

CONSTITUTION FOR THE CORPORATE EYEWITNESS



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EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Luke 1:2

Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses...

John 15:26-27

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 1:3, 8

3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:32-33

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Acts 5:32

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost...

Acts 10:40-41 Peter at the House of Cornelius in Caesarea

40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Acts 13:30-31 Paul at Antioch

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

2 Peter 1:16

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE LORD JESUS

1. MARY MAGDALENE

John 20:14-18

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Mark 16:9

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

2. THE WOMEN - MARY MAGDALENE , MARY MOTHER OF JAMES, JOANNA, SALOME AND OTHERS

Matthew 28:9-10

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

❖ Luke 24:10

It was **Mary Magdalene**, and **Joanna**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

❖ Mark 16:1

And when the sabbath was past, **Mary Magdalene**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and **Salome**, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

3. SIMON PETER

Luke 24:33-34

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

1 Corinthians 15:4-5

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

4. TWO DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD OF EMMAUS

Mark 16:12-13

12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Luke 24:13-35

13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

5. 1st APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES IN THE ABSENCE OF THOMAS

Mark 16:14

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

Luke 24:36-45

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

John 20:18-20, 24

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

6. 2ND APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES WITH THOMAS PRESENT

John 20:24-30

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 Many other signs did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

7. 3RD APPEARANCE TO SEVEN OF THE APOSTLES AT THE SEA OF TIBERIAS

John 21:1-14

- 1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise showed he himself.
- 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.
- 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.
- 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
- 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
- 7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.
- 8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
- 9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
- 10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.
- 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
- 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
- 14 **This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples,** after that he was risen from the dead.

JESUS COMMISSIONS PETER

John 21:15-17

- 15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
- 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

8. 4TH APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES ON A MOUNTAIN IN GALILEE

Matthew 28:16 Christ Appoints the Apostles

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Matthew 28:18-20 The Great Commission Given to the Apostles

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

9. TO MORE THAN 500 BRETHREN AT ONCE

1 Corinthians 15:5-6

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

10. TO JAMES - THE SON OF ZEBEDEE OR THE SON OF ALPHEUS

1 Corinthians 15:6-7

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

11. 5th APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES AT HIS ASCENSION AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

1 Corinthians 15:7

After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Luke 24:48-52

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Acts 1:9-12

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

12. STEPHEN SEES CHRIST STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Acts 7:55-59

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

13. 1ST APPEARANCE TO PAUL

Acts 9:3-7, 17

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 22:6-15

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Acts 26:13-19

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

1 Corinthians 9:1

Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

1 Corinthians 15:8

And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

14. 2ND APPEARANCE TO PAUL IN THE TEMPLE - THREE YEARS AFTER HIS CONVERSION**Acts 22:17-18, 21**

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

15. 3ND APPEARANCE TO PAUL - AFTER HIS TESTIMONY TO THE SANHEDRIN COUNCIL**Acts 23:11**

And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

16. 4TH APPEARANCE - MANY BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS THE REFERENCED ANGEL**Acts 27:22-25**

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

17. TWO WITNESSES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 11:3-6

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

18. 144,000 WITNESSES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 7:2-8

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the (bond)servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

THE MASS HARVEST OF SOULS WON BY THE 144,000 WITNESSES

Revelation 7:9-15

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

THE 144,000 WITNESSES ARE PERSONALLY COMMISSIONED BY THE LORD ON MT. ZION

Revelation 14:1-5

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

THE THREE ANGELS HERALDING THE THREE MESSAGES OF THE 144,000 WITNESSES

Revelation 14:6-13

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

HEAVENLY ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

1. STEPHEN SEES CHRIST STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Acts 7:55-59

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

2. PAUL CAUGHT UP INTO THE THIRD HEAVEN

2 Corinthians 12:1-4

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

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

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

3. JOHN SEES THE GLORIFIED CHRIST

Revelation 1:10-18

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

4. JOHN SEES THE THRONE OF GOD - TWENTY FOUR ELDERS AND FOUR BEASTS

Revelation 4:1-11

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

OLD TESTAMENT EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS

I. SCRIPTURE OF OLD TESTAMENT WITNESS

Luke 24:44-46

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

II. THE LORD APPEARS TO ABRAHAM

1st Appearance to Abram at Sichem

Genesis 12:6-7

6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And **the Lord appeared unto Abram,** and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and **there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.**

