.

Now that sinners from Adam are procreated by God to become sons of God to enter this new age of warfare with Satan, God has put His stake on the Church, the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ. Hence, as expected, Satan has to attack members of this Church on earth. The warfare is no longer physical combat as mandated from heaven upon the Church. Physical killing is not part of the warfare for these new soldiers from the sons of God to engage Satan and his cohorts. **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)** (2 Corinthians 10:4) Whereas in the past, the war was waged in the Middle East on earth, this time, the theatre of war has shifted. Satan could no longer monitor activities on a piece of land in Israel. Satan could not just target Israel as Israel has been set a side for now. This new enemy Satan has to engage is the Church of the living God. Members of this Church are sons of God and are not restricted to one particular locality on earth. This has

opened the battlefield to every part on earth where the sons of God are taking on Satan and his cohorts to help procreate other sons of God under Satan's domain. Though Satan is the god of this world, he has no power to prevent these sons of God to challenge him on his territory to rescue the souls of men from the forces of darkness. The battle is now of a totally different kind where physical killing of men under Satan's control is a thing of the past. It has a more important mission; that is to save them from the power of Satan. Such military activities are waged on two fronts. One is on earth while the other is in heavenly places.

Sons of God are completely different creatures. They are new creatures in Christ. While they live and walk on earth residing in a temporal body born in Adam, they are also sitting in heavenly places in Christ as sons of God: **And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6&7)** Satan being the god of this world as well as the prince of the power of the air, has been having the upper hand over fallen men for a long time. But now the tide is turning against him. With the entrance of the sons of God, whose presence and power are not restricted to planet Earth, they can now challenge Satan and his cohorts in every corner on earth as well as in heaven being given the access into the throne of grace and by the power of prayer, they have wrought much damage to Satan and his kingdom. This war of ages has suddenly opened up to so many fronts and keeping watch over just the Jewish race is no longer possible for Satan to thwart his eventual doom. Procreation of the Jewish race is no more a serious threat to Satan than procreation of this race of born again sons of God. Procreation of sons of God has crossed national boundaries and every tribe and tongue and race of fallen men are fair game and with such a huge army of sons of God confronting Satan and his devils everywhere, it is inflicting the soon final blow to put his kingdom out of business.

So down through this new era of the Church age where the Church has been promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against her, the sons of God are storming the kingdom of Satan relentlessly. Sons of God are procreated by the Spirit of God everywhere on earth where the gospel seeds are sown by these redeemed sons of God. The warfare is spiritual and not carnal and sons of God no longer get involved with physical killing of the enemies of God. The arsenals of these sons of God are much greater than the children of Israel in the past where activities and firepower of their weapons

are restricted to earthly application with limited range. This time, the sons of God are equipped with weapons that are not carnal and they are so powerful that the heavens are the new theatre opened up to fallen men redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (2 Corinthians 10:4&5)** Being equipped with such a fine array of weapons that can pull down strong holds of the enemies of God, the sons of God now have access to the minds of the fallen race of Adam to plant the gospel seed and the knowledge of God: **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)** Hence, the theatre of war is now changed and this war is no longer limited to planet Earth. This is in fact an astral spiritual war where these redeemed sons of God are capable of fighting. Nowhere is off limit to the sons of God where they are led to fight this great fight of faith to procreate more sons of God onto their side by the Spirit of God.

In the beginning, Satan messed with the mind of Eve and caused her to be deceived. Now, the sons of God have the ability to contend for the faith and take on Satan and rescued the fallen sons of men from damnation for Satan is responsible for blinding the minds of men from the faith in Christ: **But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (2 Corinthians 4:3&4)** This warfare of the mind is open to the sons of God to fight this very insidious and treacherous war within the hearts and minds of men without physically killing them but rescuing them and by the Spirit of God, quickens them and creates in them a new creature in Christ. This multiplier effect of procreating sons of God within the rank of Satan's domain where fallen men are held captive by him will culminate in the soon collapse of the kingdom of darkness. Being differently equipped with new armaments for sons of God raised from fallen men, Satan has no answer to the continuous and relentless onslaught of this new army of new creatures in Christ.

Satan thought when he killed the King of the Jews, the Messiah of Israel, he would put an end to the national aspiration of Israel to have a King

over them to bring in the Kingdom. Little did he realize that this King of the Jews was not interested in just reigning over Israel but to take over the kingdoms of the world from Satan and banished him forever from fallen men. Hence, when the Church of the living God is commissioned into a new phase of warfare with the sons of God taking on Satan and his cohort everywhere, Satan has to concede defeat where those under his dominion can now turn against him when they likewise become new creatures in Christ. In the past, Satan has his fifth column within Israel to do his bidding but now, his own influence on fallen men has been broken. The war has become decentralized. Israel is no longer the battlefield when the Seed of the woman has come and moreover this Messiah of Israel has accomplished the purpose of taking away the sin of the world through the atoning death of Himself as the perfect Lamb of God. Initially, Satan's response to this sudden uprising against him and his kingdom by the sons of God was to persecute them and put them to death. Like Pharaoh in the past, the more Satan motivated fallen men to persecute and kill the sons of God physically, the more they multiplied and the gospel even reached the household of Caesar. This strategy proved to be wrong as Satan did not know that the blood of the martyrs of Christ was the seed of the Church. The zeal of early Christian sons of God took the kingdom of Satan by storm. They were loyal to the cause of the gospel and of Christ and they rescued the perishing sons of Adam from Satan everywhere day in and day out and nowhere was beyond their reach including palaces of kings and princes.

