"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Rev.3:3



as a man taking a far journey, who left His house and gave authority to #1) His servants, and #2) to every man his work, #3) and commanded the porter (gate warden) to watch."Mk.13:34

"For the Son of Man is

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Ministry Mission -

To be a voice of one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord, making straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley (humble person) shall be exalted and every mountain and hill (prideful person) shall be made low and the crooked (fraudulent, polluted, and deceitful) shall be made straight (exposed) and the rough places smooth.



"...narrow is the way that leads unto life..." Mt.

Ministry Assignment Luke 1:16-17, Rev. 1:3

To turn back many to the Lord their God. To go before Jesus' return in these last days in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous. To make ready a people prepared for the Lord. For the time is at hand!

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Warning the Bridge is Out!

"His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear the threshing floor.' Lk.3:17

"The axe is laid to the root of the trees." Lk 3:9

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance" Lk. 3:8

Greetings,

Every year we hear on the news of people drowning in flood waters because they refuse to take the warning of "Turn Around - Don't Drown". These are not people who can not read or reason intelligently, they simply have convinced themselves that the sign "Danger flood waters ahead, turn around, don't drown" applies to someone else and not themselves. They deceive themselves into believing a lie, which is what deception is, and they perish.

Extra – Extra – Extra – News Flash – Read all about it!

Get your news paper right here!

If you are old enough to remember that's how newspapers were mostly sold and with 'their voice like a trumpet', - they bellowed out the headlines for that day. Today however it is very different. Let's look at some recent news stories of the past several weeks and months. The housing market is in shambles; no one is immune, young and old alike are affected. I guess all this buying up of farm land and putting rows of houses in a subdivision is over. Houses are being repossessed and foreclosed on, even great and fine ones, are being deserted and left behind. Cities and neighborhoods are turning into "ghost towns and streets", with no one going in or out. Gasoline and everyday commodities are getting more and more expensive. Everyone is greedy for gain. Both husband and wife are working full time and are struggling just to pay the bills. Money is just not going as far as it use to. Everything is getting so expensive people are cutting back on everything from food items to luxuries of every kind.

- #1) Did you know that all of this, word for word, is foretold in the Bible? And not only that;
- #2) But especially what is going to happen tomorrow.
- #3) As well as, why it's happening.
- #4) And what you should do about it, in exact detail.
- . Having a problem believing that the Bible the Word of God is **that specific**? There are over 10,000 prophecies in the Bible. Many of which has more than one fulfillment for then and now. Every single one up to today, has been fulfilled in its exactness. So even if you are a skeptic about the Bible, with that kind of track record for thousands of years it might be wise to pay attention, as to what the Bible says is going to happen from this day forward.
- <u>Jer.6:11-13</u> "...pour it out on <u>the children</u> in the street and on the gathering of <u>young men</u> together. For both <u>husband</u> and <u>wife</u> will be taken, the <u>aged</u> and the <u>very old</u>, their *houses* will be *turned over* to others, their fields and their wives together, for <u>I</u> will stretch out <u>My hand against</u> the inhabitants of the land, declares the Lord." (Why?) "For from the <u>least of them</u> to the <u>greatest</u>, <u>everyone</u> is given to **covetousness** (or greedy for gain)". (Who does everyone leave out?)

<u>Isa. 5:8</u> – "<u>Woe</u> unto you who add <u>house to house</u> and join <u>field to field</u>, until there is <u>no more room</u>, and you live alone in the land. In my ears the Lord of Hosts declares, surely <u>many houses</u> will become <u>desolate</u> (or abandoned), even great and fine ones <u>without occupants</u>. A <u>ten acre</u> vineyard will produce

only a <u>few gallons</u> of wine, and <u>six bushels</u> of seed, will only produce <u>a bushel</u> of grain."(translation: your money is not going to go very far)

<u>Lev.26:26</u> – "When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will dole out the <u>bread by weight</u>. (How is bread made and sold today?) You will eat, but you will <u>not be satisfied</u>." (Translation; never enough – lack)

<u>Deut. 28:33</u> – "The fruit of your land, and <u>all your labors</u>, shall a nation which you know not, will eat it up, and you will be oppressed and crushed continually." (China and other countries imports are drowning the American economy and jobs.)

<u>Zeph. 3:6</u> – I (the Lord) have cut off nations, their <u>towers</u> are in <u>ruins</u>, (Remember 9/11: twin towers) I have made their streets <u>deserted</u> with no one passing by. Their cities are laid <u>to waste</u>, without man or inhabitant.

Habakkuk 1:6-12 - "For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans (or enemies of your nation), that fierce and impetuous people, who march throughout the earth to seize dwelling places which are not theirs. They are dreaded and feared, their justice and authority originate with themselves! Their horses' are swifter than leopards, and keener than wolves in the evening. Their horsemen come galloping from afar. They fly like an eagle swooping down to devour. All of them come for violence. Their hordes of faces moves forward. They collect captives like sand. They mock at kings, and rulers are a laughing matter to them. They laugh at every fortress and heap up rubble to capture it. Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on...thou O Lord, has appointed (Who?) them to execute judgment, and thou O Rock (Jesus), has established them for chastisement and correction. (For what?)" Prov. 16:4 – "The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, even the wicked for the day of evil."

<u>Nahum 3:14 -</u> "Draw water for the siege, strengthen your defenses," (Remember what happened with our military defense after 9/11?) "...work the clay tread the mortar, repair the brickwork." (What's happening today at the Towers site from 9/11?)

<u>Nahum 3:13 –</u> "Behold your troops in the midst of you are women." – There was a day in America that women in combat would never have been considered.

Now that I have your attention! We will be looking at these as well as much more in the days and months ahead. It will not however, be as the news media is reporting, or the majority of the "Church Chatter" of today, most of which are deceptive lies.

Now, let's get back to "Warning the Bridge is Out!"

Go ahead and re read the 1st paragraph of this document....OK...... Now suppose we change this situation

just a little. You are driving down the road and come to a sign that says, "Water on road ahead, slow down",

but when you get to the waters edge, you see that not only is the water on the road, but it is rushing deep and

wide across the road. You look over to the person sitting in the car with you and ask "The information on the sign did say; 'Water on the road ahead, slow down', correct? They in turn respond, "Yes! That's correct". So, with the information that you believe to be correct, and by not properly discerning what is right

in front of you, you keep going in the same direction, not turning around. After all, both of you 'agree' about

this, so that has to be 'confirmation' that it is alright to proceed ahead in the same direction. As you proceed your car is swept away in the waters, and you realize your mistake, but unfortunately it was **too late**,

and both of you perish! The worst thing for you to know were those things that you thought

you knew for sure! It left no room for **correction**.

This is an exact picture of the majority of the modern church today, yes I said the church. This person was *given wrong information* that did contain some truth, but in turn, it caused them to *believe wrong*, which then created a *wrong decision*, and concluded with a *wrong result*. Multitudes upon multitudes of Pastors, leaders, and church members, are on the verge of being *left behind* in the rapture of the church, only to lose their soul and perish in the tribulation period, and are completely deceived to that fact, even though Bible prophecy shows, that exact picture of warning. They have been fed *wrong information*, causing them to *believe wrong*, leading to *wrong choices* and *decisions*, creating a *wrong result*. Even the most popular "Left Behind" series of books is riddled with deception. Those that will even acknowledge 'a time of deception', "acknowledge it for the church around the corner or those over there...But not me, I'm not deceived". I have seen this in church, after church, after church, and Pastor, after Pastor, after Pastor, and person, after person, after person where the Lord has sent me, and yes, within *His Church*. Do you know that the Bible reveals that if you are like the majority of the average church member or preacher today – *you will be left behind at the rapture of the church*, to perish during the tribulation period. Stay tuned we will cover this in more detail in the days ahead.