Genesis 13:18 Abraham Settles in Hebron

Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, **which is in Hebron...**

2nd Appearance to Abram - The Lord Walks Between the Covenant Sacrifice

Genesis 15:7-14, 17-18

7 And **he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.**

8 And **he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?**

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, **a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.**

13 And **he said unto Abram,** Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and **afterward shall they come out with great substance.**

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, **behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.**

18 In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

3rd Appearance to Abraham at Hebron

Genesis 17:1-8

- 1 And when **Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram**, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
- 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
- 3 And **Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying**,
- 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.
- 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
- 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
- 7 And **I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee** in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
- 8 **And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**

4th Appearance to Abraham at Hebron - The Lord & Two Angels

Genesis 18:1-8

- 1 And **the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre**: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;
- 2 And **he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,**
- 3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:
- 4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:
- 5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.
- 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.
- 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.
- 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; **and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.**

The Lord Reconfirms Promise During the Eyewitness Encounter

Genesis 18:9-14

- 9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.
- 10 And he said, **I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.** And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.
- 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.
- 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my Lord being old also?
- 13 And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?
- 14 **Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.**

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom During the Eyewitness Encounter

Genesis 18:16-24, 28-33

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and **Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.**

17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous...

29 Peradventure there shall be forty found there...

30 Peradventure there shall thirty be found there...

31 Peradventure there shall be twenty found there...

32 Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And **the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.**

III. THE LORD APPEARS TO ISAAC

1st Appearance to Isaac in Gerar - The Philistines are Filled with Envy

Genesis 26:1-4 In Gerar

1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

2 And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 Sojourn in this land, and **I will be with thee, and will bless thee;** for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and **I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father;**

4 And **I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven,** and will give unto thy seed all these countries; **and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;**

Genesis 26:12-14

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and **received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.**

13 And **the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:**

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: **and the Philistines envied him.**

2nd Appearance to Isaac in Beersheba - The Lord Reconfirms the Promise

Genesis 26:23-29

23 And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

24 **And the Lord appeared unto him the same night**, and said, **I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.**

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26 **Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar**, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28 And they said, **We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee**: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: **thou art now the blessed of the Lord.**

IV. THE LORD APPEARS TO JACOB

1st Appearance at Bethel

Genesis 28:10-19

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And Jacob dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, **the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac**: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and **in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, **Surely the Lord is in this place**; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other **but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And **he called the name of that place Bethel**: the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

Genesis 48:3-4

3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God **Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me**,

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

2nd Appearance to Jacob at Bethel

Genesis 32:24-30

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And **Jacob called the name of the place Peniel** (Face of God): for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

3rd Appearance to Jacob at Bethel

Genesis 35:9-15

9 And **God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.**

10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 **And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.**

14 And **Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him,** even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

V. THE LORD APPEARS TO MOSES

Exodus 3:1-8

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And **the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush:** and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, **God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.**

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 **Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.**

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey...

The Lord Commissions Moses

Exodus 3:16-22

16 **Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:**

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, **unto a land flowing with milk and honey.**

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, **unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us:** and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, **ye shall not go empty:**

22 **But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.**

The Lord Promises Moses Demonstration to Authenticate the Eye Witness Encounter

Exodus 4:1-9

1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

5 **That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.**

6 And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

Exodus 4:30-31

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Deuteronomy 34:10-12

10 **there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,**

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel.