Then Satan has to adapt to this new warfare waged not only on his own turf on earth but also in heaven. He has to accuse the brethren in heaven but the risen Son of God is the Advocate before God defending His redeemed sons of God on earth engaging Satan and his devils and so Satan cannot hope to win even in the courts in heaven. So he has to infiltrate the Church on earth with false brethren to sow discords among the brethren. Satan also comes up with false doctrines and false bibles to try to corrupt the minds of these sons of God to slow down their assault on his kingdom. This strategy proves to be working as time goes by where the Church on earth becomes lukewarm concerning this spiritual warfare to procreate more and more sons of God from fallen men. There are many false gospels to blind men from the true knowledge of this true and living God. False churches are springing up everywhere to provide the answer to the effort of true sons of God sowing gospel seeds to rescue men from hell. Satan is trying to copy the work and effort as well as the zeal of true Christian soldiers and he has his own ministers: **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. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15) In this way, Satan still manages to capture a large market of fallen men for himself and damned them with him in hell.

While sons of God are equipped with weapons for spiritual warfare, they are also born in Adam with a sin nature. There are limitations to what these sons of God can do on earth even being equipped with superior firepower to inflict great harm to Satan's kingdom. Sons of God are also easily distracted with many things on earth due to having to reside in the body of death acquire from Adam. The fleshly nature in sons of God is a hindrance to their fight in this war of ages. Procreation of sons of God is not a physical means but a spiritual birth from a spiritual quickening by the Spirit of God. Unlike the children of Israel being blessed to be fruitful and multiply to occupy a land to be a nation, sons of God redeemed from fallen men are not given the same commission and blessing to multiply with many earthly children for they have no earthly nation to occupy to call their own. They are called out of this world as a holy nation looking for a better country where the city has foundations whose builder and maker is God. They are commissioned to be fruitful in labouring to sow the gospel seed in this great work of the Spirit in procreating other sons of God. While earthly marriage is still relevant for these Christian soldiers, no mandate is given to them to have children, let alone having many children in the family on earth. In fact, it is even commended that Christian sons of God have lesser distraction in attending upon the Lord if they are not married and so procreating many earthly children is not a commandment from the Lord. While polygamy is acceptable in the Old Testament for Israel, it is not recommended for the Church in the New Testament.

Having many wives and children are not the preoccupation of sons of God on earth. They have a greater mission in this life and entanglement in earthly affairs has to be managed carefully in this war of ages. Having many children is certainly a distraction. While it is not wrong or a sin to have many children, the effectiveness of the Christian soldier will be diminished. This is especially the case where having to provide for the family in this life and this will surely take up a lot of his precious time on earth. Of course, some super pious Christians would call having as many earthly children as God would give is living by faith. But when they get into financial trouble,

they expect other Christians to bail them out or worse, go to the State for handouts so that they can continue their fleshly procreation activities. Procreation is a means to provide for some by this unrighteous way. They look down on other Christians who do not have children or have fewer children. They cannot believe God gives Christians a free will to make their own choice on family planning in order to be effective in attending upon the Lord without distraction.

Some Christians are unfortunate enough that they could not have children no matter how hard they try and they are ridiculed with scorn by these pious Christians that they are somehow living in sin and God is not blessing them with children. So there are Christians who have many children for the wrong motives and they fail to realize that they have not been a good steward of their time as far as fighting the war of ages is concerned. The apostle Paul even deliberately remained single so that he could fight God's battle and bring the gospel to the corner of the earth. Thus, earthly procreation has taken on a different perspective for born again sons of God. The second birth by the Spirit is more important than the first birth via water. It is in this light that redeemed sons of God should live their earthly lives.

Israel and the Church are not the same. The Church does not need many earthly children to speak with the enemies in the gate. Procreation of sons of God are not just from one's own family but the world at large. Members from this Church seek to convert many fallen men into sons of God to speak with the true spiritual enemies in the gates of hell. Unlike the children of Israel who are even allowed polygamy in marriage, having how many children is no more a major concern for the New Testament Church. Notwithstanding, having children could also be advantages in this earthly life to keep Christians, especially women away from trouble. There is a tendency for women to be busy bodies if they are not kept busy in the home: **I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. (1 Timothy 5:14)** The nature of an unfulfilled womb does not change even for redeemed children of God: **The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. (Proverb 30:16)** In this respect, having children is good and proper. It is not how many children a family should have; it is how many they can handle in order to remain faithful and effective in fighting the good fight of faith by holding forth the word of life to sinners in this world.

There are many exhortations for blood bought children of God to set their affections on things above and mind the Father's business in the New Testament. In fact, there are times that getting married is not a good idea and the apostle Paul also discourages marriage under certain circumstances: **I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. (1 Corinthians 7:26)** There will be Christians living in different times in different parts of the world who will face distress. In situation like this, marriage is not even recommended, let alone having as many children as the Lord would give. If the apostle Paul even discouraged some Christians from marriage, then Christians should use wisdom and common sense to manage their family life and decide how many children they might wish to have based on their own set of circumstances. It would be foolish to apply a uniform standard for Christians all over the world to conform to one notion of having as many children as possible. This is not living by faith but living by presumption. This is tempting God and blackmailing God to provide for them when they refuse to seek God's Kingdom first and His righteousness. Having as many children as possible is not necessarily evidence of faith in God but being presumptuous and failing to understand God's will from His holy words. Women are not just childbearing machines. Family life is very important to maintain a good testimony for Christ before those who are yet to be born again into the family of God. Living in financial disaster because of having as many children as the wife can bear and should there even be children who are handicapped born to them, the stress on the family would be too much to bear. How can this be evidence of faith in the Lord and fighting the good fight of faith in storming the gates of hell to rescue the perishing? How would the unsaved even contemplate to become like them and live their lives in misery? This is certainly not God's blessing upon a family in disaster. This is definitely not suffering for Christ's sake but self-will and folly.