The Bible says in **Ecc. 12:11** "The words of wise men are like goads, and masters of these collections are like well-driven nails; they are given by **One Shepherd**. But beyond this; my son **be warned**, the writing of many books is endless, and **excessive devotion** to books is wearying to the body. The conclusion when all this is heard; is to **Fear God** and **keep** (to hedge about, guard, protect, attend to) **His commandments** because this **applies to every person**, for God **will bring** every act **to judgment**, everything which is **hidden**, whether it is **good** or **evil**." This tells us that there is only one ultimate **Book of Authority** — **The Bible** and all must be screened through it, no matter what kind of vision, or dream, or word of prophecy or whoever is speaking. If the Bible is not properly preached, you will neither **Fear God**, nor **Keep His commandments**.

You may be saying to yourself by now, "What is this all about? Who are you? Why is this sent to me?" Some of you probably know me and what I have been called to do, but for those who don't know me I will take a few moments to briefly explain who I am and what my calling is. Most of which is included on the first and last pages of these documents.

You have received this document, and will receive future documents, because of one reason and one reason only, - LOVE; Period!! Love is something you do for someone else, not what you say. That's why Jesus responded to the religious of His day and replied, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?" "If you love me, keep (guard from loss or injury) My commandments." This document is not to ask you for money or ministry support, or to sell books or CD's, or to ask you to pay money to attend a seminar and convention or any other meeting. You may be a senior pastor of a church, or other church leader, or someone who knows nothing about the church, or even someone that wants nothing to do with the church because of past hurts. This may have been forwarded to you by an acquaintance, friend or loved one. Regardless of who you are, it has been divinely directed to you. No one loves you more than the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So, since this is being read by a wide range of people and depending on where you are spiritually, and your church background, some statements may be really

foreign to your ears, and possibly you may never have even heard them before. You may find some of them hard to understand at the present. But be patient...the understanding will come. You will also understand why these documents are titled 'Warning the Bridge is Out'. 1Cort. 13:6 says - "Love rejoices not in iniquity (or unrighteousness), but rejoices in the truth". 2Tim.4:2 - "Preach the word (the uncompromised Word of God), be ready in season and out of season (whether it is welcomed or not, pleasant or unpleasant) reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." The modern church has the 'in season-welcomed- and pleasant preaching' down to a science, but let someone begin to reprove, rebuke, and speak of the unpleasant they are labeled 'unChristlike, unloving, and negative'. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Period! The preaching of today for the most part contains 95% stories and 5% the Word of God, when it should be just the opposite.

Therefore let me stop right here and issue an <u>extreme word of warning</u> to those of you who view themselves as 'learned, versed, and very knowledgeable of the Bible and scripture'.

<u>1 Cort.10:12</u> says, "Therefore let him <u>who thinks he stands</u>, <u>take heed</u> lest <u>he fall</u>." The context of this scripture warning follows immediately after a picture of a people who were delivered <u>out</u> (saved) of Egypt (symbolism for sin & bondage), went through the Red Sea (symbolism for water baptism), <u>all did eat the same spiritual meat and all drank from the same spiritual rock</u> (the Word of God-Jesus Christ). These people started well, but they did not finish well. They started in faith, but did not finish in faith.

This verse of scripture warns you to stay meek — (always teachable) because you may have put wrong information in your head, leading you to perish. I pray with every ounce of my being that in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead, "Until He (Jesus) comes" that you do not delete any of these documents or scoff at them, but see them through to completion. Because be assured that I a vessel of the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit and God's Word will 'Rock and Topple' some of your most intellectual 'Golden Calves'. Don't deceive yourself when you begin to read one of these documents and think "Oh, I know that" and quit reading or skip over an area. That may be an area you're deceived in and miss it. Also do not just read them one time but over and over, Satan, the master of deception, can get your mind in a fog, or distract you from an area you are deceived in while reading. So it is imperative to read them over and over again. I repeat I have nothing monetarily to gain by doing any of this. You will receive these documents, and they will cost you nothing but your time, to study, read, and search out the truth. You can print them off, give them to others, or forward them through e-mail. There are no books you have to buy to get this information. I do not solicit funds for this ministry. God is able to move on the hearts of men and He alone is my provision.

<u>Please</u> remember that in the days ahead as you read, study, and meditate on these '<u>Love documents'</u> that they will cut as a "<u>two-edged sword</u>", because they will contain not my opinions, but the <u>Word of God</u>, which is the <u>"two edged sword"</u>, One side to <u>cut and expose</u>, the other side <u>to sear and heal the wound</u>.

If a surgeon has to go in and cut out an ugly cancer, the <u>cutting and healing</u> process is <u>very painful</u>, but on the other side of it, <u>IS LIFE</u>! If you had a cancer and did not know it, would you want to go into a Doctor's office for a check up and he or she say to you 'You have an ugly growth and we believe it is cancer, but if you'll just start saying; praise the Lord I'm highly blessed and favored, then everything will be all right?'

This is the attitude of a multitude of churches today about people's spiritual health. What a person really needs is for the **spiritual cancer** to be **spiritually identified** and **specifically** told how to deal with it **spiritually**. Then the pronouncement of peace, blessing and healing can be bestowed, after not before. The **spiritual corruption** and **deception** within the modern church today grieves me to no end, and many times to tears. No wonder the world looks at the church and scoffs. Those within the church justify their disobedient walk with, "well we're just all sinners saved by grace".

Bible prophecy is to be **known** and **understood**. The **pleasant** to give you hope the **unpleasant** so you can **avoid** its pitfalls and snares. The avoidance of the unpleasant by Preachers for the sake of bringing a "positive" message is **blasphemy** in the courts of God. Those that bring such compromised preaching to the pulpit needs to just go sell shoes, for you are **no preacher** of the uncompromised Gospel of Christ! You are a self-appointed orator of words, not "The Word".

Now, to the earlier question...Who am I? ...Let me first refer you to the Apostle Paul, who wrote most of the New Testament under the power of the Holy Spirit, of how he characterized himself. It was not a prideful statement, or one of boasting of any kind, it merely was what it was, and he did not shun it, hide it, or apologize for it.

Rom.1:1 - "Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle separated unto the Gospel of God"

1Cort.1:1 - "Paul called to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ, through the will of God."

Gal. 1:1 - "Paul. An Apostle, not of men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father..."

<u>1Tim.1:1</u> - "Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, <u>by the commandment of God</u> our Savior our Lord Jesus Christ."

<u>2Tim.1:11-13</u> - "Whereunto I am <u>appointed</u> (or placed) a <u>preacher</u>, and <u>Apostle</u>, and a <u>teacher</u> of the Gentiles. For which cause <u>I also suffer</u> these things; nevertheless <u>I am not ashamed</u>......Hold fast the form of sound words, which you have heard from me, in <u>faith</u> and <u>love</u> which is in Christ Jesus."

So....Who am I?

Michael Johnson, a prophet, not by men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father through the will of God. Whereunto I am appointed (or placed), a preacher, a prophet, and a teacher of the Gentiles, for which cause I also suffer; nevertheless I AM NOT ASHAMED....Hold fast the form of sound words, which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Jesus Christ. It is what it is, and I do not shun it, hide it or apologize for it. For I have been appointed "to make ready a people prepared" for the swift "coming of the Lord", for "He is even at the door". I am called to expose the "crooked (fraudulent, deceitful, polluted) paths", and to "turn many back to the Lord their God".

I am extremely humbled that Christ would select me for such a time as this.

Depending upon your church background, you may be saying right now, "That's bologna; there are no Apostles or prophets today in the New Testament church."

Wrong information = wrong beliefs = wrong decisions = wrong results.

Let me pause here a moment and give you some main elements against falling prey to any form of **deceptive teaching**, no matter how well meaning and sincere it is, or how good it sounds, or who it is coming from. Get these **firmly entrenched** in your mind and **never** let them go.