The Lord Shows His Glory to Moses

Exodus 33:9-11

9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

11 And **the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.** And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Exodus 34:5-8

5 And **the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there,** and proclaimed the name of the Lord.

6 And **the Lord passed by before him,** and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And **Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.**

Exodus 34:29-30, 33-35

29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that **Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.**

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

34 But **when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out.** And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

35 And **the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone...**

VI. THE LORD APPEARS TO JOSHUA

Joshua 5:13-15

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood **a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand:** and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but **as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?**

15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, **Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.**

Joshua 6:2-5, 12-16, 20, 27

2 And **the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.**

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And **it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.**

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and **the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city,** every man straight before him, and they took the city.

27 So **the LORD was with Joshua;** and his fame was noised throughout all the country.

VII. THE LORD APPEARS TO SOLOMON

1st Appearance to Solomon in Gibeon

1 Kings 3:5

In Gibeon **the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night:** and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

1 Kings 3:9-13

9 Give **therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?**

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, **Because thou hast asked this thing,** and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: **lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.**

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

2nd Appearance to Solomon in Jerusalem

2 Chronicles 7:1-3, 11-18

1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 And **the LORD appeared to Solomon by night**, and said unto him, **I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself** for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 **Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.**

16 **For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.**

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 **Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.**

VIII. DANIEL'S VISION OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION & EYEWITNESS ENCOUNTER

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

14 **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.**

Daniel 10:5-9

5 Then **I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:**

6 **His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.**

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and **there remained no strength in me**: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and **I retained no strength.**

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

IX. ISAIAH SEES THE LORD SITTING ON HIS THRONE

Isaiah 6:1-5

1 In the year that king Uzziah died **I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.**

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.**

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.**

X. ELIJAH & ELISHA - TYPE OF EYEWITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION

2 Kings 2:9-15

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And **Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.**

10 And he said, **Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee;** but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, **behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

12 And **Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.** And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, **and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.**

15 When the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. They came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

CHRIST - THE EYEWITNESS OF THE FATHER

I. CHRIST – THE EYEWITNESS OF THE FATHER

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 6:40, 46

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

John 8:1, 29, 38, 42

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 17:5

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

II. THE FATHER AUDIBLY CONFIRMS CHRIST

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 17:1-6

1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. (Law and Prophets)

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

III. CHRIST - SENT FROM THE FATHER

John 5:36-39

36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 7:16-18

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

John 7:28-29, 33

28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.

John 8:14-18, 38, 42

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

John 10:30, 37-38

30 I and my Father are one.

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

John 16:28

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE APOSTLES

BOOK OF ACTS - TESTIMONY OF THE RESURRECTION & RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 5:28

Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Acts 1:1-11

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, **being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

5 **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 **That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship,** from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and **the lot fell upon Matthias;** and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 2:22-33 (3000 saved)

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; **Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:**

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 **Whom God hath raised up,** having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 **For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:**

26 **Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:**

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

28 **Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.**

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**

33 **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**

❖ **Psalms 16:8-11**

8 I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 **Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

Acts 2:34-35

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, **The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,** 35 **Until I make thy foes thy footstool.**

❖ **Psalms 110:1** The Lord said unto my Lord, **Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

Acts 3:14-16, 26

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
15 And killed the Prince of life, **whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**
16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

26 **Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you,** in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Acts 4:1-4

1 And as they spake unto the people, **the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,**

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which **heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.**

Acts 4:7-13, 18-20, 33

7 When they had set them in the midst, they asked, by what power or by what name have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, **Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, **that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which **is become the head of the corner.**

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and **they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

18 And they called them, and **commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

33 And **with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus:** and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 5:28-32

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, **ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine,** and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 **Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior,** for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 **we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost,** whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 7:55-60

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

❖ Acts 8:1

Saul was consenting unto his death...