Some might still contend that having many children and even handicapped children is to bear the cross of Christ. But they forget that cross bearing involves forsaking all including parents, wife and children to live for Christ. It is not having many children in order to live for Christ and call it a cross when they get into trouble because of their own folly. While it might be true that God sends trials and troubles to a family having many children which could be considered a cross for them to bear, but such a notion cannot be forced upon every family by calling it cross bearing for Christ. This cannot be a universal standard to be enforced on all Christian families all over the world. Living by faith and living by presumption are separated by a

very thin fine line. No one can judge whether a family is living by faith if they have more or less children. It is God who will judge their stewardship based on the resources allocated to them. The war of ages is very different now under the Church age.

Though marriage instituted in order to avoid fornication and earthly procreation are necessary to keep Christians away from trouble, they have to remember to have the right priority to put the Lord first in this earthly life because there is a war going and no one is exempted from this spiritual warfare. Satan and his cohorts are busy counterfeiting the work of those faithful sons of God by planting false churches, infiltrating true churches with false brethren, corrupting the Bible with false doctrines, producing false bibles and raising up false teachers and ministers. As such, redeemed sons of God have to manage their family matters carefully for they have been called out of this world and they are equipped with weapons to storm the gates of hell to rescue the many perishing sons of Adam. They have a greater mission in the work of procreating other sons of God via the pure gospel of Christ than earthly procreation of many children that might slow them down. Towards the end of this era of the war of the sons of God from the Church, another era is dawning upon this fallen world. The transition from Israel to the Church is now returning back to the transition of the Church to Israel. A new phase of the war is on the horizon and procreation of the human race is one of trouble and bitterness.

Procreation of the human race has been going on for thousands of years. When the Messiah finally came, and opened up the entire warfront for redeemed sons of God from fallen men, Israel has been set aside for coming to two thousand years. The time will soon come when the programs postponed for all these years will be reactivated. What God promised Abraham and his descendants must come to past. What God promised King David and understood by the Jews must also be fulfilled otherwise, the enemies would have occasion to charge God for lying: **He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (Luke 1:32&33)** This Seed of the woman promised since the fall of man, came through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob then via the lineage of David, was the King of the Jews. When questioned by the governor Pilate, the Lord Jesus Christ confirmed this truth: **Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. (John 18:37)**

But the children of Israel soundly rejected their Messiah and King and chose a pagan king over them: **And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. (John 19:14&15)** Even a Gentile governor knew Christ was innocent but he could do nothing to free Christ because of the rebellion of the Jews: **When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. (Matthew 27:24&25)** So for two thousand years, the children of Israel have been paying for their crime against their own King and millions have been hounded, persecuted and perished in the hands of their enemies. This account is still not finally settled. More bloodshed is on the way for the Jewish people.

Notwithstanding, God promised Abraham posterity in this race of people and this race would be preserved. It has been proven time and again that the Jewish race will survive Satan's devices to wipe them off from the

planet of the earth. Pharaoh tried and engineered a genocidal program only later to have his own people slaughtered. Haman attempted to wipe the Jews off the Persian Empire and only to have his own family and people killed in a massive scale. So what God promised the fathers of the Jews, He certainly would perform it unto the end. While the Jews are God's chosen people, not all of them are saved redeemed sons of Abraham: **Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: (Romans 9:6)** Even those born of Israel are subject to influence from the god of this world to turn them to rebel against God. But the Jewish race will persevere above all those who would design their harm for God has promised blessing upon those who bless them and curse those who curse them. Procreation of the Jewish people will continue for God has promised them a King to sit on the throne of David to rule over them for perpetuity. If the Jewish race could be destroyed, the King of the Jews cannot return to earth to reign over them and this would prove God's inability to keep His promise. Hence the Jewish people have been subjected to mass slaughter from without and within since their establishment as a nation and a people because they are God's chosen people and Satan must destroy these people for his own preservation. Procreation of the Jewish race is within the scope of God's radar screen in the war of ages with Satan. God will not allow the Jews to be completely wiped out from the planet.

With the end of the Church age where the sons of God redeemed from fallen men removed from earth to their heavenly habitation, Israel will become the focus of attention in the world again. The nation of Israel has been gathered and reestablished in their own homeland again for coming to sixty years now after nearly thousand years of dispersal. The programs for their ascendancy are coming right on schedule. Just like the transition from Israel to the Church age was traumatic with upheavals and uncertainty, the transition from the Church back to Israel would be even more catastrophic but this time on a global scale. The Jewish people would be the focus of this war of ages again. They are now back in their own Bible homeland and this would be the perfect time to wipe them off completely. For thousands of years they have survived one genocide to another, this time they would be target for mass extermination by their enemies. Procreation of this race has been successful in spite of their many disasters and setback, especially when they lost their favour before the Creator God who planted them in Israel. However, this time is not a good time for procreation activities. The events leading to their experiencing the time of Jacob's trouble as prophesied by their prophets are something that is so earth shattering that if God does not

interfere and intervene on their behalf, not one Jew would survive this coming slaughter. This event is also told by none other than the King of the Jews Himself: **And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:20-24)**

This concerns Jerusalem, a very small piece of land on earth and yet men are fighting to take possession of it just because God has put His stake there: **And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. (Zechariah 12:3)** Jerusalem will one day be under siege and woes are pronounced upon those with child and those who are nursing young children. This great distress is much greater than the distress the apostle Paul mentioned that it would not be a good time to get married. As for those women who are expecting and those who are nursing their babies, it would be a time of great trials and tribulation. They would become easy targets and their lives would not be spared during such a time like this. Procreation is surely not a blessing during such a time and those who cannot bear children become a source of blessing: **For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. (Luke 23:29&30)** Those who are barren no longer envy those with children during such perilous times. The order has been reversed and childbearing becomes an enormous burden. Procreation during such times like this has no place and having the quiver full of them is no longer relevant.