- **#1.)** In giving a Bible truth, scripture <u>must always</u> define scripture; always; or deception will set in. <u>2Cort.13:1</u> and <u>Deut.19:15</u> says, "Let every word be confirmed or established by the mouth of two or three witnesses". (The main witness being the written Word of God.)
- **#2.)** Its truth must be found in the Old as well as in the New Testaments, or else deception appears. Anyone can take a Bible verse and make it say whatever that they want it to. Mainline denominations have been built on such things.

The Bible says in <u>Ps. 139:17</u> - "How precious are your thoughts to me, O God, <u>how great is the sum</u> of them." <u>Ps.138:2</u> - "You have <u>magnified your word</u> above all <u>your name</u>." His written Word is above all of His different names. <u>"Selah"</u>, pause and think about that.

The entire Bible is God's thoughts and words to us. Whatever revelation of truth is found in the New Testament **it will** be born in symbolism in the Old Testament, or it is **not truth**. Being deceived is nothing more than believing a lie, something that is not absolute truth. You see in God's eyes even a little bitty "white" lie, is still a lie, Period! **James5:12** – "Let your yes, be yes and your no, be no."

#3.) The Bible was written in Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament), not English. In the early church this is what they had, and it was like looking through the periscope of a submarine, you could not miss what was being said. In order to not be deceived, you must study scripture in that light because translators simply missed the mark in some of it, when translating it into English.

Because of Hebrew and Greek dictionary / concordances being available today, it is very easy for you to do this. You **do not**, I repeat, **do not**; have to speak Hebrew and Greek in order to use these materials. There are however more resources available to you in using and translating the Hebrew and Greek into English, of the King James Version Bible than any other. Strong's has a very good inexpensive concordance with the Greek and Hebrew dictionaries combined that would suffice for most of you.

In the inspired Word of God, the original language is in <u>Hebrew</u> and <u>Greek</u>, not English. Chapters and verses, commas and periods were added to these by translators to make easier reading, you can't use these punctuations as a doctrine to teach truth. Each book reads as a continual writing when it was originally written. <u>Matt.24:4</u> "Jesus said take heed that <u>no man</u> deceives you..." God places the <u>responsibility</u> and <u>consequences</u> for <u>falling prey</u> to deception on your shoulders. <u>Heed It</u>!

You see, just by taking one Bible verse, and thru <u>misunderstanding</u> of its complete meaning, you can twist it to say something it isn't saying. You by automatic default, do the same to untold numbers of other scripture, simply so it will line up in confirmation with your way of thinking. Major denominations have been built on this premise and are alive and well today because of it. You need to be <u>very discerning</u> in using any English translation Bible to believe, or teach truth, especially some of the more modern English translations of today. I.e.: 'Message Bible", etc.. God's Holy Word was written in <u>Hebrew</u> and <u>Greek</u> not English. I hope I've said that enough times for you to remember it.

<u>Do Not Be Deceived</u>, make sure of what is truly being said or the <u>consequences</u> could be <u>more than you ever wanted to pay.</u>

<u>ITim. 1:5-7</u> – "But the goal of our instruction is <u>love</u> from a <u>pure</u> heart and a <u>good conscience</u> and a <u>sincere</u> faith. For some men, <u>straying</u> from these things have <u>turned aside</u> to <u>fruitless discussion</u>, <u>wanting to be teachers</u> of the Law (or the word of God – the Bible), even though they <u>do not understand</u> either <u>what they are saying</u> or <u>the matters</u> about which they make <u>confident assertions</u>". Wow! Read that again! <u>Straying</u> - in the Greek literally means "To miss the mark, deviate from the truth". <u>Fruitless discussion</u> - means random talk or babble. <u>Confident assertions</u> – means to confirm thoroughly.

Now let's read this again using the original language "for some men have missed the mark and deviated from the truth turning aside to random babble, wanting to be teachers of the Word of God, even though **they do not understand**, either what they are saying, or the matters about which **they confirm thoroughly**." Here is the reason for wide spread denominationalism and doctrines of today. You need to read this scripture over, and over, and over again until it sinks into your very being.

<u>James 3:1</u> – "Let <u>not many</u> of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such, we shall receive the <u>greater judgment</u>." It appears that no one is <u>taking heed</u> to this warning within the modern church.

<u>1Tim.4:3</u> - "For the time is coming (It has long been here) when people will <u>not tolerate</u> (or endure) <u>sound instruction</u> (or the uncompromised Word), but having <u>ears itching</u> (for something pleasing and gratifying) they will <u>gather to themselves</u> one teacher after another to <u>a considerable number</u> chosen to satisfy their <u>own liking</u> and to foster the errors (or deceptions) they hold." AMP <u>"He who has ears to hear let him hear."</u> <u>IS THIS YOU?</u> Are you drawing to yourself teacher, after teacher, or book, after book that falls in line to your way of truth? Are you drawn to a denominational church because you like what they teach? Again, here is the reason for the wide spread denominationalism and doctrines of today. I will come back to this in future days.

You see anyone who is deceived <u>doesn't know it</u>, and that is why <u>Jesus put</u> into the Body of Christ the <u>Prophet</u> to guard against it. It's also why the church <u>is saturated</u>, and I do mean <u>saturated</u> with false prophets and teachers especially in the Charismatic church. That's because Satan has a <u>counterfeit</u> for every move of God. – We will look at this in more detail later as well.

#4.) The next item to guard against deception is **by obeying the Word of God**, completely, absolutely, no compromise, no watered down obedience to the Word of God will keep you out of deception. Any form of disobedience will lead you into deception, because you and only you opened the door to it.

Dan.11:32 — "And such as violate the covenant (or disobeyers of the Word of God), he (being the antichrist), shall pervert and seduce with flatteries (in other words those that are compromising the Word of God, will be totally deceived by him) but the people who know (intimately obey) their God shall prove themselves strong, they shall stand firm and do exploits (or — take action based on the Word of God). Absolute obedience guards and protects you from becoming deceived and lukewarm, which is nothing more than a disobedient Christian walking a compromised walk. We see this also in James4:7 — "Submit (Greek word — to obey, to subordinate, be in subjection to) yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you". This is a three stage process. Submitting in absolute obedience to the Word of God allows no access for satan to enter. So, just as he fled from Jesus in the wilderness, he flees from you, because he (satan) "has nothing in you". Jesus said in John 14:30 — "Here after I will not talk much with you, for the prince of this world comes, and he has nothing in Me."

Rev.3:10 — "Because you have kept (to guard from loss or injury) the Word of My patience (or enduring obedience) I also will keep (same Greek word as kept) you from the hour of temptation, which will come on all the world, to test them that dwell on the earth." The hour of temptation is the tribulation period after the rapture of the church.

So if you do not want to be a casualty to deception (living a lie), you must <u>sift</u> your <u>belief system</u> through these check points. This will allow you to "grow in the grace (which is the empowerment to obey) and knowledge (the intellectual knowledge of the Word of God) of our Lord". <u>Knowing</u> and <u>even believing</u> the truth will <u>not</u> set you free, even though every preacher on every corner has taught you that, it's deception. The Bible says; <u>James 2:19</u> - "the demons <u>believe</u> and <u>tremble</u>", the demons believe they just <u>don't obey</u>. It is only when you apply <u>absolute obedience</u> to the uncompromised Word of God that you

will be <u>set free</u>. When you '<u>know a truth'</u> and '<u>believe a truth'</u> but <u>do not obey that truth</u>, you are no different than a demon spirit in the eyes of God. <u>Selah!</u> – Hebrew for: <u>"Pause and think about it!</u>

Let's see what the <u>witness</u> of God's Holy Word has to say on the <u>subject of prophets</u> in the modern day church. (This is only a small amount of the total).