❖ Acts 22:20

When the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

Acts 9:3-8, 17

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:38-45 Outpouring upon the Gentiles - Message of the Resurrection

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:28-37

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

30 **But God raised him from the dead:**

31 And **he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.**

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 **But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.**

❖ **Psalms 2:6-8**

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.**

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Acts 17:16-20, 27-32

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: **because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.**

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, **May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?**

20 **For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.**

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 **For in him we live, and move, and have our being;** as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, **in that he hath raised him from the dead.**

32 And **when they heard of the resurrection of the dead,** some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

Acts 22:1, 6-18, 21 Paul's Gives His Defense in Jerusalem

1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, **suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.**

7 And I fell unto the ground, and **heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And **he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.**

9 **And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.**

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**

11 **And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.**

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, **The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.**

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even **while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;**

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

21 And he said unto me, **Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.**

Acts 23:1, 6-11 Paul Reciting Testimony to Council at Jerusalem

1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council (Acts 22:30), said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, **he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.**

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following **the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.**

Acts 24:1-2, 13-21 Paul's Testimony in Caesarea before the Roman Governor Felix

1 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, **Tertullus began to accuse him**, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this **I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers**, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

Acts 25:12-15, 18-20 Roman Governor Festus Testimony of Paul to King Agrippa

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

13 And after certain days **king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.**

14 And when they had been there many days, **Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king**, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, **they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:**

19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

Acts 26:1-2, 6-8 Paul's Testimony to King Agrippa

1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

6 **And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:**

7 **Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come.** For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Acts 26: 12-23, 27-28 Paul's Testimony to King Agrippa

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 **At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.**

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, **I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: **for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;**

17 **Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,**

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 **Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:**

20 But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, **I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

23 **That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead,** and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

BOOK OF CORINTHIANS I & II - PAUL'S DEFENSE AND CONFIRMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

2 Corinthians 13:3

Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

1 Corinthians 9:1

Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

THE THREE FOLD APOSTOLIC WITNESS

THE EYEWITNESS

Acts 1:1-3

- 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- 3 To whom also **he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Luke 24:36-43

- 36 And as they thus spake, **Jesus himself stood in the midst of them**, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and **supposed that they had seen a spirit**.
- 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
- 39 **Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have**.
- 40 And when he had thus spoken, **he shewed them his hands and his feet**.
- 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, **Have ye here any meat?**
- 42 And **they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb**.
- 43 And **he took it, and did eat before them**.

THE WITNESS OF THE WORD

Acts 1:3

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**:

Luke 24:44-46

- 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were **written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me**.
- 45 **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures**,
- 46 And **said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day**:

Acts 2:25-28, 34-35 Peter Preaches Directly from Ps 16 and Ps 110

- 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
- 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope;
- 27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption**.
- 28 **Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance**.
- 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, **The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand**,
- 35 **Until I make thy foes thy footstool**.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER

Acts 1: 4, 8-9

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that **they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.**

Luke 24: 46-51

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And **ye are witnesses of these things.**

49 And, **behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry (wait) ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, **while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.**

John 15:26-27

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:**

27 And **ye also shall bear witness**, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 5:30-32

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And **we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost**, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

❖ **Witnesses:** G3144 martus (mar'-toos) - a witness judicially, a witness in a legal sense

In the scriptures above, we see that the early church was given the Corporate Eyewitness first, then secondly, Christ opened the scriptures to them and commanded them to wait upon the Promise and Power of the Holy Spirit.

Since God is restoring everything in reverse from the time of reformation with Martin Luther, the last office to be fully restored is the that of the Apostle. Included within this restoration will be both the Doctrine of the Resurrection and Right Hand of God, as well as the Corporate Eyewitness. We are not waiting upon the Holy Spirit, as he has already been restored since the Azusa Street Revival. Moreover, for the last three years, the Holy Spirit has actively been restoring the revelations of the Resurrection and Right Hand of God, which can be found at www.RIGHTHANDOFGOD.org. Since God is restoring everything in reverse, the final testimony to be restored to the Apostolic Office is the Corporate Eyewitness.