During such a time of judgment from heaven to exact vengeance on disobedience of the nation of Israel as well as the sinners in this world, a more important procreation is actually taking place. All these calamities that are taking place on earth are but birth pangs; in particular, the birth pangs of

a nation awaiting to be born: **Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. O LORD. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. (Isaiah 26:17, 66:7&8)** The travail of Zion is the time of Jacob's trouble. This concerns the birth of a nation; actually, the second birth of this nation of Israel. Israel was first born when they came out of Egypt. Their first birth was no good just like every sinner born into this world. Their first birth via the waters of the Red Sea led by Moses could not secure them eternal rest as a nation: **For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (Hebrews 4:8-11)** This nation of Israel has to be born again which the apostle Peter called the restitution of all things when the times of refreshing come upon them: **Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. (Acts 3:19-21)**

The nation of Israel is dead in trespasses and sin at this point and needed to be saved. Not everyone born into Israel will be saved but only a remnant: **Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: (Romans 9:27)** This is a historical fact down through the history of the nation of Israel. The rebellion of the nation of Israel against God is legendary. The apostle Paul understood this historical and theological fact very well. His burden for his own brethren in the flesh was well documented. He always made it a point to preach the gospel to the Jews first for God had first called Israel from the rest of the nations to be His people. Paul recorded his burden for the nation of Israel in no uncertain terms: **Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. (Romans 10:1)** In fact, the apostle Paul wrote earlier that like Moses, he wished himself to be accursed so that the nation of Israel

might be saved: **I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: (Romans 9:1-3)** His great heaviness for his brethren in the flesh would one day be fulfilled according to God's prophetic timetable: **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (Romans 11:25-27)**

So at this point in history, Israel remains in unbelief. They are waiting for the day where the nation will be born at once. This will be the day that God will take away the sin of the nation just like God takes away the sin of a sinner the moment he becomes born again in Christ. Before this day comes when the redeemed sons of God have been removed from the earth, this nation of Israel on earth will undergo extremely severe trials and tribulations. Procreation of earthly children for this nation has been taken for granted for many years. The children of Israel multiplied when they were afflicted in Egypt under cruel bondage. But this time when they have to face the time of Jacob's trouble, childbearing is no longer joyous. For a terrible time unheard of since the beginning of this nation is planned for them: **And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! (Matthews 24:19)** The joy and celebration of a newborn's arrival into the Jewish family will not be the case during this terrible time. Circumcision of the male baby on the eighth day might not even be possible. This is a time reserved for them where Satan thought he could extinguish the Jewish people from the face of the earth: **And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:17)** The nation of Israel will no doubt suffer tremendously during this time, especially for those with child and young children: **But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! (Mark 13:17)** A curse is issued to those with children during such a time. In fact, such a situation is not new. The prophet Jeremiah was given a command not to marry during his time: **Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. For thus**

saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land; They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. (Jeremiah 16:2-4) Jeremiah was living during the time when the Southern Kingdom of Israel was about to be carried away to Babylon. He was given specific instruction not to get married let alone have children. This is in parallel with the advice the apostle Paul gave to some Christians to remain single because of some present distress. As such, having as many children the Lord would give is not an act of faith, let alone living by faith. It is utter folly to be presumptuous and tempt the Lord when circumstances do not permit them to marry or to have children.

During the time of Jacob's trouble, it is certainly not good to have children. Jeremiah saw what happened to his people during their distress when Jerusalem was under siege: **Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord? (Lamentation 2:20)** Such terror of women eating their own babies and children were unthinkable but it did happen in the history of the nation of Israel. From the perspective for the sufferings of young children during such a troublous time, the prophet Jeremiah offered his experience when Israel was under tribulations: **Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. (Jeremiah 20:14&15)** When the redeemed sons of God leave planet Earth so that Israel may resume her programs of eventual exaltation as the head of the nations on earth (Deuteronomy 28:13), earthly procreation of children has entered a completely different phase. The emphasis is no longer reproducing many children on earth but the coming rebirth for the nation of Israel and salvation for the Gentile nations to enter the Kingdom. This will entail terrible times of trouble the world has yet to experience. Fire and hailstones falling from above, floods and earthquakes wrecking havoc on earth, and madness of men following after Satan to worship the Beast and taking his mark will reduce the world population by more than two-thirds. The theatre of war then will once again be shifted back to its original location in Israel, in

particular Jerusalem and the Temple standing there. The Lord had already warned: **And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (Luke 21:20, Matthew 24:15,16&21)**

It is under such a time where the enemies of Israel would be completely destroyed and the prophets in the Old Testament prophesied of her deliverance: **But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's. (Obadiah 1:17&21)** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion. (Joel 2:32, 3:16,17,21)

The judgment of the nations on earth will come to a crescendo with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ coming from heaven with His Church, and saints as well as angels. This is the time for the rebirth of the nation of Israel for the children of Israel will finally acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as their King and mourn for Him: **And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their**

wives apart; The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. (Zechariah 12:10-14) This will indeed be a wonderful reunion day for the nation of Israel where the Son of David they lost has returned in resurrection glory much like Job who got back all his children when he was delivered from his tribulation. This picture is also given by the apostle John when he wrote: **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 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 1:5-7)** The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the unmistakable King of Israel when He comes back to earth to take over all the kingdoms of the world from Satan, who is the god of this world. Procreation of the nation of Israel as a nation is finally complete when all of Israel is saved according to the revelation of the apostles. When this period of tribulation is over, the Kingdom age is ushered in where procreation of the human race continues for another one thousand years on this renovated earth.