Witness #1) Eph. 4:10-13 — "He (Jesus) that descended (to earth) is the same also that ascended up far above the heavens that He might fill all things. And He (Jesus) gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers. (Notice the plural in those words). For the perfecting (or equipping) of the saints (believers in Christ) (Why?) for the work of ministry (or service) to the edifying (or building up) of the body of Christ. (For how long?) Until we all attain UNITY in the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature (or perfect) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"

The Greek word used for **pastor** and **prophet** are different. If pastor and prophet were one and the same, the same Greek word used, would have been the same for both, as well as apostles, evangelist and teacher. Let's look at these Greek words used for Pastor and Prophet.

<u>Pastor</u>— 'Poimen' (4166 in Strong's) – a shepherd (a tender of the flock)

<u>Prophets</u> – 'Prophetes' – (4396 in Strong's) – an inspired speaker; it comes from a compound of two other Greek words 'pro' which means in front of or prior and 'phemi' which means to show or make known ones thoughts. It is also an entirely different Greek word than prophecy in <u>1Cort.12:10</u>. You can have the manifestation gift of prophecy and not be called to the office of Prophet. Do not confuse the two as many have.

Now I ask you, has the church <u>"all attained unity in the faith to a mature man showing the stature of the fullness of Christ"?</u> Absolutely not!!! So how can you say there are not prophets today in the New Testament church? Because some preacher told you so? – I'm showing you God's Word – which will you believe? Be aware that Jesus also warned of the imposter or false of this role. That is a prophecy for the time we now live in! **Heed it!**

<u>2 Peter 2:1</u> – "But there were <u>false prophets</u> also among the people (Speaking in reference to Old Testament times) just as there will be (not maybe) <u>false teachers</u> among you..."

Just as the nation of Israel walked believing the lies of the false prophets, it is the same prophetic view of the walk of the church. We will see this, as well, in more detail in days ahead.

"He who has ears to hear let him hear".

<u>Matt. 7:35,-</u> "<u>Beware</u> of <u>false prophets</u> (plural) that come to you in <u>sheep's clothes</u> (those within the church) but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (If Jesus says to beware, you had best take the warning seriously)

<u>Matt.24:11</u>.- "<u>Many</u> (meaning a majority impact) <u>false prophets</u> shall arise and <u>deceive many</u> (once again a majority impact)." So <u>if there is a warning</u> about the false or counterfeit, then there <u>has to be a true</u> or <u>legitimate</u>.

The Greek word for <u>false</u> here (5578 in Strong's) means to be a "<u>spurious</u> prophet or teacher" – Spurious is defined as – not genuine, <u>resembling</u> another plant part, having the <u>outward appearance</u> of another plant part, but not its functions or origin.

There is a huge difference between an <u>expositor</u> of the word and a <u>commentator</u>. An expositor is one <u>who explains what is</u>. A Prophet is one who speaks forth 'the oracles of God' and says 'what is'.

A commentator or commentary is **personal comments and opinions**.

Book stores, homes, and Pastors offices are full of **commentaries** and **books of man's opinions**, heaped to a considerable number. Thus the fulfilling of Bible prophecy found in **2Tim. 4:3** – "For the time will come when they will not endure sound teaching, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will **accumulate** (heap), unto themselves teachers, in accordance to their **own desire**". So today pulpits and pews are full of people hearing and receiving mans opinions as truth over the uncompromised Word of God. The false will always include a measure of truth. Sounding very pleasing and palatable to the ears, instead of cutting as a sword, followed by the healing of the wound, with the sword – the two-edged sword – remember? Jesus Christ grew up as a carpenter, the son of a carpenter, and for thirty years, remained quietly subject to His parents, being trained by His Father in heaven **until suddenly** the day for which the Father had prepared Him for arose. His close friends and even members of His own family, did not take Him seriously and began to say "Isn't He the carpenters son, where did all the things He is saying come from, who does He think He is?"

I have heard these same words spoken about me concerning my call and assignment. "Hey isn't that old Mike the farmer, where did all the things he is saying come from, who does he think he is, John the Baptist? Ha! Ha!" Let me pause right here and now, to give you a word of warning. If you are a current or past friend, or a casual acquaintance, or a family member, for your own well being, separate yourself from the image of, "my ol' buddy Mike the farmer" to a "A man called of God – Michael, a Prophet"; otherwise, just as some of Jesus' family and friends <u>missed it</u> because they couldn't get passed who he was in the past, they perished, and so could you perish by missing the rapture of the church because of deception and wrong information.

I'm here to <u>make ready</u> the Bride of Christ to meet Him in the air at the rapture. But just as there was only a very small remnant of Israel, so will it be with the current church – only a very small remnant will be ready. Most that will be going in the rapture will be innocent children and very few righteous saints, (i.e.: as in the days of Noah and the days of Lot). It will be "church as usual on the following Sunday", because those who walk an uncompromised Gospel today in the average church, probably are not allowed to teach or minister, so that they do not pollute their churches denominational teachings. So when they do not show up on any given Sunday, the only ones that would have missed them are those walking an uncompromised Gospel as well. Those preaching and teaching that the church is going through the tribulation period will get to experience exactly what they have preached. <u>Gal.6:7</u> - "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." The same deception about God's judgment that Israel had, is the exact picture of the modern church, we will look at this in greater detail later.. **Buyer Beware – Warning the Bridge is Out!**

Witness # 2) Acts 11:27-28 (New Testament church) "Now at this time (God's true prophets move around a lot at the Holy Spirit's direction, The false will stay put feeding off the sheep.) some prophets (same Greek word, and notice it's plural) came down from Jerusalem to Antioch and one of them named Agabus stood up and signified by the Holy Spirit that there should be a great drought....which took place in the days of Claudius." He gave a foretelling & warning of what was coming in the days ahead. This was so God's people could be prepared for what was to come.

Witness # 3) 1Cort. 14:29,32-33,37-38 — This is New Testament church order, why would this be here if there are no prophets in the New Testament church?—"Let two or three prophets (same Greek word) speak and let the others pass judgment (who are the others?) Vs.32 the spirits of the prophets are subject (we will look at this word subject, shortly) to the prophets (Same Greek word)." The word subject is the same Greek word as submit in the verse we just looked at in James 4:7. Note it did not say

they are subject to the pastor, or the evangelist, or the teacher or someone with the gift of prophecy, as in (1Cort.12), but to another prophet!