THE THREE FOLD APOSTOLIC WITNESS IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Matthew 18:19-20

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

1. THE WITNESS OF THE WORD - FIRST SERMON OF THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 2:14-21 Peter Preaches from the Prophet Joel

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

❖ Joel 2:28-29, 32

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

32 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.

Acts 2:25-28, 31 Peter Preaches from Psalms 16

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

❖ **Psalms 16:8-11**

8 I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; **at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

Acts 2:34-36 Peter Preaches from Psalms 110

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, **The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,**

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

❖ **Psalms 110:1**

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2. TESTIMONY OF THE EYEWITNESS

Acts 2:29-33

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**

33 **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

3. TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - 3000 SOULS WERE ADDED TO THE KINGDOM AT 1ST SERMON

Acts 2:37-43

37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and **many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.**

2ND SERMON OF THE EARLY CHURCH - FOLLOWING MAN RAISED FROM 40 YR INFIRMITY

1. THE TESTIMONY OF THE EYEWITNESS

Acts 3:12-19

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, **the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus**; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 **And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**

16 **And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know:** yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 **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;

2. THE WITNESS OF THE WORD

Acts 3:20-23

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 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.**

22 **For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.**

23 **And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.**

❖ Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19

15 The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Acts 3:24-26

24 **Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.**

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, **And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.**

26 Unto you first God, **having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you**, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

❖ **Genesis 22:17-18**

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying **I will multiply thy seed** as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed**; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

❖ **Galatians 3:16**

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And **to thy seed, which is Christ.**

3. TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - 5000 SOULS WERE ADDED TO THE KINGDOM AT 2nd SERMON

Acts 4:1-10

1 And as they spake unto the people, **the priests**, and the **captain of the temple**, and the **Sadducees**, came upon them,

2 **Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.**

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and **the number of the men was about five thousand.**

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And **Annas the high priest**, and **Caiaphas**, and **John**, and **Alexander**, and **as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.**

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 **Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

Acts 4:13-16, 19-22

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and **they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

14 And **beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.**

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that **indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem;** and we cannot deny it.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 **For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For **the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.**

Acts 4:29-33

29 **And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

30 **By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.**

31 **And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

32 **And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.**

33 **And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.**

4. HOLY SPIRIT MULTIPLICATION

Psalms 2:6-8

6 **Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.**

7 **I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.**

8 **Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**

❖ **Acts 13:32-34**

32 **And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,**

33 **God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

❖ **Acts 2:41**

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and **the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

❖ **Acts 4:4**

Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and **the number of the men was about five thousand.**

❖ **Acts 6:1, 7**

1 **And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied...**

7 **And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.**

❖ **Acts 9:31**

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, **were multiplied.**

❖ **Acts 16:5**

And so were the churches established in the faith, **and increased in number daily.**

THE CORPORATE EYEWITNESS

Acts 1:18-16, 20-26 The Disciples Witnessed the Appointment of Matthias

8 But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.**

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, **Ye men of Galilee**, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 **Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet**, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, (Acts 2:1) with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.**

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of **the disciples** (Luke 10:23), **and said, the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,**

16 **Men and brethren**, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and **his bishoprick let another take.**

21 **Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us**, (Disciples in v. 15 above - Speaking of the 70 - they were not random novices)

22 **Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

23 **And they appointed two**, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 **That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship**, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the **lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**

THE 70 DISCIPLES

Luke 10:1, 3-4, 9 The 70 and the 12 Were Sent Out with Exact Same Protocols and Instructions

1 **After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also**, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 **Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.**

9 And **heal the sick** that are therein, and say unto them, **The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.**

Luke 10:17-19, 23-24 70 Promised Power After he Sends Them out

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, **I give unto you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