This war of ages that has been waging for several thousand years now concerns who has the right to reign on earth. Lucifer lost his right to rule on the original earth and was expelled from the first Eden (Ezekiel 28) when he rebelled. Adam lost his right to rule on earth and was expelled from the Garden of Eden where the tree of life was when he transgressed against God. When Israel was chosen to be a model nation of kingdom of priests on earth, she was set aside when she rejected her Messiah and King. Now that Israel has been born again, a converted nation acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as their King, the Greater Son of David, the Kingdom reign must begin. What God promised the fathers of Israel will now come to pass. What the Lord Jesus Christ promised the apostles must also be fulfilled: **And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:28)** The Lord Jesus Christ coming back to earth to take over all the kingdoms of the world is an unmistakable event and no one can stop this from happening. The Lord's return is one of glory: **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: (Matthew 25:31)** This glorious return of Christ will vanquish all those who are motivated by Satan to destroy the chosen people of God. The apostle John recorded what he saw concerning this glorious triumphant return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews to take over His rightful throne on earth.

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. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit

on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. (Revelation 19:11-21)

The apostle Paul also wrote about this event: **In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (2 Thessalonians 1:8-10)** This glorious return of the Son of God leading His army of sons of God and angels will sealed the fate of those enemies who hate Him and His saints and established the Kingdom on earth. With the capture of the beast and the false prophet having a time wrecking havoc on earth and having them thrown alive into the lake of fire to be punished forever, Satan is next to be dealt with. **And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And 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. (Revelation 20:1-3)** So Satan the Devil is finally incarcerated for a thousand years. In the past, he was given free access even into heaven to accuse the brethren and deceiving the nations on earth. But this time, he will be put in prison of the bottomless pit. This will allow the Kingdom of heaven to be established on earth just like in ages past when Adam was first created and after his fall.

The taking over of all the kingdoms on earth will be a reality during the Kingdom age: **And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and**

ever. **(Revelation 11:15)** The judgment of the kingdoms on earth will begin according to **Matthew 25:32: 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:** where the saved nations will hear the Lord tell them: **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: (Matthew 25:34)** while the lost nations shall be damned: **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)** These are nations of people on earth at the end of the time of Jacob's trouble. They are not sons of God and resurrected saints returning from heaven with the King of Kings to take over the kingdoms in this world. These people are men and women in this world who survived the holocaust during the great tribulation and they do not possess a glorified resurrected body of the saints. These are nations of people who will be judged based on how they have treated the brethren of the Lord (Matthew 25:31-46). The saved nations of people will enter into life in the Kingdom while the lost nations of people will be killed and cast into hell fire to be tormented forever. Hence, the Millennial Kingdom of will begin with sons of God and saints reigning with Christ over all the nations of people on this earth with Israel exalted to be the Head of nations.

The prophets of old also foresaw such an event: **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. 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. (Micah 4:1-4&7)**

Having every man sit under his vine and fig tree is the promised to Abraham where the Seed of the woman via Abraham shall all families on earth be blessed. No one shall make them afraid anymore for their God and King is now sitting on the throne of David reigning over all the earth. Peace and blessing would be upon the earth for a thousand years. When the Lord proclaims peace, no one can cause trouble for during his earthly ministry, He rebuked the wind and halted the storm and brought peace as well. This time peace is secured on earth when Satan is no longer around to deceive the sons of men to instigate them to rebel against God. The children of Israel will sing and rejoice in that day when the Lord reigns from Zion: **Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. (Zechariah 2:10)** For many years, Israel had been rebellious and truth had fallen to the ground where Jerusalem was the place they crucified the Lord of glory and killed His saints: **And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (Revelation 11:8)** Now with the return of the rightful King on the throne, Zion is the city of truth as Jesus is the truth: **Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. (Zechariah 8:3)**

Now the people shall dwell in peace with every man sitting under his vine and fig tree rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. For during that time, there will be no killing on earth when the King is on the throne and the sons of God and Christ's servants shall be reigning with Him as kings and priests governing the whole earth: **For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)** This is like the pre flood days during Noah's time where no animals are reported to be killing and eating one another. **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)** Men and beasts shall dwell in peace and wild animals will become pets for children during those days. Animals shall become herbivorous again and

bloodshed will be a thing of the past. Peace shall prevail on earth for the knowledge of the Lord shall be here as the waters cover the sea.