This is also why God put Aaron a Prophet, with Moses, a prophet. Many do not associate Moses as being a prophet. Let's let the Word of God answer that... Deut 18:18 – This is one of those verses of scripture that is a prophecy of the coming ultimate prophet Jesus Christ the Messiah, but a verse that applies to every generation as well about a prophet. "I will raise up a prophet from among their brethren like vou, (Moses) and I will put My words in his mouth, and he will speak to the people all I command him". Ex. 7:1 – "Then the Lord said to Moses, see I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet." So even from the very beginning of Israel being delivered out of Egypt, which is symbolism for sin and bondage - salvation, the prophet was subject to the prophet. Jeremiah 28 about Jeremiah confronting Hananiah, a false prophet who was running around just like most of today's Charismatic churches, decreeing all of this victory – peace- and blessing in the midst of sin and disobedience, while never demanding repentance and a change of heart before the decree of the blessing. This happens in healing services all the time. If you need healing come forward and be prayed over. Nothing is said about their confession of sin and repentance (turning from the sin) having clean **hands** and a pure heart before God. Let's just lay hands on your "defiled garment" anyway. I'm going to come back to this in future days showing you by the Word of God, that in doing this type of thing, you are "a partaker of another man's sins". This is a very serious matter that needs to be exposed. This type of spirit can flourish on anyone at anytime who allows access. You do not have to be a false prophet in order for this spirit to be in a church service. Also not to mention the horror of witnessing the untold number of leaders within the church who lead someone in a "prayer of salvation" and not one word is said concerning confession (which is acknowledgement) of sin and repentance (which is changing your mind and going in a different direction) of sin. The salvation message of today has turned into nothing more than a fluffy tea party. In Matt.4:17 – (which is the beginning of Christ's public ministry and is to be an example to us), "From that time (meaning beginning then until the end of the age) Jesus began to preach and to say **Repent** for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" **Luke 14:25-30, 33-35** – "If anyone (Who does that leave out?) comes to Me and does not hate (or love less than) his own father, mother, wife, children, brother, sister, and yes even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross (a symbol of suffering, shame, persecution, and a denying and dying of self-will, before the victory) and come after Me (obey Me in absolute obedience) cannot be My disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first set down and count the cost to see if he has sufficient to finish it. (in other words finish what was started) Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation (a picture of salvation in Christ who is the foundation) and is not able to finish, (Finish what?...The race the Apostle Paul spoke of in 1Cort.9:24-27 – "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win, and everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then receive a perishable wreath, but we imperishable. Therefore do not run like a man running aimlessly, I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (Greek word - disqualified, rejected, unapproved)." 1Tim. 2:5 – "Similarly if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victory crown unless he competes according to the rules, 'or lawfully'.") Now let's continue with Lk.14:25-30, 33-35 - And all who observe it (the outside world) began to mock him, saying this man began to build (or began a good race) and was not able to finish (or got disqualified for not obeying the rules and was not crowned). So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsakes not all he has (What does all leave out?), cannot be My disciple. Salt is good, but IF the salt has lost his (personal pronoun) savor, how shall it be seasoned (or made salty again)? It is neither fit for the land or the manure pile; it is thrown out (or left behind). He who

has ears to hear let him hear." Matt.24:11-13 – Jesus speaking of our day, today; "and many false prophets shall arise and deceive many, because iniquity (willfulness to sin, lawlessness) will abound (Greek word – 'to increase', forming from the Greek word 'a fullness'), the love (Greek word – 'agape' which is God's type of love) of many will grow cold." This is a picture of the disobedient sinning church of our day; yes the church, because the world is incapable of "agape" love. Therefore Jesus continues in vs. 13 - "But he that will endure (Greek word - to stay under or remain - persevere) (You may be asking to stay under what? Remain where? - To stay under the blood covering of Christ in absolute obedience to His Word. Just as Moses in symbolism commanded Israel at Passover to stay inside their house and remain there and do not come out until the morning, or perish) to the end the same will be saved." It matters not how well you start the race, only how you finish. You start the race in obedient faith, you stay in the race in obedient faith, and you finish the race in obedient faith. Always doing the will of the Father for your life, or be disqualified. Mark 7:21 – "Not everyone that says to me Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father." Grace does not save you; *Faith* always has, and always will save you. **Eph.2:8** - "For by grace (the empowerment to obey His Word) are <u>vou saved through faith</u>, and that not of yourselves it's the gift of God, lest any man should boast." Even a gift must be guarded against being lost or stolen. Rev. 16:15 - "Behold I come as a thief, blessed is he who watches (Greek word – to keep awake, be vigilant) and keeps (Greek word – to guard against loss or injury, by keeping the eye upon) his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." This is the Word of God not man's opinion. Is this the salvation message preached today? No! A thousand times No! It's now, pray a prayer mean it in your heart, you're saved forever and ever amen. God help us to repent and change before it is too late!! I will cover this in greater detail in the days ahead. Now back to <u>1 Cort.14:37-38</u> - "If any man thinks he is a <u>prophet</u> (same Greek word)or spiritual let him acknowledge that the things I write unto you are commandments of the Lord, but if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant" Wow!, pretty strong words coming from the Apostle Paul. If you want to choose to stay ignorant, stay ignorant.

This leads us to:

Witness # 4) 1Cort. 12:28 – "And God has set some in the church first Apostles, secondarily Prophets (same word), thirdly Teachers...." – this is God's authority line of rule within the church. I will cover "rule" and "submission" in detail in the next set of documents. Evangelists and Pastors are submitted to Teachers, Prophets, and Apostles, Teachers are submitted to Prophets and Apostles, Prophets are submitted to Apostles.

Here is where the rubber meets the road. If most Pastors today believed and taught this, then they would have to go in submission to Teachers, Prophets, and Apostles, and that would be a big blow to their pride and ego because it is a pride issue. Therefore it is far easier to teach and preach, that there are no Apostles and Prophets in the modern church, and that age has passed or just confuse God's authority rule and submission with deceptive teaching.

This is one of the main causes of **no** "unity in the faith" in the church today.

This is one of the main causes for the church **not** "**growing to a mature body**" of believers and **not** growing to the "**full stature of Christ**".

This is one of the main causes of **rampant deception** within the church today.

This is one of the main causes of so many <u>pastors being broken down and exhausted</u>, one person trying to do what, Jesus Christ intended for a *five* fold ministry to do together. – *Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist, Pastor*. However, this majority rejection of this authority structure was prophesied in Jude 8, and will grow worse and worse. Will you continue to follow in rejection of God's authority line, or will

you line up in absolute obedience to the Word of God? <u>Matt.7:21 - "Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father."</u>

Let me say here if you are a Pastor (and this title has been greatly misused) and reading this, you are not an Apostle, or Prophet, or Teacher, or Evangelist, you are a Pastor. **You can not accomplish** by yourself what Christ anointed and called the *Apostle*, *Prophet*, *Teacher*, and *Evangelist* working with you, the *Pastor*, to feed and mature the flock.

Example: An Evangelist, simply because he is walking in the mantle that Jesus Christ gave him for evangelism, all he needs to do is to open his mouth and multitudes come to salvation. ie: Billy Graham The Prophet, who carries a mantle of repentance and returning to the Lord, exposing deception, thoughts of the heart and foretelling of events, opens his mouth and repentance occurs. They may even preach a message, that you have preached with little or no response, concerning evangelism or repentance, but when they open their mouths, the altars were full, not of half hearted repentance, but full repentance! Because they are in some way better than you? No! Absolutely not! It is simply because they carry a particular mantle or anointing, **you do not** and never will. Why? Because it is **Jesus Christ's Church** not yours, and He simply **will not allow** any one individual to become **puffed up** and stand back and say, 'look what I've accomplished at "**my church"**.'

This makes the hair stand up on the back of my neck in <u>righteous anger</u> when I hear groups of Pastors (or anyone) together talking about "<u>My</u>" Church. There was <u>One Cross</u> and <u>One</u> individual's <u>Blood</u> that was shed on that cross. It was never then, now, or will ever be "<u>Your</u>" Church and the reference to that needs to be confessed and repented of today! If the flock you shepherd and their meeting house, or place of worship is called 'Cornerstone' then your reference needs to be as such, not "<u>My</u>" church or "<u>Your</u>" church. That's <u>blasphemy</u>, <u>period</u> and needs to stop and be repented of!

You may be saying, 'well that's ridiculous and overboard!' Then give me one Bible verse out of the New Testament that anyone other than Jesus Christ, referred to the church as "My Church". You can not. The Bible says in <u>Luke 6:45</u> - "out of the <u>abundance</u> of the heart the mouth speaks". Could it be we see here evidence of one of the reasons of the complete mess the modern church is in? Leaders are not building Christ's Church; they are busy building 'My Church'. You can not hide what's really in your heart, sooner or later it is going to come out of your mouth, especially when the pressure is on! I have heard preachers preach that a loving God would never pressure you. That this pressure is a work of satan! What book are you reading for heavens sake, it can't be the Bible? What would you call Jonah being put into the belly of a fish, or Paul being struck blind on the road, or David hiding in caves to save his life, or Israel being led into the wilderness by the hand of God right after deliverance from Egypt (salvation), or Elijah running from Jezebel? Go sell shoes! You're no preacher of the uncompromised Gospel of Christ!! God will never force you to obey Him, but He will certainly put you in a pressure situation in order for you to weigh out your options, and for you to see what is really on the inside of you, whether it is faith and obedience, or doubt unbelief and disobedience. What's inside a volcanic mountain does not appear on the outside until the pressure builds up inside, then out it comes, good, bad or ugly!