23 And **he turned him unto his disciples (Acts 1:15), and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:**

24 **For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

❖ **Luke 9:1-6, 51 The 12 Sent Out in Previous Chapter** (Matthew 10 gives greater detail)

1 Then **he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.**

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, **preaching the gospel, and healing every here.**

51 And **it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,** (Jesus Sent out Seventy Within Days of the Cross)

Acts 2:1-13

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place.** (Acts 1:14)

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, **and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, **out of every nation under heaven.**

6 **Now when this was noised abroad,** the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And **how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?** (18 different nationalities)

9 **Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,**

10 **Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,**

11 **Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.**

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Acts 2:14-17

14 **But Peter, standing up with the eleven**, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh...

Acts 2:25-33

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

- ❖ **The entire 120 were “all” in one accord in one place. (vs.1)**
- ❖ **The Holy Ghost filled the whole house where they were sitting. (v.20)**
- ❖ **Would God only pour out His Spirit on the 12 and leave out the 108 other disciples**
- ❖ **It was more than 12 speaking “18” different dialects. (v.8-11)**
- ❖ **It was in fact the 120 that Peter referenced as, “we all are witnesses” (v. 32)**

1 Corinthians 15:4-8

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of **Cephas, then of the twelve**:

6 After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once** (Acts 1:16); of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 **After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.** (Mt. of Olives)

8 And **last of all he was seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time.

- ❖ It's evident that the appearance of Christ to the 500 brethren happened before James's encounter and before he showed himself for the last time unto all the apostles. Most likely, verse 7 is referring to Christ's ascension at the Mt. of Olives in which he showed himself to all the apostles, as this was the last recorded appearance of Christ to all the apostles before His ascension. In turn, Christ appearing before 500 brethren must have occurred before his ascension which provides further evidence that 120 were part of that 500, and were indeed eyewitnesses.

APOSTOLIC ORDINATION

THE ORDINATION OF CHRIST

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, **when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:**

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

THE ORDINATION OF THE ELEVEN

Matthew 28:16-20

16 **Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.**

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:14-20

14 **Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat,** and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And **he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

THE ORDINATION OF PETER

John 21:12-17

12 **Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine.** And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 **Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.**

14 **This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.**

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest thou me more than these?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. **He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.**

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. **He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, **Lovest thou me?** And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. **Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**

THE ORDINATION OF PAUL

Acts 9:3-7

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and **suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:**

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And **the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And **the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.**

Acts 26:13-19

13 At midday, O king, **I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.**

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.**

16 **But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;**

17 **Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,**

18 **To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, **I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision (calling):**

THE ORDINATION OF MATTHAIS

Acts 1:20-22, 26

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21 **Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,**

22 **Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

26 And they gave forth their lots; and **the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**

THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

THE INHERITANCE OF CHRIST

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: **his dominion is an everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Revelation 5:11-12 7 Fold Inheritance

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.**

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, **whom he hath appointed heir of all things**, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

Psalms 2:6-8

6 **Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.**

7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 **Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen (nations) for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**

❖ Acts 13:33

God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that **he hath raised up Jesus again**; as it is also **written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

Isaiah 65:9

And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and **out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains**: (Mt Hebron) and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

John 16:15

All things that the Father hath are mine...

Psalms 68:18

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men...

Ephesians 4:8-11

8 Wherefore he saith, When **he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.**

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave **some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

❖ **Isaiah 9:6-7**

6 **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.