Israel shall be firmly established on their own homeland with the division of the twelve tribes according to the commandment given to Ezekiel two thousand five hundred years ago (Ezekiel 48). Healing of the nations and the land will proceed from the Millennium Temple in Jerusalem as prophesied in Ezekiel 47. Temple worship will be reestablished and the feasts and offerings will be observed like the days of old but they are no longer shadows and types of the perfect sacrifice of Christ for sinners but memorials of what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for fallen men. The Passover will be celebrated and the feast of unleavened bread observed but the lamb is not required as the Lamb of God is now on the throne: **In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. (Ezekiel 45:21)** It reminiscences the Lord's Supper observed by the Church age sons of God to remember what the Lord has done for them. The Temple worship and worship of the King of kings is compulsory during this time and punishment will be meted out swiftly to those who fail to keep these commandment of the great King: **And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. (Zechariah 14:17&18)** This prophecy has not taken place in the past and it will take place during the Kingdom age.

The conditions will mirror those days before the flood except this time the King of kings is on the throne reigning on earth. Life span of men will be greatly prolonged: **There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. (Isaiah 65:20)** So while there will still be death and punishment for rebellion of sinners on earth who escaped the judgment during the time of Jacob's trouble, mortality rate will go down and men would be able to live as long as the reign of Christ on earth. Procreation will continue on earth from these men born from Adam who have entered the Kingdom. Before Noah's flood, men were living on earth in the presence of the gods that Eve desired to become where the sons of God also fell for the daughters of men. In the Kingdom age, men will continue to live in the presence of the

redeemed sons of God ruling over them with Christ sitting on the throne in Jerusalem.

Fallen men will live in the complete manifestation of the sons of God and saints under this Kingdom of heaven where the days heaven is now upon the earth: **That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. (Deuteronomy 11:21)** This is the deliverance even for the earth and all things under bondage because of sin as spoken of by the apostle Paul: **For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. (Romans 8:19-22)** The manifestation of the sons of God is a glorious time on earth; the true golden age of mankind in the history of fallen men. This is also the time of refreshing and restitution of all things the apostle Peter preached during the early days to the Jews: **Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. (Acts 3:19-21)**

So procreation of men will continue and the human race will be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth where more than two-thirds of the world's population has been eliminated. This is still much less in proportion to the population wiped out during Noah's flood. So the spring time of mankind has come once again. It is God's will for men to multiply on earth for the earth is given to the children of men: **The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. (Psalm 115:16)** This was the original intention when the Lord God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden on earth. They were told to be fruitful and multiply to replenish the earth. Here men are now fruitful and they multiply to replenish a depopulated earth.

In the past, fallen men during Noah's time were living under the dominion of the god of this world to cause them to rebel against God. Now

in the Kingdom of heaven, men are living under the rule of the God, the King of kings on earth. In the beginning, the sinless Adam created directly by God fell for failing to obey God. This time, fallen men living in the Kingdom age under a perfect divine government (Isaiah 9:7), will be given a chance to prove their obedience to God during this time to obtain eternal life in the future. In the beginning, the sinless Adam could not have died even though the tree of life was not eaten but this fruit to enable Adam to obtain eternal life where death could not molest became a forbidden fruit after Adam's fall. Under the Kingdom reign of Christ, the tree of life is still not restored. Fallen men still have to prove their obedience to God reigning on earth to obtain eternal life in order to live forever where death cannot touch them. Obedience is still the central issue for men living in a perfect environment under a perfect divine government. So children are allowed to continue to be born during this time with a sin nature but they cannot blame the devil for causing their fall for they have already fallen in Adam but given a chance to prove their obedience to God in paradise on earth. Moreover, Satan is incarcerated in the bottomless pit during this time and redeemed sons of God and saints reigning as kings and priests will be there to show forth God's righteousness and judgment. Notwithstanding, procreation would enter a golden age where mortality rate is extremely low and length of days is restored to men living in paradise under the rule of heaven with Christ reigning on earth. World population would explode and the earth would be replenished when the earth is full of knowledge of the Lord as waters cover the sea.

However, fallen men will still rebel and some will die in their rebellion in spite of the King of kings sitting on His throne in Jerusalem ruling the nations with the rod of iron. Judgment will be meted out swiftly to those who sin during this kingdom age: **And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. (Zechariah 13:3)** In the previous ages, false prophets were tolerated to prove whether God's people would follow them or obey God and false prophets were given time to repent but during this time, they would not be spared even by their own parents. So under the Kingdom age, God is still giving fallen men time to prove themselves under God ruling directly over them. Procreation of men allows more men to come into this world. God is still in the process of redeeming a race of people from all ages who would obey Him.

Many will pledge allegiance to the King of kings and Lord of lords during this time of longevity, fruitfulness, prosperity, abundance and blessings where the days of heaven are now on earth. As to how many of these fallen men from the saved nations who survived the time of Jacob's trouble and those born of them during the Kingdom would truly obey God, there is a final test waiting for them. For this Kingdom age is given a predetermined time where Satan is held in prison. He would soon be released to deceive the people on earth to choose between obeying and worshipping God or follow Satan seeking a regime change. Apparently, some have been paying lips service in obeying, honouring and worshipping the King of kings in Jerusalem for a long time now. For those who think they have had enough under a divine dictatorship where the earth has brought forth abundance and men live many days on earth under the Lord Jesus Christ, they will join Satan in a final showdown with Almighty God and His saints. This is the final war of all wars and the mother of all battles to settle the controversy of all ages and to determine the final state of a future eternity that will secure everlasting peace.

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 for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:7-10)

Eventually, Satan is still used by God to prove men whether they would obey Him and worship Him as God and King. After a thousand years in solitary confinement, Satan is still preoccupied with deceiving men to join him in rebellion against God in this war of ages. Repentance is furthest from his mind and it is impossible for spirit beings to repent once they have fallen. Since Satan and his fallen angels cannot reproduce so they have to recruit. But men are given the capability to reproduce and this capability to reproduce exponentially is awesome and Satan must tap into this potential of men to prevent his own doom. He still thinks it is possible to fight against God and win. Since the day he wanted to be like the Most High, there is no

turning back for this most beautiful creature created before the history of men.