It takes <u>all of the *five* fold ministry</u> team working <u>in unison</u> all doing their individual part to accomplish the mission of maturing the church. Are the sheep you shepherd getting a balanced diet or just carrots and every now and then peas? Even nutritionists have learned that you need at least 5 different servings of fruits and vegetables each day for a balanced diet. Remember that some vegetables are not as tasty and require more effort to chew them up and swallow them. So it is with the Word of God and each one of the 5 fold ministers, some will be more palatable than others, but they are all for your spiritual health. There

are 52 weeks in a year; you're a 1/5th part, not the total, regardless of where you fit into the five fold ministry of Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist, and Pastor. It's interesting to note that the #5 in the Bible represents GRACE. All five of these working together will empower you to obey the Word of God, fully mature to the stature of Christ.

Let me share with you a very vivid picture the Lord gave me of this truth of trying to produce too much fruit. Too much fruit? How is that possible? Have ears to hear and you will understand.

There are three fruit trees in our yard where we now live that were planted there by the previous owners. I'm guessing, but I am going to say that these three trees, two apple, and one pear, are five-six years old. In a normal year a fruit tree will set on it more fruit than it needs. God in His creation of things has instilled into them what is called a **normal fruit drop** in late May or early June. It is a **natural thinning** of the fruit, so that the fruit that remains can mature. However, this is not adequate to get quality fruit. So the farmer goes in and on purpose removes fruit off of the limbs, making more space between the fruits, as well as **removing excess** weight off the limbs. Otherwise the fruit that remains will be greatly stunted or completely ruined. This year one of the apple trees and the pear tree set on a huge amount of fruit and the other apple tree did not. I went in after the normal fruit drop to thin some more of the fruit myself, but never did remove enough of it. I got too busy with other things. I would notice the trees on occasion, telling myself "you really need to remove more of that fruit from the trees". I never did and about six-eight weeks before the harvest of the mature fruit, which by the way was much smaller than it should have been because I never did thin the fruit that needed to be thinned, the main limbs in the upper part of both trees broke completely off the main trunk because of the weight of all the extra fruit. This literally destroyed years of growth of both trees in an instant. Not to mention losing all the fruit on those limbs. They shriveled up into nothingness, because they could not mature to its full ripe season! (This was not the will of God, it was my own doing!)

I knew there was a spiritual meaning to all this because this is how God speaks to me a lot. So I sought His face for the meaning.

What was the point with this story that can **apply to anyone** not just leadership?

Proper Godly Balance – You can get so busy producing so much fruit (more than God ever intended, matter of fact He will thin some of it away from you initially, but He expects you to thin the rest), or you will break down physically and mentally with an overload, destroying years of growth and fruit. Hear me parents, your child does not have to be in every sport coming down the road. You do not have to be involved with every function at the church or attend every Bible study. Everything God does is in balance. Focus on the one thing He has called you to do and thin the rest of it, so that what remains will develop into large succulent fruit, fully mature and well pleasing to the Master, or suffer the consequences.

"He who has ears to hear let him hear."

Now let's get back to <u>Ecc.12:11</u> for just a moment. This verse <u>warns us</u> that there is only one ultimate authority – *The Bible* - One Shepherd. I am not saying books are evil in themselves, but when they have <u>taken the place</u>, or <u>contradict</u>, or <u>usurp</u> the written Word of God and the Holy Spirit who says He will lead you into all truth, you have become an idolater, an <u>intellectual idolater</u>. *Why?*, because you are placing the opinions of a man or your own opinions over the written Word, and <u>refuse to submit</u> to it. Churches and pulpits are full of these types of idolaters. You say, "Well I never heard of such a thing". Remember you were warned of this at the beginning of this document. Let's look at another "witness" in scripture. <u>1Sam. 15:23</u> – "For <u>rebellion</u> is as the sin of <u>witchcraft</u>, and <u>stubbornness</u> is as <u>idolatry</u>.

Because you have <u>rejected</u> (not obeyed) the Word of the Lord He (God) has also <u>rejected</u> you as being <u>king</u>".

<u>A rebel</u> is someone who will pit themselves <u>against authority</u>, it being either a person of authority, or an institution of authority, or the Word of God. They will try to <u>manipulate authority</u>, or <u>get around authority</u>, or <u>refuse to submit to or be in subjection to authority</u>.

A <u>stubborn</u> person is someone who <u>refuses</u> to change his or her mind, even when the <u>absolute truth</u> is shown them in the Word of God without question. So you submit to your own <u>opinions</u> or the <u>opinions</u> of others, thereby you have <u>esteemed those things of greater value</u> than the <u>Word of God</u>, and therefore are listed in heaven as an idolater to your opinions. i.e.: intellectual idolatry. Remember what was said earlier about the symbolism in the Old Testament. Look at the last of this verse...."Because you have <u>rejected</u> (refused to obey in absolute obedience) the Word of the Lord (God's word), He (God) has <u>rejected</u> you as king." <u>Rev.5:10</u> – "And (Jesus) has made us unto our God <u>kings</u> and <u>priests</u> and we shall reign on the earth." (This will be fulfilled during the 1 thousand year reign of Christ after the tribulation period.) Wake up – open your eyes from slumber – In this account with King Saul in <u>1Sam.15</u> God <u>removed His Holy Spirit</u> from him and he digressed into committing suicide, just like Judas did. The churches <u>rejection of truth</u> was foretold in Bible prophecy thousands of years ago, and by symbolism in the past history of the nation of Israel, in the Old Testament, and is a written revelation of truth in the New Testament. **Hear it! Heed it! Warning the Bridge is Out!**

This is the call of the *Prophet*, to be used as a <u>checking station</u> against <u>deceptive teaching</u>, <u>information</u>, <u>beliefs</u>, or <u>a wayward walk</u>. The prophet will keep the Pastor, Evangelist, or Teacher from false doctrine. They can also discern the false Apostle (<u>Rev.2:2</u>) very easily. The foretelling of events is a part of the calling, but *the main function* is the **forthtelling** of the 'Oracles of God', through the uncompromised Word of God. This is also why the modern church is saturated with false teachers and prophets. Did you ever hear of a counterfeiter that counterfeited \$1.00 bills? No! \$20.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00 bills, but not a \$1.00 bill. So it is today in the church. <u>Buyer Beware!!!</u>

The Bible teaches us in 3John 2 - "Beloved I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers" We will see in the days ahead, how the counterfeit prosperity message has permeated the church today. Right now I want you to see in this verse how that what's going on in the spiritual is attached to the physical. And if you are fifty years of age and older you are going to remember the days in our country when you purchased gas at what was called a 'Service Station'. This story is full of spiritual implications for our day. They were "full service - service stations". As you pulled up to the island with the gas pumps, you would run over a little rubber hose that made a bell go 'ding, ding' inside the building, this alerted the attendant of your arrival. He would come out with a cheerful heart and smile, ready to submit to the need at hand. He would ask; "Fill 'er up?" and you would respond; 'Yes please.' He would ask; "High test or regular?" (Of course in the very beginning, there was only one grade of gasoline, high test, and "progressed" to lower grades.) Are you starting to get the picture here? Now while your car was filling up with gas, the attendant would check your tires and the tire pressure, look under the hood, checking for any problems there. He would check your engine oil and come and tell you, "Sir you're a quart low, do you want to take care of that now?" "Yes! Thank you!" He would take care of whatever was necessary for you to continue on your journey safely until the next He even would have a repair bay and a full time mechanic on duty to take care of what ever situation you would run into concerning your vehicle. One stop was all it took. You would pay the man cash of course, because there weren't plastic cards then. This was repeated week after week, year after year until one day you pulled into his business and saw 2 islands with gas pumps, one with a sign for 'Full