7 **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 forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Psalms 22:28

For **the kingdom is the Lord'S: and he is the governor among the nations.**

Colossians 1:19

For **it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;**

Philippians 2:9

Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**

Philippians 4:19

But **my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

Isaiah 53:3-5

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 **Surely he hath borne our griefs (sicknesses) , and carried our sorrows: (pains)** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: **the chastisement of our peace** (lack of peace) **was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

❖ **Deuteronomy 25:1-3**

1 **If there be a controversy between men**, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

3 **Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed:** lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

RIGHT HAND OF GOD SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Psalms 80:17

Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

Psalms 16:8, 10-11

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; **at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

Psalms 18:35-36

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and **thy right hand hath holden me up**, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

Psalms 63:7-8

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore **in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.**

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: **thy right hand upholdeth me. (Psalms 91)**

Psalms 77:7-10 Asaph

7 Will the Lord cast off forever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone forever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This is my infirmity: **but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.**

Psalms 110:1-2

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord said unto my Lord, **Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Matthew 25:33-34

33 And he shall set **the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.**

34 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 26:64

Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, **Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

Acts 2:31-33

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Romans 8:34

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Ephesians 1:20,21

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Colossians 3:1-2

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

1 Peter 3: 22

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:13

Which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 8:1-2

1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Hebrews 10:12

This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PETITION FOR THE CORPORATE EYEWITNESS

I bring to recognition the apostolic precedence set forth in the early church found in Acts 1:3 “He shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:” According to I Corinthians 15:6-7, Christ appeared to every New Testament apostle, as well as 500 brethren before His ascension at the Mt. of Olives, as well as the 120 in the upper room recorded in Sections I, IV, V and VI of this Constitution.

According to Section IV, V and VI of this constitution, the Apostolic Blueprint of the early church was comprised of a three-fold apostolic witness. The three witnesses are the Holy Spirit, the Word of the Resurrection and Right Hand of God, and the eyewitness accounts of all that the Lord Jesus appeared to. I formally acknowledge within this Constitution that the baptism of Holy Spirit was restored to the church in the early 1900’s during the Azusa Street Revival. Secondly, since the Spring of 2010, I can personally attest that the Holy Spirit has been actively restoring the doctrine of the Resurrection and Right Hand of God. Since receiving these revelations, over 150 teachings have been posted free of charge as public record at www.RightHandofGod.com. The final foundation to be restored to the apostolic church is the corporate eyewitness.

Father, in accordance with the New Testament and Old Testament eyewitness accounts set forth in Sections I - VII of this Constitution, I ask for the complete restoration and fulfillment of the corporate and personal eyewitness testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask this request for the express purpose of fulfilling the apostolic testimony of the Resurrection of Christ and His Inheritance in the Right Hand of God.

Father, in accordance with Section VII of this Constitution, it is scripturally recognized that the original eleven apostles, Peter and the Apostle Paul were all publicly ordained, appointed and commissioned to the Office of Apostleship at the appearing of the Lord Jesus Himself in a resurrected state.

HOLY SPIRIT - OUR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

Holy Spirit, we recognize and honour You as our Advocate and legal representative within this Spiritual Constitution. We recognize You as our Helper, Guide, Teacher and Comforter, who by definition is one that pleads another’s cause before a judge, a counsel for defense, a legal assistant and an advocate. We are thankful for Your representation and fully submit and surrender our human sufficiency, reasoning and abilities. Father, we ask in the name of Jesus, that the Holy Spirit would continually represent this petition before the Throne of Grace until its fulfillment.

- ❖ When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: John 15:26
- ❖ We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. Acts 5:32

THE THRONE OF GRACE

Father in accordance with Hebrews 4:16, we come boldly unto the Throne of Grace with witnesses to offer this petition for the fulfillment of the Apostolic Corporate Eyewitness. We approach Your Throne of Grace with absolute confidence, knowing that we are asking in accordance with Your perfect will, and if we ask in according to Your perfect will, we know that You hear us this day. In accordance with Is 55:11, Father we ask that this request will not return void, but it will accomplish and prosper for the purpose for which it was given.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father, we thank You that You inhabit this petition, standing as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. According to Philippians 4:6-7, we make our request known unto You with all thankfulness, knowing that the peace of God shall rule and reign within our hearts and minds during the time of the fulfillment of this constitution.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:19-20

In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. II Corinthians 13:1

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