When Satan is released from prison after a thousand years, he found a captive and ready audience who would be willing to join him in a regime change. This fit right into Satan's strategy insanely believing he could win in this war against Almighty God. This time, there is no time of Jacob's trouble to prove Israel for all of Israel have been saved and Israel has been a converted nation where Christ is reigning as her Messiah and King. This final war of ages is to exterminate those nations of people who join Satan to rebel against the Most High. Those men and women who did not rebel but side with the King in Jerusalem and His saints will be delivered from death where the fire of God falls from heaven to devour only all the enemies of God.

So fallen men like angels are free moral agents given a free will to choose between obeying God and disobeying Him. Those who obey God are redeemed even though they are born dead in trespasses and sin. Those who choose to rebel against the light God gives to them to know Him and His will, God will allow them to join Satan and his fallen angels to be punished forever in hell fire. Here after the final war of ages culminating in the ultimate destruction of planet Earth with Satan and those rebellious fallen men who have lived in peace and prosperity as well as blessings under the rule of heaven brought in by the King of kings and Lord of lords for a thousand years will meet their eventual doom in the lake of fire. The two earliest inhabitants in the lake of fire having been tormented for a thousand years will now get to meet many of those who have likewise challenged God to prove they can live apart from Almighty God and His directive will. They choose to stand against the counsel of the Most High. So they have had their just recompense of reward for following after their own will to rebel against Almighty God like Lucifer in ancient time past.

With the final judgment meted out on the White Throne where heaven and earth have passed away, the all wise Creator God of time and history will usher in the eternal age of the Kingdom of God and heaven reunited as one: **Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)** Here finally death, the last enemy is destroyed: **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 20:14&15)** With the second death meted out to those rebels in time and history of the old world, death and hell cast into the lake of fire, death vanishes from the future reality. Death enters because of sin but in the eternal age, sin and death are forever eradicated from the real world of glory and bliss. Here comes the brand new world in eternity. An era of perfect holiness and blessedness in everlasting glory where the presence of God is permanent for all His creatures is finally dawning upon a new world.

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. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Earth and heaven go together and the sun and moon and the stars are secondary in God's creation. The first heaven and first earth are a thing of the past. The new heaven and new earth are here to stay. Here, God is still emphasizing on heaven and earth and not the sun, moon and stars. True light comes from the Creator God and not lights from the planetary stars. So this new heaven and

new earth are the future habitation of the redeemed race of human race, angels and spirits of just men made perfect. The holy city in the age of eternity is the city, which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God; for this city is not built by men but this city comes down from heaven. The description of this glorious city is too fascinating for the human minds of men to fully comprehend.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither

whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 21:10-27)

Since the beginning of time, men built cities. Here Almighty God builds this city. In the past, cities on earth needed light from the sun and the moon. This holy city needs no light, for the glory of God is the light thereof. In the past fallen men went to the holy city to worship. In eternity redeemed men from saved nations go to this holy city bringing their glory to this eternal holy city for God is now finally dwelling with men whose sins are no more. It is like in the beginning where Adam and Eve could fellowship with the Lord God face to face before the fall. In previous ages, holy city needed gates to guard against the enemies. Here in eternity, the gates of this holy city shall not be shut as all enemies have been vanquished. There is no night there as this world has entered the age of an eternal day. All those written in the book of life are the privileged ones to visit this holy city for all eternity. The throne of God in eternity will be the source of sustenance and life. For God is the Creator of life and the Man Christ Jesus claims He is the truth, the way and the life.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22:1-5)

The former earth in which Adam lived was sustained by a river from Eden that parted into four heads (Genesis 2:10). The tree of life was then inside the Garden of Eden. During the Millennium reign of Christ, a river flowing out from the temple in Jerusalem provides the sustenance and healing of the land (Ezekiel 47). In eternity, this world will be sustained by a river coming right from the throne of God. The water of life is getting closer to God, the true source of life. What the Psalmist saw will be fulfilled: **There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. (Psalm 46:4)** In the

former earth, the ground was cursed because of sin. In the eternal world, the curse is no more. The tree of life makes its appearance again on this new earth. This time, it is not only one tree of life in the midst of the Garden; it is the abundance of the tree of life on either side of the river in paradise. Here the servants of God shall serve Him all sealed with God's name on their foreheads having been redeemed by this great and gracious God who loves them. The requirements expected of men is to do God's commandment: **Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)** For those redeemed sons of God from fallen men during the Church age, eternal life is completely secured in Christ. The tree of life here has no consequence for them.

For the saints in other ages, in particular, during the Millennium reign of Christ, the tree of life is here to provide them healing and eternal life. Those men and women who stood with God and His servants at the end of the Millennium reign against Satan and the rebels are the ones who do God's commandment and as such, they will be given the right to the tree of life in eternity. These redeemed sons of men will still be earth bound like Adam in the beginning expected to be fruitful and multiply. In this new earth, sons of men are to replace Adam in the beginning, given the blessing to be fruitful and multiply to replenish this brand new earth where the sea is no more: **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. (Revelation 21:1)** For the former earth was depopulated when the discontented sinners joined Satan in his final rebellion seeking to overthrow the Lord Jesus Christ's reign on earth.