Service' and one that said 'Self Service'. You asked the attendant; "what's this?". He replied; "It's getting more costly to do business so we came up with this idea to sell gas a little cheaper to you if you wanted to pump it yourself. So from that day forward you had a choice, "Full Service or Self Service". You could choose "Self Service" or if a need arose you could pull into "Full Service" and get it taken care of. This continued day after day until one day when you needed some air in your tires and pulled up to the "Full Service area and the attendant comes out and tells you that because the cost of doing business keeps rising and rising, we no longer offer that service to your vehicle, but you can pull over to the air compressor machine that costs 25 cents and do it vourself. We just fill the gas tank, but we do now take plastic cards for payment. (I'll be coming back to this plastic card symbol in the days ahead.) Many days go by and again you pull in and see that the signs at both islands read "Self Serve", it didn't even read "Self Service" anymore just "Self Serve" and the mechanics repair bay no longer was open either. They just had someone at the counter inside that you paid, after you pumped the gas yourself. This continues until one day you pull in and find that the station is out of business. You're sad, until you look across the street and see this **new type of business** called a "Convenience Store" with all kinds of junk food inside (that costs you more to buy it, but it's "so convenient"), as well as the self serve gas pumps. You were enticed to buy whatever goody you had a craving for inside the store, and you would drive off saying to yourself; "This is great, every time I come here, I can get what I want, not what I necessarily need for real nourishment, but Oh!, do I feel good. Glory Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

TODAY, there is no need to even have "Self Serve" signs on the pumps, it is a given that you just "<u>pump</u> <u>it yourself</u>", not only that but you have your choice of an <u>unlimited number</u> of different places to "<u>pump your own gas</u>".

This picture story of the 'full service, service station' does not even resemble the <u>roots of its foundation</u> and <u>starting point of years ago</u>. It did not happen over night, it was a <u>very gradual</u>, an ever so slightly changing process. Just as the condition of the modern church.

This individual indulging in his **junk food**, is completely self-deceived, without understanding that there will be a pay day some day for his **unrestrained**, self pumping lifestyle, and he will perish.

The majority of the church <u>will be left behind</u> at the rapture, and there will be <u>no great revival</u> prior to the rapture. Teachings contrary to this <u>are deceptions</u>. We will look at this in great detail in the months ahead. Its sole purpose is distraction so that the rapture catches you unexpectedly and unprepared to meet the Lord, because you were looking for some other event to happen prior to the rapture. There is going to be <u>a great harvest</u> of souls, but it will be during the tribulation period, not before the rapture. I will cover word for word showing you absolutely in God's Word, not man's opinion, of this in the days ahead. This is <u>unpleasant Bible prophecy</u> that most do not want to even think about. Leaders and church members carve a graven image of God in their minds of Who they believe Him to be, and God thunders back "<u>I Am that I Am</u>". Translation? He is who He says He is, not who you want to believe He is! To ignore unpleasant Bible prophecy is <u>Blasphemy! of the Word of God</u>. You need to <u>know it</u> in order <u>to avoid</u> its <u>pitfalls, deceptions, and snares</u>. By the way, if you do not know what blasphemy is, it is to treat sacred things with disrespect by either word or deed.

Again I say this is the reason for the true prophet in the church that Jesus Christ birthed. Not running around smacking people on the head with "a word from the Lord", speaking such things as; "Oh the Lord is going to give you a Cadillac and \$100,000.00. Bless you, bless you" or to be some kind of spiritual fortune teller, saying, "Thus says the Lord", when the Lord has "Not Said". Now hear this, "you white washed tombs all cleaned up on the outside and full of dead mans bones on the inside". God is going to vomit you out of His mouth if you do not repent today, as well as those who have believed your lies. Again I say, Repent, Now, before it is too late!

You may be saying to yourself by this time; "What loony farm did this guy escape from?" Let me remind you of the day of Jesus Christ's birth. Who did the angels go to first, to make this heavenly announcement? - To the church leaders of the day? - To the mega prophetic ministries? - To those with a "proven public ministry"? – NO! – **To humble shepherds abiding in a field**. Now let me ask you this... Who was selected later on to "prepare the way for the Lord" at His first appearing? - A mega prophetic ministry?- Someone who has been around a long time?- Someone who was very professional an clean cut?- Someone who had a proven public ministry? - NO!- It was John the Baptist, a scruffy fellow out in no mans land, preaching "repent the day of the Lord is at hand" "The ax is laid to the root of the trees, every tree that does not bear fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." "And His (Jesus') winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly purge His floor (churches), and will gather the wheat into His barn (rapture), but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire and many other things in HIS **EXHORTATION** he preached unto the people." Wow! Have we missed what **true exhortation** really is in the church today!! By the way John was addressing the "church folk" of his day! His ministry only <u>lasted 6 months</u>, not 10, 15, or 20 years before Christ showed up, and they then cut John's head off. Since his public ministry only <u>lasted 6 months</u>, I don't think he had time to 'prove it' to the religious community of his day.

There is a solid Bible truth that, *what God is going to do*, *is what He has already done*. So if you want to know what God will do tomorrow look to His Word and see what He did yesterday. Get it?

So if the same precedent held true with these first two examples; whom do you think will be the chosen vessels, like the humble shepherds, and John the Baptist, to do what John did before the rapture of the church. - Those with mega public prophetic ministries? - Those of a proven track record? - Those with huge television ministries? Those who everyone is excited and talking about? - NO! - God has been very quietly and privately training those He has chosen, out in the wilderness, (just like John the Baptist), those who are not given to the mighty dollar that drives so many ministries. Those who when they **speak** the oracles of God you can't refute, even if you despise the person. They are not concerned about a big offering, for they only speak the Words that cut like a two-edged sword, which are the Words that God wants said, Words that cut, - to expose, and Words that sear, - to heal. If you don't support them monetarily, they don't care, for their source is God and God alone. They are someone who lays up stripes on their back from the tongues of men, not given to accolades and words of praise from man, their heart's cry is that you return to the Lord your God, not that you experience a 'pleasant feel good preaching'. These will be your "fore runner ministers", popping up now, and until the rapture of the church which is just around the corner. They will speak against the status quo of our day, and will be in an extreme minority. Most of the leadership that hear them will be against what they say, because this is the past example written in the Word of God and the fulfilling of Bible prophecy. Hear it! Heed it!

Warning the Bridge is Out!

You may be saying about now; "But how will the ministry of the modern day prophet of the church be of real benefit to me personally?" Let's let the written Word of God answer that.

<u>2Chronicles 20:20</u> – "...<u>Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established, believe His prophets, so shall you prosper."</u> The word for both <u>believe</u> and <u>established</u> is the same Hebrew word

meaning, – to build up or support, to render faithful, or trust. The Hebrew word for **prosper** means – to succeed, make victorious, prevail, to be powerful.

2 Kings 17:13 — "Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets and every seer, turn from your evil (or disobedient) ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law (the written Word of God) which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets."

<u>Luke 1:16</u> – "<u>And he</u> (being John the Baptist) <u>will turn back many</u> (those backslidden, and wayward) <u>of the sons of Israel</u> (those already in covenant with God) <u>to the Lord their God."</u>

Prophets always have, and always will have, the same assignment. <u>Turn or return</u> the backsliders or deceived back to the Lord, to His uncompromised truth in absolute obedience. And when you believe (or render faithful and trust) what they say, it will cause <u>a positive victorious effect</u> in your life, <u>pushing you forward</u> into a deeper walk with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ in <u>absolute obedience</u>, eliminating deceptive lies out of your life. However if this ministry is not a 1/5th part of your yearly life, it will not be long before you will find yourself slipping back into lukewarm obedience, compromising the Word of God. Their words will always draw you to the Father in obedience, not to themselves or their ministry. <u>Buyer Beware!</u> You may be saying, "Where I go to church they don't believe any of this so how can I receive the ministry of the prophet in my life?" <u>You're receiving that right now through these documents</u>, and will continue to receive them in months ahead.