In the new heaven and earth, there will be nations of men and women going into the holy city to worship the thrice Holy God. These redeemed children from the former world living in the Kingdom age will procreate to replenish the earth. They will fulfill what Adam and Eve failed in the beginning. These redeemed men and women who pass God's test of obedience during the Millennium Kingdom are now sinless having eternal life obtained from the tree of life as their reward. They will reproduce after their kind of sinless children who will obtain eternal life from the tree of life given freely to them. Sinless human will produce sinless human and heaven and earth will unite as one. Satan and his fallen angels will be destroyed and tormented forever in the lake of fire and there will be no more tempters in eternity to tempt anyone to rebel against God. The days of heaven shall be

upon the earth and this time it will be forever as the earth shall be full of the perfect knowledge of the Lord as the waters of life shall cover this blessed land of bliss. With the redeemed sons of God from the Church age to replace the fallen sons of God in the beginning, these redeemed children of men from the Kingdom age will procreate to fulfill the original intention of God for them to be fruitful to multiply and live on earth forever.

In the beginning, Adam had failed to procreate before his fall during his sinless state. It is now taken over by the sinless nations of men and women on earth who kept God's commandment and given the right to the tree of life. Had Adam obeyed God and kept God's commandment in the beginning, he would have been rewarded with the tree of life and he would reproduce after his kind of sinless men to replenish the earth. After the fall, fallen men reproduced fallen men in need of salvation in which was accomplished by the divine procreation of the God-Man, Christ Jesus, via the virgin birth. Procreation of the nation of Israel serves this end to bring forth the Messiah, the King of the Jews and the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world. Procreation by the redeemed sons of God during the Church age reproduced spiritual children washed by the blood of Christ. They in turn multiplied and reproduced spiritual sons of God sitting in heavenly places to replace the fallen sons of God in the past. During the Millennium reign of Christ, fallen men having escaped the time of Jacob's trouble, still reproduced after their kind like the days before the flood living in longevity. The Lord Jesus Christ tells us: **For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. (Matthew 22:30)** Resurrected saints do not marry and reproduce physical earthly children. They rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium reign on earth. Saved men and women from the Kingdom age who did not join Satan in his final rebellion did not die and they will enter eternity in sinless state having been given the rights to the tree of life. They will reproduce sinless children to populate the new earth.

In time past God divided the nations according to the number of the children of Israel: **When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. (Deuteronomy 32:8)** In eternity, this will be fulfilled when these saved nations of men and women shall enter the city of God via the twelve gates to worship: **And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light**

thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Revelation 21:23-26, 22:14) There will be nations of people on earth in eternity. Nations of men and women will continue to live on earth and worship the Creator God and bring glory and honour to God in the holy city of God.

The future of eternity is infinite and the growth of God's redeemed creatures in His vast universe will continue: **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6&7)** It is unimaginable to think of eternity as a static and finite world that is limited by time and space. When there will be no more sea in the new earth, the land mass on earth will be more than three times its present size if the new earth remains the same in size as the present earth. However, the new earth needs not be the same in size as the present earth. If other planets can be so many times larger than the present earth, the future earth can be many times its present size as well. What is there to limit the creative power of the Creator God to bring in a much larger or even an ever increasing earth in the eternal world!

The new earth will be compatible in dimensions and glory to accommodate the glorious holy city that comes down from heaven. Of the increase in the eternal Kingdom shall surely be no end. Hence, in eternity future, there will still be nations of saved men and women living in a new earth, being fruitful and multiply to populate this new earth. They will enter the city of God bringing honour and glory unto the thrice Holy God who is now united in One, being all in all like the beginning in eternity past: **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also**

himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:26-28) This is truly the final resting place for all mankind where death is no more and bliss is permanent.

Hence, procreation of mankind has come full circle. God is the very essence of life. God is the true source of life; in particular, eternal life: **In him was life; and the life was the light of men. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 1:4, 6:47, 17:3, 20:31)** This Light from God is the permanent source of light that lights up that eternal world. God is the One who produces spirit beings and men after His image. Men are given the privilege and capability to procreate after their kind. The purpose of procreation of men is to bring forth a race of people who will willingly love God and give God all the honour and glory and worship and adore this great and gracious God for all eternity. Therefore, when the dust from the war of ages has finally settled down, procreation of men continues to serve God's original purpose of having all creatures who are all sinless recipients of eternal life living in peace to worship and serve God for all eternity. What the first Adam had failed to accomplish before the fall to procreate children, especially having eventually been rewarded with the fruit from the tree of life to reproduce sinless children who will live forever, will now become a reality fulfilling God's original divine will for men. May that eternal day soon dawn upon men finally living in eternal bliss having been reconciled with the God of Creation to inherit what this loving and gracious God has prepared for them who love Him and obey Him!

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? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

For those who have yet to be born again to become sons of God in this age, the Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to God: **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)** Men are born into this world for a purpose. They are given a chance to know the true and living God who loves them by sending His only begotten Son to die for their sin on the cross of Calvary so that they might live forever with Him. Life on earth is actually a time of probation. What they do in this life will determine their future state whether they could live forever in the presence of God or be damned forever with Satan and his fallen angels in the lake of fire.

You can choose to be a servant of the true and living God or a pawn of Satan in this war of ages. Choose Christ and believe in Him to be your Saviour and have your sins forgiven by God. You will be enlisted on the right side of winning in this war of ages. A bright and glorious future awaits you! An invitation from the Lord is given to you: **Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. (Isaiah 1:18&45:22)**

Tarry no longer. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved! You will know that you have chosen to fight on the right side in this war of ages, which you will never lose. May the Lord help you and convince you to make the right choice today!

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