I will cover in greater detail in future documents, of what I am about to share with you now. You need to know what is ahead so you can respond properly. Jesus said in **John14:29** – "And now I have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass, you may believe." Believe; that God says what He means; and means what He says.

These things listed below will continue to arise and <u>increase in magnitude</u> and <u>swiftness</u> up to the rapture of the church (which is just around the corner) and beyond into the tribulation period "SUDDENLY" <u>will be the descriptive word for the days ahead</u>. They are not given in any particular order of sequence, but, it is what you will see in America and the world in the days ahead;

- 1) You will see homosexual marriages become prevalent in the land.
- 2) The severity of droughts and floods will increase with respites in between.
- 3) The increase of Godless laws in the land for the sake of "Brotherly love inclusion".
- 4) The struggle of paying for everyday necessities.
- 5) The increase of ungodly values being pressed upon Christian values; with the majority of the modern church becoming the tail and not the head.
- 6) The overall health crisis in this country will get worse and worse, including mental anguish as people become more and more oppressed and depressed over what their eyes see.
- 7) You will see our governments rule increasing control over the private sector, setting the stage for a one world government and currency, as the use of cash becomes less and less.
- 8) You will see the stinging chastising hand of God increase upon His own church as you have never witnessed with your eyes before, exposing any rottenness that is hidden within the person, church or leaders. This will occur in the younger, as well as, the older generation, the younger being those that have reached the age of accountability and have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- 9) The hatred and mocking of America and Christians from within and without will rise to levels never thought possible.

10.)The False prophets and teachers within the church will rise to a feverish pitch declaring that God's chastising hand on them is really the work of satan "stealing their goods", saying "for our God is a good God and a Loving God, and not to be Feared." "He would never do this to you."

In the next document (probably one a month unless the Holy Spirit dictates otherwise) we will look at number eight on this list in great detail. Understanding this is probably the most important thing since your salvation, don't miss it.

I'm going to let this be the stopping point for this set of documents and will pick up from here next time. I pray that you will know the truth and be set free by obeying the truth. Again, hearing the truth without obedience to it <u>will not</u> set you free. As the Holy Spirit convicts, - confess and repent. <u>Confession</u> is acknowledging the wrong, <u>repentance</u> is the changing of the mind and turning in a new direction, never going back, stopping the old way. <u>Confession without repentance</u> will only cause the same sin to repeat itself. Jesus' message was repentance not just confession of sin. A Pharisee or religious spirit will always try to trap someone in theirs words, trying to prove them wrong instead of right.

Is this you? When Jesus came that is exactly what the Pharisees' did. When He came preaching a message contrary to their belief system.

Is this you? Will you now go and use my words against me, trying to **prove me wrong**? Or will the attitude of your heart be one of humility seeking to **prove these words right**.

You see the humble heart will seek out to prove what someone is saying is correct and may find out it is indeed wrong. But a <u>religious spirit believes they are right</u> and <u>the other person is wrong</u> and their going to <u>prove it</u>, but they will never find any answer other than the one they started out with. "If you seek the Lord with all your heart, you will be found by Him."

When you're seeking the Lord with all your heart to find Him and the answer you need, it isn't done with a religious spirit having your fists clinched and waving it in His face, hollering...show me! It's with a *humble* spirit of... show me Lord **my wayward paths**, teach me out of Your Word. The Pharisees' of Jesus' day could quote Bible verse after Bible verse from memory. After all anyone that could do that and has multiple doctorate degrees has to be Godly ...right? Wrong! They had **no heart** that was *teachable*. i.e.; **humble**. "Ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth."

Remember what was said earlier in this document. <u>Wrong information</u> = <u>Wrong beliefs</u> = <u>Wrong decisions</u>, = <u>Wrong results</u>.

You may still be saying in the back of your mind...if this guy is not asking for any money or support what's in it for him? Why would he want to put himself thru all the controversy and scoffing this document and others are going to bring to him? It's gotta be like spreading your hand on top of a piece of plywood and smashing it on purpose with a three pound hammer. Why? Why? — 5 reasons

- 1.) Love "Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love"
- **2.)** Because I love the Lord, and I will do as He has asked me to do, when He has asked me to do it, and say what He has asked me to say, when He has asked me to say it.
- 3.) I have a promise from God to turn and return many to the Lord their God.
- **4.)** I am <u>not</u> looking for <u>accolades of praise</u> and adoration and acceptance from anyone except Him. For Jesus warned in <u>Luke 6:26</u> "<u>Woe unto you</u> (you had better <u>perk up</u> and <u>listen</u> if there is a '<u>woe</u>',

'beware' or 'take heed', it is very serious) when all men speak well of you, for so did they to the false prophets." Don't ever deceive yourself into believing that popularity and confirmation of many others in agreement with what someone is teaching makes it correct.

Read <u>2 Chronicles 18 & 1Kings 22</u> – God's lone true prophet Micaiah was standing alone by himself against 400 false prophets who were in agreement prophesying victory and good. Sounds like many a charismatic church service I have attended over the last several years. <u>Vs.12</u> – "Behold the words of the prophets are "<u>uniformly favorable</u>" to the king, <u>so let your words</u> be like one of these and speak favorably." Micaiah stood strong in the power of the Holy Spirit against the majority, and turned loose God's true Word on the matter at hand, just like Elijah did at Mt. Carmel in <u>1Kings 18</u>, 450 to one. Get that picture in your head, for it is no different today, 401 Pastors at a church meeting and only one stands up against the deception. By the way, when Micaiah turned loose God's true Word, one of the Pastors in the group came over and smacked his face, and the head Pastor had him hauled off and locked up, to shut him up. True story, be sure you read it!

5.) <u>Luke 12:35, Matt. 24:46, Matt.25:23</u> – "Let your loins be girded (with truth) about, and your <u>lamps burning</u>.", "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He comes will find doing." And hear "his Lord say unto him, <u>well done good and faithful servant</u>." – THIS is the <u>desire</u> of my heart, it is <u>my life and breath.</u>

In the next document we will look at a list of the main deceptions within the modern church, in which all other deceptions will fall under one of these categories. You don't want to miss it.

<u>2Tim. 2:19</u> – "...let everyone who names the name of Christ depart (remove, desist, desert) from iniquity (known willful sin).

May the blessings of God be upon you as you obey His Word.

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"Many are called, but few chosen." Mt.22:14

In 2005 after 22 years of growing fruits and vegetables, and the most prosperous year in farming ever, the Lord instructed Michael to leave their 100 acre farming operation by selling and/or giving everything away, and go to a place that He would show him.

So in the spring of 2006 Michael and his wife Donna did just that. They walked out with the clothes on their back, pictures, and items of ministry, "To make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

They currently live on the Cumberland Plateau in the small mountain community of Mt. Zion in Grandview, Tn. near Crossville

Michael's call into ministry:

Ezk.3:10, 11, 17, 25-27 "....all My words that I shall speak unto you receive in your heart and hear with your ears, and go get you to them of the captivity, unto the children of your people, speak to them and tell them, Thus says the Lord God; whether they hear or refuse to hear....I have made you a watchman unto the house....therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me." "....behold, ropes will be put upon you and you will be bound with them so that you can not go out among the people. And I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth so that you cannot be a reprover of the people, for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth and you will say to the people, thus says the Lord God, he who hears let him hear, he who refuses to hear let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house." Amos 7:14-15 "....I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy to my people...."



"Some sow the seed, some water, but it is God who gives the increase." ICorth. 3:6



"...Hebron became the Inheritance of Caleb...because he fully followed the Lord..." Joshua 14:14